

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48 (SEA TO SKY)**

**Committee of the Whole Meeting  
Wednesday, February 8th, 2012  
School Board Office**

**MINUTES  
12-02-08 CW-O**

Present: Rick Price, Chairperson  
Andrea Beaubien, Vice Chair  
Rebecca Barley, Trustee  
Laura Godfrey, Trustee  
Rachael Lythe, Trustee  
Pat MacKenzie, Trustee  
Chris Vernon-Jarvis, Trustee  
Lisa McCullough, Superintendent of Schools  
Ian Kent, Assistant Superintendent  
Ralph Hughes, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer  
Linda Arnold, Executive Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 11:03 am.

1. **AGENDA**

MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT the agenda of this meeting be adopted.”**  
CARRIED

2. **BUSINESS ARISING**

From Policy Committee meeting of August 25, 2011:  
Policy and Regulation 200.3 Evaluation of Board of Education

- The Board discussed the regularity of Board evaluation. It was suggested that the policy be sent back to the Policy Committee to look at the annual evaluation requirement. Chair Price also suggested researching other school district’s policies on this topic. Ideas from staff on how the Board can do its job more effectively would be welcome as well.

Policy  
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MOVED/SECONDED **“That the topic of the evaluation of the Board of Education be referred back to the Policy Committee.”**

CARRIED

3. **TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION WITH DPAC** - March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012

- Chair Price remarked that the Board comes up with a list of topics as a starting point for the Board meeting agenda with DPAC. He noted that a shorter list is often better as there is time for a deeper discussion of the items.

- Trustees Barley and Lythe and Superintendent McCullough provided debriefs of recent DPAC meetings they had attended. Trustee Barley commented that at the meeting she attended, the presentation from Beth Miller was interesting and Cathy Jewett, Past DPAC Chair, challenged many items. Beth Miller stressed class size and composition and it was noted that many parents are confused about the realities of the bargaining demands. Trustee Lythe attended the Spring Creek PAC meeting and confirmed the frustration of parents. It was noted that BCTF has a large TV advertising budget and BCPSEA does not appear to, so parents are getting a biased view of the demands. The Superintendent remarked that we need to carefully edit our explanations of BCTF demands to parents, in the event we might damage our relationship with teachers. It was noted that BCPSEA should be putting out the message through advertising as they are representing the employer in the bargaining.
- Lisa McCullough advised that DPAC would like meetings also held in the north or even in all three communities. It was noted that DPAC is supposed to act as a collective on behalf of all parents in the District rather than separate PACs. So meetings could be held in the north, but there would have to be district items discussed, concerns about district-wide problems and topics.
- Trustee Beaubien noted that all past meetings with DPAC have been attended solely by Cathy Jewett. A trustee commented that the DPAC secretary and treasurer would like to step down and there seems to be no other leadership at this time.
- Chair Price suggested that possibly BCPSEA could design some sort of communication for PAC groups to express the employer's side of the bargaining. Trustee Beaubien is our BCPSEA representative on the Board. It was noted that if the Board was to consider the possibility of forwarding some of BCPSEA's communications to parents, that this should be reviewed with BCPSEA for advice.
- Trustee MacKenzie is attending the BCSTA Provincial Council meeting and she can take our concerns to them and see how other School Districts are handling this issue. Our BCPSEA rep, Trustee Beaubien, could contact our provincial BCPSEA rep, explain the frustration of our parents and ask if they are considering any other type of information for parents.
- Chair Price suggested that Trustee Beaubien report back to the Board after the BCPSEA meeting and that Trustee MacKenzie report back after the Provincial Council meeting.

Trustees report

#### 4. **UPDATE ON EDUCATION PLAN**

- Superintendent McCullough distributed a document entitled *Education Leadership Team Learning: 2012 Sessions*. The Education Leadership team is made up of the Superintendent, Secretary-Treasurer Assistant Superintendent and Secretary/Treasurer, Director of Facilities and Services and Director of Human Resources and includes all the Principals and Vice Principals.
- Lisa reviewed the document, detailing the goals, understandings and essential questions that will move the Education plan forward, noting how important it is to ask the right questions before we put the action plan in

place. The action plan shows scheduled detailed session objectives until May 24.

- In response to a trustee query about the GELP activity in the action plan, Ms. McCullough detailed the Global Education Leaders' Program she is a part of, that is a global coalition of education leaders that has come together to develop change in education practices to best help students succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
- The Superintendent noted that it may be important for the Board to revisit the Mission statement, Vision and Values to ensure that they match the Board's true intentions for the future.
- Lisa suggested that the Board communicate to the community what is being done on the Education Plan with enthusiasm and energy during job action, saying we don't want to complete the plan without the teachers' collaboration.
- Trustees proposed that the DPAC meeting topic could be a short presentation on the new district Education plan and discussion around their feedback and questions. A trustee suggested a question about the future of DPAC and their leadership.

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topic

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED/SECONDED    **"THAT the meeting be adjourned."**    CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm.

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Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer