

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48 (SEA TO SKY)

BOARD MEETING NO. 894
December 9, 2015
School Board Office
Squamish, BC
6:00pm

MINUTES
15-12-09 BM-O

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm.

Attendees:

Rick Price, Board Chair
Laura Godfrey, Vice-Chair
Chris Vernon-Jarvis, Trustee
Rachael Lythe, Trustee
Ian Kent, Trustee
Patricia Westerholm, 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
Anne MacDougall, Administrative Assistant
Steve Lloyd, President, SSTA
Ryan Massey, Principal, Sea to Sky Learning Connections
Cory Hartling, SD48 Teacher
Raelene Antonios, SD48 Teacher
Sarah Kelban
Leah Ramage
Ora Ramage
Alexa McLellan
Ava Kleban
Aidan Ramage
Sharon Gilroy
Rylan Ramage
Martha McLellan
Terrill Patterson

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

The Board Chair, Rick Price, turned over the meeting to the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, to facilitate the annual election of the Board Chair.

1. ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR

Rick Price was the only trustee nominated, he accepted, and was elected by acclamation.

The meeting was turned over to re-elected Board Chair, Rick Price.

2. ELECTION OF BOARD VICE-CHAIR

Laura Godfrey was the only trustee nominated, she accepted, and was elected by acclamation.

3. AGENDA

Recommendation: **“THAT the revised agenda of this meeting be approved.”**

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

4. MINUTES

Recommendation: **“THAT the minutes of the Board Meeting held on November 18, 2015 be accepted.”**

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Chairperson's Remarks

The Board Chair acknowledged SD48 staff, the President of the SSTA, and the Principals and Vice-Principals in attendance, and thanked them for coming.

The Board Chair also referenced the BC School Trustees Association Winter Academy that had recently been attended by all Trustees except Trustee Westerholm and found it very worthwhile. He acknowledged lots of positive work going on the province, and that our district is amongst the leaders in change.

B. Trustee Remarks-NIL

C. Superintendent's Remarks

Superintendent, Lisa McCullough, high-lighted a number of accomplishments and activities in our various schools:

Brackendale Elementary School (BES)

BES hosted their annual pancake breakfast to benefit Community Christmas Care. They raised \$905.00, and collected donations of toys and food.

Don Ross Middle School (DRM)

DRM kicked off their 2015 Indoor Track Meet this week with four teams vying for the coveted Indoor Track Meet cup.

Garibaldi Highlands Elementary (GHE)

GHE did their walk about with HASTe facilitators, city councilors, and the RCMP to give feedback directly to city council on improvements to get families walking and cycling to school.

Their maker space is up and in use, and students are really grateful for the new playground, rebuilt after the fire.

Howe Sound Secondary School (HSS)

Tonight is HSS Music departments annual Winter Gala.

Mamquam Elementary School (MQE)

MQE held their annual Writing Day on Friday, November 27th, and their choir performed on December 8th for the Retired Teachers' Association luncheon. They also had a walk with HASTe facilitators that included parents and one student.

Pemberton Secondary School (PSS)

The PSS Leadership class organized a 'November week' that wrapped up on November 27th with the Grand Mustache Fashion Show.

PSS Theatre class will be presenting Twas The NightMARE Before Christmas Dec 11th and 12th at the school.

Spring Creek Community School (SCE)

Teacher, Deann Palmer, organized her class to do a virtual run to Disneyland. The students completed the virtual run, approximately 2,000km, with another class. They were featured in Canadian Running Magazine, and received T-shirts, backpacks and pins from RunDisney after they heard about the project.

Valleycliffe Elementary School (VCE)

VCE students created twenty-three Community Christmas Care shoeboxes filled with toiletry items and sent them to Helping Hands.

Next Wednesday, December 16th Valleycliffe students will be performing in the Seniors Centre Variety Show.

Thank you to the eighteen Education Assistants who completed their Autism training course with POPard over a few recent weekends.

SD48 was selected as one of six school districts in the province to participate in WellAhead's pilot project. They are looking for feedback on ideas that have been identified by stakeholders in two brainstorming sessions led by Sheena Cholewka. The ideas are posted on-line at ideas.wellahead.ca.

D. Secretary - Treasurer's Remarks - NIL

6. STUDENT/STAFF PRESENTATIONS

A. Garibaldi Highlands Elementary students Alexa McLellan, Ava Kleban, and Aiden Ramage, with their teacher Ms. Antonios, shared their project on a crosswalk problem at their school. Students were not stopping and looking for cars before crossing the road, so they decided signage was needed at the crosswalk, and designed and built signs with the help from teacher, Mr. Lord.

B. Cory Hartling, teacher at Learning Connections and a member of School District No. 48's Instructional Leadership Team, presented on the new Learning Connections program of choice and its Exhibition Night at the school last week. "Is Graffiti vandalism or Art?" and "How to" Videos were two of their starting projects. Mr. Hartling shared the processes students were introduced to and followed in order to design and plan their exhibition night. He explained Critique Feedback Reflection which has been adopted from Hi Tech Hi, and how this feedback is encouraging students to improve their work. People who attended the exhibition were encouraged to ask questions and were given a feedback form. Go to the Learning Expeditions website or their Google docs to view the "How to" videos, and complete their survey. At the exhibition they also raised \$400 for Helping Hands, and plan to have an annual fundraiser to provide funding for Micro-loans.

The Board commented on being pleased to see evidence of Hi Tech Hi strategies being used in SD48. Mr. Hartling responded that adaptations have been needed for our district to accommodate a different clientele, and that teachers design the program, but students are given voice and choice.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance Committee

Recommendation:

“THAT the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held November 18, 2015 be accepted.”

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

1. Appointment of Auditors for 2015/2016

“THAT the BOARD appoint the Auditor General of British Columbia as Auditor for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.”

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

2. Appointment of Secretary-Treasurer

“THAT the BOARD appoint Shehzad Somji, as Secretary-Treasurer and approve him as a Signing Authority effective January 4, 2016.”

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

B. Committee of the Whole

Recommendation:

“THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held November 18, 2015 be accepted.”

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

C. Policy Committee

Trustee Godfrey spoke about the meeting today being the First Reading of the new Field Trip Policy. There is a lot of complexity and some changes are required.

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

Recommendation:

“THAT the minutes of the Public Relations Committee meeting held November 18, 2015 be accepted.”

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

8. GENERAL

A. Business Arising-NIL

B. Information Items

1. International Baccalaureate at Garibaldi Highlands Elementary

Paul Lorette, Principal was unable to present. Lisa McCullough presented an update on the status of GHE exploring an International Baccalaureate Program (IB). GHE staff, parents and teachers attended Westbay Elementary twice. The PAC supported the investigation to look at IB and were happy about the Project Based Learning (PBL) component, but were not embracing the associated costs. Some of the structures within IB can be very restrictive and the renewed Provincial Curriculum has structures similar to IB, opening up student learning without being restrictive. The school feels they can achieve the original plan within their own structure, without the costs of IB, so will not be pursuing it at this time.

2. Pan Canadian Assessment Program (PCAP) 2016

PCAP is a Reading/Math/Science assessment of the skills and knowledge of Canadian students in Grade 8. Each year assessments are done, one subject becomes the primary subject (2016 will be Reading) while the other two subjects are minor domains. This year grade 8 students at Whistler Secondary School have been chosen in our district. The assessment will be administered in late Spring.

3. Curriculum Implementation Update – Lisa McCullough

The Superintendent of Schools met with the President of the SSTA to collaborate on choosing January 29th & March 7th as this year's additional non-instructional days. On January 12th a group of about twenty-two teachers, the SD48's Instructional Leadership Team, four Principals and Vice-Principals, senior staff, Aboriginal Education partners, two Education Assistants and the CUPE local president will come together to meet. After January 12th there will be a large group of individuals in our district ready to support teachers on the two additional non- instructional days chosen for a curriculum implementation focus.

4. Upcoming Calendar Processes – Peter Jory

A full consultation process will be required for the next calendar year now that additional non-instructional time has been added by the Ministry of Education. The Sea to Sky Teachers' Association (SSTA) Pro-D Representative has requested the additional day be December 3rd, 2016 to coincide with a Learning Forward Conference. Staff will send home a letter to families asking for feedback on the one day that will be added to next year's calendar. It was suggested that one day be picked in collaboration with the SSTA, to create the amended calendar and then parents be provided an opportunity to give their input.

5. Facility Renovation Update-Myrtle Philip Community School (MPE) and Squamish Elementary School (SQE)

SD48 has two schools where enrolment is problematic. It is anticipated SQE and MPE cannot hold the students projected for next year. SD48 will do two renovations this year. MPE's computer lab and attached room will be renovated into a classroom again, which is a minor renovation and won't be too costly. SQE has four learning centres. Taking down one temporary wall in a learning centre will create another classroom for next year, and then both schools will be considered full by Ministry of Education standards. The plan is to have renovations done by the middle of June, with minimal disruption to staff and students.

C. Attachments

- a) Field Trips
- b) School & District Grant Applications
- c) Media Articles

D. Items for Discussion

E. Action Items

- 1. The River Church

Recommended motion: **“That the BOARD approve a temporary waiver of rental fees for use of the Multi-purpose room at Don Ross Middle School by The River Church on the first, third and fifth Sundays of each month for eight months through to the end of August.”**

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

F. Trustee Items

G. Items to be brought out of Camera

H. Questions from the public.

Will the new field trip policy be a positive change with regard to required documentation that teachers have to complete? Trustee Godfrey responded that the new policy changes are positive and that new packages of documentation should make the process easier for teachers.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation: **“THAT the meeting be adjourned.”**

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:20pm