

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48 (SEA TO SKY)

BOARD MEETING NO. 893
Wednesday, November 18, 2015
School Board Office
Squamish, BC
6:00 pm

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**“We would like to acknowledge that we are on the traditional
Territory of the Skwxwú7mesh Nation”.**

The meeting was called to order at: 6:00 pm

Attendees:

Rick Price, Board Chair
Laura Godfrey, Trustee
Ian Kent, Trustee
Chris Vernon-Jarvis, Trustee
Rachael Lythe, Trustee
Lisa McCullough, Superintendent of Schools
Jody Langlois, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Ralph Hughes, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
Marilyn Caldwell, Director of Instruction, Learning Services
Peter Jory, Director of Instruction, Technology & Innovation
Rick Hume, Director of Facilities & Services
Marilyn Caldwell, Director of Instruction, Learning Services
Anne MacDougall, Administrative Assistant
Steve Lloyd, President, Sea to Sky Teachers' Association
Mike Chouinard, Reporter, Squamish Chief Newspaper
April Lowe
Salena Dhillon
Jasmin Grewal
Sukhpreet Rai
Alexandra Jevons
Christian Smith
Graeme Bowers
Dawson Loop
Makenna Timm
Darcy Reimer
David Lord
Kathy Cormack
Kelly Kislasko
Jill Bowden
Shannon Grantham
Clair Parsloe
Paul Lorette
Brayden Gordon
Julia Black

1. AGENDA

Recommendation:
MOVED/SECONDED

“THAT the agenda of this meeting be approved.”

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

Recommendation:

“THAT the minutes of the Board Meeting held on October 14, 2015 be accepted.”

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

Recommendation:

“THAT the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on October 28, 2015 be accepted.”

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Chairperson's Remarks

The Board Chair mentioned a number of recent meetings and conferences that he had attended including an evening meeting with Dave Byng, Deputy Ministry of Education.

The Board Chair shared his impressions from the District Implementation Day on November 6th, which focused on Aboriginal Education in our classrooms and schools, and how powerful the day had been for attendees.

B. Trustee Remarks - Nil

C. Superintendent's Remarks

The Superintendent thanked everyone who attended and helped with the organization of such a successful Implementation Day.

Thank you to staff and students at Cultural Journeys and Learning Expeditions who hosted the Board and senior staff on a tour of the school.

Thank you to all schools for their Remembrance Day ceremonies last week, honoring all of our veterans.

D. Secretary - Treasurer's Remarks - Nil

4. RECEIVING DELEGATION

A. The River Church

Mr. Darcy Reimer, Pastor of The River Church requested the Board consider a break on rent for the next 8 months, as the church tries to grow its congregation. He proposed the 2nd & 4th Sunday rental agreement for multiple rooms remain the same. The break on rent was requested for a new rental time

of the Multi-purpose room on the 1st, 3rd, and sometimes 5th Sunday of each month, with payment of only custodial costs, (no rental fee), until the end of August, 2016.

The River Church stated that it has given back to the school and community in many ways and provided a number of examples including a backstage lunch time program at Don Ross Middle School, revitalizing planters at the Alternate school, and providing bursaries for Sea to Sky students.

5. STUDENT/STAFF PRESENTATIONS

A. Student Presentation

The Howe Sound Secondary School (HSS) Eco Club and Leadership Program groups supported by their teacher, Cathy Cormack, presented on their current and potential initiatives at school. Dawson Loop spoke to a garden currently being constructed, the desire for a future greenhouse, and the idea of vertical indoor wall gardens for the future.

Mikenna Timm presented on composting initiatives, including wanting more compost bins in the school, and the need to increase student awareness at the same time. Students would like to see a compost bin beside every garbage can in the hallways and in classrooms in the district, and support for custodial staff to help this project be successful.

Christian Smith and Alexandra Jevons spoke about Waste Reduction Week. To raise student awareness, they made daily announcements and provided waste reduction tips. A waste audit concluded that a count (85 bags) of garbage, with recycling and composting could be reduced to only 13 bags. The students would like to implement a four can system throughout their school, reducing garbage by providing more options at the same location and provide more clear expectations for students.

Jasmin Grewal, Sukpreet Rai, and Salena Dhillon spoke on their initiative to reduce paper use in class. Last year HSS ordered 150 boxes of paper. Students have challenged teachers to reduce that to 100 boxes this year.

B. Garibaldi Highlands Elementary Staff

Nine members of Garibaldi Highlands Elementary (GHE), including Principal Paul Lorette, made a trip to Hi Tech High in San Diego. Thanks to the Board for the opportunity through Ed Leave, which made the trip possible.

A big take away was the power of the learning experience as a group. Teachers were inspired by different formats of collaboration, and the group is now meeting every Tuesday morning to collaborate, with all GHE staff invited.

Staff shared their amazement at the level of engagement, motivation and level of maturity of the students, and their social/emotional awareness.

One teacher expressed her increased feeling of collegiality, and the power of both learning in a group, and sharing out afterward with support from colleagues.

Staff stated the trip instilled the confidence to make change and provided an invaluable opportunity to bond with fellow staff members. It has inspired them to pursue opportunities to do cross cultural projects with other teachers and schools in our district, with some projects already underway.

C. EDI Results - *Marilyn Caldwell*

Julia Black, coordinator for Putting Children First, presented on past and current projects including training locally for early childhood educators, annual Children and Family Health Fair, Play-Learn-Love, Ready Set Learn and a multitude of other programs. Some of their outreach has led to an Early Childhood Development facility to be built in Douglas. There is a new project, Avenues of Change, that will be funded by the United Way for the next 5 years.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance Committee – *Ian Kent*

Recommendation: **“THAT the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held October 14, 2015 be accepted.”**

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

1. SOFI Report – *Ian Kent*

Recommendation: **“THAT the Board approve School District 48 (Sea to Sky) Statement of Financial Information Report for 2014/15.”**

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

B. Committee of the Whole

Recommendation: **“THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held October 14, 2015 be accepted.”**

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

C. Policy Committee – *Laura Godfrey*

Recommendation: **“THAT the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting held October 14, 2015 be accepted.”**

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

D. Public Relations Committee – *Chris Vernon-Jarvis*

Recommendation: **“THAT the minutes of the Public Relations Committee meeting held October 14, 2015 be accepted.”**

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

E. Aboriginal Education Council – *Rebecca Barley/Laura Godfrey*

The first Aboriginal Education Council meeting was held on October 30th. The District Principal, Aboriginal Education provided a quick review of last year, and a look forward to this year. The proposed AbEd budgets were passed in principle, as some adjustments due to budget changes and job postings were still required to be finalized in consultation with the Aboriginal Education Committee.

6. GENERAL

A. Business Arising

B. Information Item Attachments

1. List of Field Trips
2. School Grant Applications
3. Media Articles

C. Information Items for Discussion

Enrolment Summary– *Jody Langlois*

The general trend in our district is either growth, or maintenance in all of our schools. Total school population this year is 4,702 resident students plus 237 International students. Overall, we are up approximately 300 students from last year. An increase in the number of International students attending in our district is influencing some of the growth.

Previous enrolment pressures in Pemberton seem to be softening, with numbers flattening.

Whistler has some significant growth at the elementary levels. Myrtle Philip Elementary Kindergarten enrolment predictions have been in the low to mid 30's each year, but for the past two years new Kindergarten registrations have been closer to 50. The difference may be due to more immigrants moving into Whistler, but those numbers are hard to predict on a year to year basis. Staff are waiting on Baragar reports but are expecting conversations will need to start soon on how to manage the growing numbers in the future.

Cultural Journeys/Learning Expeditions shows a modest growth in enrolment numbers from when the school was Stawamus Elementary.

D. Action Items - NIL

E. Trustee Items - NIL

F. Bylaws

Routine Capital Project Bylaw No. 126958

Recommendation:

“THAT the BOARD members unanimously agree to waive the requirement that first, second and third reading of School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky) Capital Project Bylaw No. 126958, be given on different dates.”

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

Recommendation:

“THAT the Board give first, second and third reading to School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky) Capital Project Bylaw No. 126958 as follows:

A BYLAW by the Board of Education of School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky) (hereinafter called the "Board") to adopt a Capital Project of the Board pursuant to Sections 143 (2) and 144 (1) of the *School Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 412 as amended from time to time (called the “Act”).

WHEREAS in accordance with provisions of the *School Act* the Minister of Education (hereinafter called the "Minister") has approved Capital Project Bylaw No. 126958.

NOW THEREFORE the Board agrees to the following:

(a) upon approval to proceed, commence the Project and proceed diligently and use its best efforts to complete the Project substantially as directed by the Minister,

(b) observe and comply with any rule, policy or regulation of the Minister as may be applicable to the Board or the Project; and,

(c) maintain proper books of account, and other information and documents with respect to the affairs of the Project, as may be prescribed by the Minister.

NOW THEREFORE the Board enacts as follows:

1. The Capital Bylaw of the Board approved by the Minister and specifying a maximum expenditure of \$436,000 for Project No.126958 is hereby adopted.

2. This Bylaw may be cited as School District No.48 (Sea to Sky) Capital Project Bylaw No.126958.”

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

7. QUESTIONS OF CLARIFICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

8. ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation:

“THAT the meeting be adjourned.”

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer