THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 68
MINUTES OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE
HELD OCTOBER 10, 2012

PRESENT:
Trustees
K. Howland, Chair
D. Allen
B. Bard
J. Brennan
N. Curley
D. Neary
B. Robinson
T. Saunders

Staff
D. Hutchinson, Superintendent/CEO
F. Frisson, Assistant Superintendent
C. Southwick, Assistant Superintendent
D. Reimer, Director of Communications
C. Kelt, Executive Assistant

ABSENT
S. Welch

IN ATTENDANCE
J. Green, NDTA Rep
T. McKay, NSAA Rep
A. Cameron, DPAC Rep

CALL TO ORDER
The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and recognized that tonight’s meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the Snuneymuxw people.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
There were no additions to the Agenda this evening.

DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA
There were no deletions to the Agenda this evening.

CHANGE IN ORDER
There was no change in order to the Agenda this evening.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brennan
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Saunders
Folio
E12/10/10-01
That the Agenda be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Saunders
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Curly
Folio
E12/10/10-02
That the minutes of the September 12, 2012 Education Committee Meeting be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Karina Younk, Principal of Park Avenue Elementary
Music Counts "Band Aid" Application

Ms. Younk, principal of Park Avenue Elementary introduced Hugh Middleton, the school's band teacher. Mr. Middleton said he is seeking support from the Board of Education for an application for a $10,000 “Band Aid” grant from Music Counts, a Canadian music charity. The grant would be used to build a pool of instruments for use by students in the band program in the school.

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Neary
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Brennan

Folio
E12/10/10-02

That the Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) that it provide a letter of support endorsing the Park Avenue Elementary Band Aid Application.

Motion to Amend

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Saunders
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Brennan

Folio
E12/10/10-03

That the motion be amended to include "and staff to provide information and statistics to further enhance the application.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the Main Motion as Amended

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Neary
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Brennan

Folio
E12/10/10-04

That the Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) that it provide a letter of support endorsing the Park Avenue Elementary Band Aid Application and that staff provide information and statistics to further enhance the application.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Drew Cooper, PacificSport - Vancouver Island
Physical Literacy - Self Regulation

Mr. Drew Cooper, from Pacific Sport – Vancouver Island, spoke to the Education Committee about physical literacy.

He said that physical literacy is the foundation that allows people to be active all of their life and
that children need to learn basic physical skills. Instead, he said, today’s children have much lower levels of physical activity. For example, most children no longer walk or bike to and from school. This decline of physical activity will have a life-long impact on today’s students’ health.

Mr. Cooper said the Board has the opportunity to put physical literacy front and centre in the strategic plan, and that this focus would help parents understand the importance of children learning basic physical skills.

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brennan
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Neary

The Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) that we refer the presentation "Physical Literacy - Self Regulation" for consideration to be included in the strategic plan on the theme of student well being.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

EDUCATIONAL UPDATE
Report from John Blain, Deputy Superintendent

Learning Services Report

Mr. Blain spoke to the committee about the following areas that the Learning Services Department is involved in:

- Organizational Structures
- Operations
- Human Resources
- Business Operations
- Communication
- Ministry
- Board requests for Information
- Graduation Requirements Dialogue
- BAA YELDV 11 - English Language Development 11

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brennan
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Neary

That the Deputy Superintendent Learning Services Report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
CORRESPONDENCE
REFERRED FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Ms. Sharon Gregson
Integrated Early Care & Learning in BC
$10/Day/Child Care Plan

Committee members said if a $10/Day/Child Care Plan is initiated that it would need to be fully funded, it is an important initiative that needs to be supported.

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Curley
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Neary

The Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) endorse the Community Plan for a Public System of Integrated Early Care and Learning, otherwise known as the $10/Day/Child Care Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Curley
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Allen

The Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) encourages awareness of the $10/Day/Plan to our partner groups and request that they endorse the program as well.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business on the Agenda this evening.

NEW BUSINESS

Graduation Requirements - Consultation
This item was moved to the November Education Committee Agenda.

QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brennan
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Curley

That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.