

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

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

**March 9, 2016**

**School Board Office**

**Squamish, BC**

**Time: 2:15 PM**

**MINUTES**

**16-03-09 CW-O**

Attendees:

Rick Price, Board Chair

Laura Godfrey, Vice-Chair

Rachael Lythe, Trustee

Ian Kent, Trustee

Lisa McCullough, Superintendent of Schools

Jody Langlois, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Shehzad Somji, Secretary-Treasurer

Anne MacDougall, Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 2:23pm.

1. AGENDA

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

MOVED/SECONDED: CARRIED

2. MINUTES

Recommendation: **“THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held February 10, 2016 be adopted.”**

MOVED/SECONDED: CARRIED

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. BCSTA/BCPSEA Meetings/Attendees

Chair Price suggested that at the next Committee of the Whole meeting in April, there should be time allocated for a review and discussion of any motions going to the BCSTA AGM, including Provincial Council motions. The Superintendent of Schools noted there were six motions passed as emergent at the last meeting, and therefore won't be voted on at the AGM.

Trustee Godfrey would like the Board to discuss the number of trustees attending meetings and suggested attendance be limited to one representative, except for the Winter Academy where there is always trustee related professional development, and that discretion be used

as to whether the agenda has any relevance to board governance. She noted that the agenda for the BCPSEA meeting is all Human Resources (HR) based, focusing on labour issues and would be better suited for HR staff to attend. She also expressed concern at the cost of meetings, noting the upcoming BCSTA AGM registration fee is over \$500 per person, plus a minimum of two nights' accommodation. Currently there are three or four trustees who have indicated they would like to attend. A discussion on the topic occurred that resulted in Mr. Price stating he would contact trustees regarding the upcoming BCSTA AGM, with the intention of reducing attendance to two representatives.

#### 4. INFORMATION ITEMS

##### A. Calendar Review of next month's engagements

The board calendar and School Improvement Plan schedules were provided and looked at by the board. Mr. Price thanked staff for continuing to provide these monthly.

##### B. Policy 200.4 Evaluation of the Board of Education

Secretary-Treasurer, Shehzad Somji, explained Policy 200.4 is an existing policy. The presented amendments are policy and regulation combined into one document, with a new addition, intended to be an Appendix. The proposed addition are questions staff are suggesting trustees use to evaluate themselves. The questions were reviewed briefly by Mr. Somji, who suggested the questionnaire be administered using Survey Monkey, and that it could be anonymous, or not, as the board chose. Mr. Price noted the BCSTA has a process to help boards develop self-evaluation, and will send staff to assist the board if desired. Mr. Price suggested it would be valuable to have senior staff's evaluation of the trustees, due to their close working relationship. Ms. McCullough said senior staff could complete the same survey.

##### C. Policy 205.6 Trustee Recognition

Staff have recommended that trustee recognition be held at the Ed Leadership Barbeque in September. Trustee Godfrey pointed out that the policy needs to be updated as the terms of office have changed from three to four years. Mr. Price commented that it seemed peculiar for the board to be recognizing itself. Mr. Somji replied that it is common practice for staff to recognize their board members' contributions to the organization and community. Ms. McCullough referenced a BCSTA resource on governance that might be useful, and may have information on this topic.

#### 5. ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation:

**“THAT the meeting be adjourned.”**

MOVED/SECONDED:

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 3:09pm.