

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

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**  
**February 10, 2016**  
**School Board Office**  
**Squamish, BC**  
**Time: 3:15 pm**

**MINUTES**  
**16-02-10 CW-O**

The meeting was called to order at 3:18 PM.

Attendees:

Rick Price, Board Chair  
Laura Godfrey, Vice-Chair  
Rebecca Barley, Trustee  
Chris Vernon-Jarvis, Trustee  
Rachael Lythe, Trustee  
Ian Kent, Trustee  
Patricia Westerholm, Trustee  
Lisa McCullough, Superintendent of Schools  
Jody Langlois, Assistant Superintendent of Schools  
Shehzad Somji, Secretary-Treasurer  
Anne MacDougall, Administrative Assistant  
Marilyn Caldwell, Director of Instruction, Learning Services

1. AGENDA

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

2. MINUTES

Recommendation: **“THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held January 13, 2016 be adopted.”**

3. TRUSTEE ITEMS

A. BCSTA Update

1. Upcoming Meetings

- Provincial Council Meeting Feb 19<sup>th</sup>
- South Coast Branch Meeting Feb 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Anne will send an email out next week about car-pooling and the BC Ferry schedule.

B. BCPSEA Update

1. AGM January 29<sup>th</sup>

Trustee Godfrey shared some interesting discussion with district representatives questioning why the school districts had no input in creating the budget, but are now being asked to approve it; without

input approving a budget has no meaning. Opinion wasn't unanimous, and some school districts did not vote. BCPSEA is setting aside \$150,000 for an additional director, but could not say what he/she would be responsible for beyond taking on responsibilities from the current director. Three large school districts, North Vancouver, Vancouver and Surrey voted against the budget. Attendees were not pleased that the budget had not been circulated ahead of the meeting, and only received a short synopsis at the meeting before a vote was called.

#### 4. INFORMATION ITEMS

##### A. Review February/March Board Calendar engagements

The Suspension Policy Education session was moved to March.

#### 5. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

##### A. School Improvement Plan Reviews/Trustees

1. Trustees will report out at the Public Board Meeting regarding the School Improvement Plan Review, starting with the January review.
2. Which schools will trustees attend? Geographically versus everyone attending all schools over a period of 2 years. Trustee Vernon-Jarvis stated that some parents want to know why their local trustees are not coming to their School Improvement Plan Reviews. When asked this, trustees should be providing the parents with the explanation that they are legally responsible to the entire school district, and Trustees together decided that they should visit all schools in a rotating manner.

##### B. Provincial Council - Audits & Implications for Boards of Education

The Board Chair asked for feedback from the Committee of the Whole so he could take a collective voice to Provincial Council in answering the questions they are posing.

The Superintendent is generally in support of audits and spoke to the recent enrolment audit that was a lot of work, but was very helpful in terms of reviewing our practices thoroughly, and writing procedures on how we want business done. She also mentioned that the Aboriginal Education audit findings that we have failed related to Aboriginal student success were relevant, and overdue. Contingency guidelines for annual budgets created through the Ernst & Young audit also provoked positive change.

The Secretary-Treasurer stated that audits are also a good learning opportunity to make improvements within your organization.

Trustee Godfrey referenced a large Special Education audit some years ago, and asked if there is anything from that audit that has caused us to do business differently? Mrs. Caldwell, Director of Instruction,

Learning Services, was at the meeting and responded that we now have our own employees assessing students based on updated Ministry criteria.

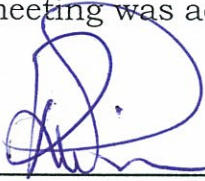
The Assistant Superintendent, stated that she feels the responsibility and accountability of audits has evened the playing field, and holds school districts to best practice.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation:

**“THAT the meeting be adjourned.”**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.



Board Chair



Secretary-Treasurer

