

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48 (SEA TO SKY)

BOARD MEETING NO. 897
March 9, 2016
School Board Office
Squamish, BC
Time: 6:00 pm

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM.

Attendees:

Rick Price, Board Chair
Laura Godfrey, Vice-Chair
Lisa McCullough, Superintendent of Schools
Jody Langlois, Assistant Superintendent
Rachael Lythe, Trustee
Ian Kent, Trustee
Rebecca Barley, Trustee (Via Conference Line)
Shehzad Somji, Secretary-Treasurer
Chloe Scott, Administrative Assistant
Marilyn Caldwell, Director of Instruction: Learning Services
Peter Jory, Director of Instruction, Technology & Innovation
Ralph Hughes, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
Jeff Maynard, Principal, Myrtle Philip Community School
Ryan Massey, Principal, Learning Connections
Brayden Gordon, Vice-Principal, Garibaldi Highlands Elementary School
Paul Lorette, Principal, Garibaldi Highlands Elementary School
Shannon Fieldhouse, Teacher
Andrew George-Embree, Teacher
Steve Lloyd, President, SSTA
Tim Shier
Toran Savjord
Jennifer Howe
Johanna Gunn
Michael Chandler
Kaian Fieldhouse
Nuala Gunn Savjord
Matteyn Violet Shier

1. AGENDA

MOVED/SECONDED: **“THAT the amended agenda of this meeting be approved.”**

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

MOVED/SECONDED: **“THAT the minutes of the Board Meeting held on February 10, 2016 be adopted.”**
CARRIED

MOVED/SECONDED: **“THAT the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on February 17, 2016 be adopted.”**
CARRIED

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Chairperson's Remarks-*Nil*

B. Trustee Remarks

Vice-Chair Laura Godfrey attended the Truth and Reconciliation Celebration at the Eagle Eye Theatre on behalf of the board.

C. Superintendent's Remarks

Superintendent Lisa McCullough thanked the SSTA, principals and Marilyn Caldwell for joining the planning committee for the New Curriculum Implementation Day held Monday, March 7, 2016. Lisa also thanked teachers for developing and leading the sessions.

Lisa explained that the School Alignment planning meetings have begun.

MQE teacher Kirsten Sollid took some students to the Squamish Elder's meeting and formally invited them to come to the school and help students learn more about Truth and Reconciliation. The elders have agreed to come and will join students and staff at MQE this week, Friday, March 11.

HSS student, Ashleigh Giffen, is one of 80 recipients Canada-wide for the Horatio Alger Canadian Scholarship. Also at HSS, Jackie Hamill is the recipient of one of three PotashCorp Aboriginal Youth Financial Management Awards. HSS student Callista Ryan has been named one of the Loran Scholarship Recipients.

On Thursday, February 25, the HSS leadership class hosted a World Café. Mayor Patricia Heintzman and Squamish Council were present to discuss topics and issues that students find important in Squamish.

WSS and PSS are participating in the Canadian High Schools Model United Nations conference in Vancouver, March 11-13.

D. Secretary - Treasurer's Remarks – *Nil*

4. STUDENT/STAFF PRESENTATIONS

A. Student Presentation – Brackendale Elementary

Nuala, Kaian, Matteyn and Michael, students at Brackendale Elementary presented their ‘Rube Goldberg’ machines with their teacher, Andrew Georgy-Embree. Each student spoke about one particular aspect of the project. Nuala spoke about creation. She shared how collaborating with a group was both challenging and fun in the creation of their Rube Goldberg project. Kaian spoke about learning by destroying. He shared how it is useful to destroy something in order to learn to rebuild it in different ways. Michael spoke about failure and how his group had to think creatively in order to find success. Matteyn explained why celebrating learning is important.

B. Staff Presentation – Brayden Gordon/Garibaldi Highlands

Brayden Gordon, Vice-Principal of Garibaldi Highlands Elementary, spoke about project tuning in SD48. The purpose of project tuning is to support teachers in creating projects through authentic peer feedback. Brayden explained what the project tuning process looks like, and how he has been able to adapt project tuning concepts to work with his own students.

Paul Lorette spoke about how it would be interesting to get feedback from project tuning alumni to learn what the response in the classroom was.

Brayden spoke about how project tuning creates trust, and how powerful it would be to have this reflective practice throughout all schools.

5. TRUSTEE ITEMS

A. BCSTA Update

Chair Rick Price attended the BCSTA Provincial Council on behalf of the Board.

C. BCPSEA Update - *Nil*

6. BOARD COMMITTEES

A. Finance Committee – *Ian Kent*

1. Reports - *Nil*

B. Committee of the Whole – *Rick Price*

MOVED/SECONDED: **“THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 10, 2016 be accepted.”**

CARRIED

C. Policy Committee – *Laura Godfrey*

1. Reports

2. MOVED/SECONDED: **“THAT the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting held on February 10, 2016 be accepted.”**

CARRIED

4. MOVED/SECONDED: **“THAT the Board of Education adopt amendments to Policy 200.4 Board Evaluation, as presented”.**

CARRIED

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

1. Reports

MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT the minutes of the Public Relations Committee meeting held on January 13, 2016 be accepted”.**

E. Facilities & Services Committee – *Chris Vernon-Jarvis*

1. Reports - *Nil*

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

1. Reports

Vice-Chair Laura Godfrey reported that the Spring Aboriginal Education Council meeting resulted in a full council with a new off-reservation representative. This means that there is now representation for all indigenous learners across the district.

There was an opportunity for HSS Aboriginal Leadership students to meet with the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, the Honourable Judith Guichon, on Saturday, March 5, 2016. Superintendent, Lisa McCullough, District Principal, Aboriginal Education, Susan Leslie, Learning Connections Principal, Ryan Massey, and Trustee Laura Godfrey attended.

Trustee Rebecca Barley shared that there is an opening for a new representative from the In-SHUCK-ch Nation.

The Aboriginal Education Council held elections; Joshua Joseph was elected as Chair, and will be asked to accept the nomination at the next Council meeting. Martina Pierre was elected as Vice-Chair and accepted.

2. MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT the minutes of the Aboriginal Education Council meeting held on October 30, 2015 be accepted.”**

CARRIED

7. GENERAL

A. Business Arising

C. Information Items

1. Calendar – Peter Jory

Director of Instruction Peter Jory briefed the Board about the need to find a date for non-instructional sessions. A survey was issued to the SD48 community, including students, parents and staff. 496 responses were gathered from the community. 83% of respondents deemed December 5, 2016, satisfactory. There was an opportunity to comment on the dates presented. Some respondents suggested other days, and shared impacts on child care these dates create. Peter shared that there was a certain amount of discontent surrounding the inclusion of an additional non-instructional day.

Motion:

“THAT the board amend the 2016/2017 school calendar to include Monday, December 5, 2016, as an additional non-instructional day”.

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

2. Attachments

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

Action Item: Staff will check on links to articles within PDF of Media Report.

D. Items for Discussion

1. Framework For Enhancing Student Learning

The BC Ministry of Education has created flexibility around deadlines for submitting the Achievement Contract, Superintendent’s Report on Student Achievement and the District Literacy Plans. This report now requires triangulated data, as well as all three plans embedded for a broader understanding of student learning. It is expected that the Enhancement Agreement is also a thread through this report. Lisa explained that a website is currently being built as a platform for sharing this information and data. There is a master plan of this website on the board in the conference room available for reference. A significant reason why Lisa chose not to bring the data tonight is that Director Jory has been working closely with the Ministry of Education to ensure accuracy of the data. Lisa explained that once information was provided back to the district, it seemed something was amiss with the data. Through this process, it was determined there were at least 30 students on the non-graduated list, which the ministry had deemed graduated. Peter has been working with Ministry to have

them report the accurate information. Lisa shared that as soon as website is live, the Board will be alerted. Also, Lisa reported that our Education Plan has been up and running for about three years, and there is going to be a soft review in the fall.

2. Enrolment Review - Learning Connections

Director, Peter Jory and Principal, Ryan Massey spoke about the Sea to Sky Alternative School (SSA) sitting at eighty-two students and Northern Outreach program is now at twenty-one students. The Sea to Sky Online School has 725 students taking at least one course, which leaves the FTE at approximately 133. Peter discussed the new Programs of Choice offered through Learning Connections, and explained that there are now seventy-six students enrolled in the programs at SWE; forty students are in the Cultural Journeys program, thirty-six students are in Learning Expeditions.

Ryan spoke about holding information evenings, and including current students and their projects in these meetings.

3. Learning Connections/Alternate Education Consultations

It was determined, after community consultation, that at this time, Sea to Sky Alternative School (SSA) will not be moved to Stawamus. With consideration to the newness of the program, the team would like to revisit the SSA site next year, including consideration of Stawamus again.

4. International Baccalaureate (IB)

As a follow up to a previous request for Myrtle Philip Elementary (MPE) to be allowed to explore the possibility of becoming an IB School, MPE Principal, Jeff Maynard guided the Board through the process of exploring the IB program as an option for MPE. The consultation process included visiting West Bay Elementary (West Vancouver) and Capilano Elementary (North Vancouver), staff meetings led with Mo Douglas and exploring IB training. It was ultimately determined that IB is not the ideal model for MPE, however, concepts including making student and staff learning visible and transparent are key take-aways that MPE staff plan on carrying forward in their own ability to build school culture and continue school development.

E. Action Items

1. Squamish Public Library – Request for Rental Fee Waiver

Requested and granted in the past. Laura Godfrey expressed concern over estimated 200 students predicted to be in attendance, and that the Eagle Eye theatre might be over capacity.

Motion:

“THAT THE BOARD grant the fee waiver request for the Squamish Public Library 2016 Reading Challenge to be held at the Eagle Eye Theatre”

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

2. Distance Education Fees

Director of Instruction, Peter Jory noted that there are 25 graduated adults currently enrolled in the Sea to Sky Online School. Peter presented the list of courses graduated adults may take and that the Board may charge for. The fee of \$450 per course is well aligned with that charged in neighbouring districts.

MOVED/SECONDED:

“THAT the BOARD approve the fee of \$450 per course to be charged by Sea to Sky Online School to Graduated Adults for Academic Upgrading Courses, as defined by British Columbia’s Ministry of Education.”

CARRIED

3. HSS Grad Fees

Howe Sound Secondary School Principal, Nick Pascuzzi gave a brief overview of the HSS Grad fees increase request. In June 2015, Brennan Park Recreation Centre advised that the Centre will not be available for May 2016. This was confirmed in Fall 2015. The West Coast Railway Heritage Park has been booked, which means that the grant in aid usually granted to the school for venue booking is unavailable. HSS has proposed that the fee be increased from \$75 to \$90 to cover costs for June 2016.

MOTION:

“THAT the board approve the increase of the Howe Sound Secondary Grad fee to \$90.00”.

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

E. Items to be brought out of Camera - Nil

8. Questions of Clarification from the Public - Nil

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

“THAT the meeting be adjourned.”

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:01PM.