THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 68
MINUTES OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE
HELD SEPTEMBER 12, 2012

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

Staff
D. Hutchinson, Superintendent/CEO
J. Blain, Deputy Superintendent
F. Frisson, Assistant Superintendent
C. Southwick, Assistant Superintendent
S. Saywell, Assistant Superintendent
D. Reimer, Director of Communications
C. Kelt, Executive Assistant

Meeting No. E1

ABSENT
V. Burns, NDTA Rep
T. Watson, NSAA Rep
A. Cameron, DPAC Rep

IN ATTENDANCE

CALL TO ORDER
The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm and recognizes 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 Welch
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Bard

Folio
EC12/09/12-01
That the Agenda be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

Folio
EC12/09/12-02

That the June 12, 2012 Education Committee Meeting Minutes be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Sarah Lee, Parent from Hammond Bay Elementary
RE: International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme (PYP)

Parents from Hammond Bay Elementary made a presentation about the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Program.

They asked the district to consider establishing an IB Primary Years Program for students aged 3–12. They said the program focuses on the development of the whole child as an inquirer, both in the classroom and in the world outside. It provides an educational framework based upon what is currently known about how young students learn and draws on best practice in primary/elementary schools worldwide.

The parents spoke about the research they have done on the program, and the enthusiastic support they have heard from other parents in the community for such a program.

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

Folio
EC12/09/12-03

That the Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) that the matter of a PYP IB program at Ecole Hammond Bay be referred to staff to review and to consult with the community and determine the feasibility of the program at no cost to the district.

Motion to Amend

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Robinson
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Welch

Folio
EC12/09/12-04

That the motion be amended to remove "Ecole Hammond Bay" and replaced with "school to be determined".

Opposed by Trustee Brennan
CARRIED
Motion to Amend

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Allen
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Neary

Folio
E12/09/12-05

That the motion be amended by deleting "at no cost to the district".

Opposed by Trustees Brennan, Robinson, Bard and Welch

CARRIED

On the Main Motion as Amended

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

Folio
EC12/09/12-06

That the Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) that the matter of a PYP IB Program in the district be referred to staff to review and consult with the community and determine the feasibility of this program.

Opposed by Trustees Welch, Saunders, Bard, Robinson, Howland and Allen

DEFEATED

EDUCATIONAL UPDATE -
Report from John Blain, Deputy Superintendent

J. Blain - Report

Mr. Blain updated the Committee about the work that is underway to establish the district’s new Department of Learning Services and how they will begin to implement the tier intervention model in the district. He introduced the four assistant superintendents and outlined their responsibilities for specific school zones and the major portfolios.

The district is also in the process of establishing Learning Services Support teams which brings professional staff together across disciplines to
directly support classrooms, and Mr. Blain and Superintendent Dave Hutchinson outlined the process and goals for these teams.

Mr. Blain said that one of the goals of the district this semester is to meet the requirements of Bill 22, to keep all classes in the district at 30 or fewer students, elementary Grades 4 to 7 and secondary Grades 8-12. The only exceptions would be the ones outlined in Bill 22, such as band and drama.

CORRESPONDENCE
REFERRED FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

There was no correspondence referred from the June Board Meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business on the Agenda this evening.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business on the Agenda this evening.

QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Saunders
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Curley

Folio
EC12/09/12-08

That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.