

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48 (SEA TO SKY)

BOARD MEETING NO. 898
April 13, 2016
Signal Hill Elementary School, Library
Pemberton, BC
Time: 6:02 pm

MINUTES
16-04-13 BM-O

**“We would like to acknowledge that we are privileged to meet
on the traditional Territory of the St’at’yemc Nations.”**

Attendees:

Rick Price, Board Chair
Laura Godfrey, Vice Chair
Patricia Westerholm, Trustee
Rebecca Barley, Trustee
Rachael Lythe, Trustee
Lisa McCullough, Superintendent (via teleconference)
Jody Langlois, Assistant Superintendent
Shehzad Somji, Secretary-Treasurer
Rick Hume, Director of Operations
Krista Brynjolfson, Principal, PSS
Diane Hart, Vice Principal, PSS
Sharon Broatch, Principal, SHE
Kathy Leverton
Tara Smith
Kathryn Ast
Chris Wells
Steve Evans
Nikki Gilmore
Sheena Fraser
Mike Richman, Mayor of Pemberton
Curtis (NOP student)
Devon (NOP student)
Tavi (NOP student)
Sophia (NOP student)
Mackenzie (PSS student)
Isaac (PSS student)
Alyssa (PSS student)

1. AGENDA

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

CARRIED.

2. MINUTES

MOVED/SECONDED: **“THAT the minutes of the Board Meeting held on March 9, 2016 be adopted.”**

CARRIED.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Chairperson's Remarks

Mr. Price explained that Superintendent McCullough is on a business trip out of district and sends her regrets that she cannot be present in person.

B. Trustee Remarks – Nil

C. Assistant-Superintendent's Remarks

Garibaldi Highlands Elementary (GHE) will be holding a **Learning Exhibition Open House** on Wednesday, May 18, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. The format will be a gallery style exhibition of student learning including projects, art work, and presentations of grade 5/6 passion projects.

GHE thanks Grahame Carson and the Howe Sound Secondary carpentry class for building picnic tables.

The Myrtle Philip Elementary intermediate team has started the C3 afternoons - **Create, Collaborate and Think Critically (C3)**. The students will be doing a series of competency based activities Friday afternoons, involving building, creating, and sharing.

Pemberton Secondary School (PSS) Senior Girls' Basketball team came in **7th at Provincials**.

Pemberton Secondary School's Girls' Soccer season has begun.

Howe Sound Secondary (HSS) hosted Sachi Rummel, author and Hiroshima survivor, who shared her story with students.

HSS scholarship night is Tuesday, May 24, 2016.

Signal Hill Elementary grade 6/7 students have started 'Wonder Wednesdays'. Students work with others from different classes in special interest groups focused on inquiry and the school district's competencies. Some of the topics for this round are Introduction to Coding, Makerspace, Spanish, and Hiking.

Valleycliffe Elementary hosted a potlatch with Joyce Williams.

Whistler Secondary School (WSS) has a new website, wssprojects.wordpress.com. They invite you to visit the site, which

showcases learning at WSS, and profiles examples of the great learning and competency development happening at the school.

D. Secretary - Treasurer's Remarks

School District No. 48 received a certificate of excellence for 100% completion on reconciliations of PEN duplications.

There were two grants received this month; one Shoulder Tappers grant, and one grant for \$4000 to discuss indigenous learning curriculum.

4. STUDENT/STAFF PRESENTATIONS

1. Student Presentation

Students Curtis, Devon, Tavi, and Sophia, from the Northern Outreach Program (NOP) presented to the Board about their learning. They shared how the Northern Outreach Program, which runs out of the T'zil Learning Centre in Mount Currie, allows them to pursue their studies in a supportive and inclusive environment.

PSS students Isaac, Mackenzie and Alyssa, along with teacher Tara Smith, presented to the Board about their participation in an exchange with Quebec. The PSS French Immersion class hosted Quebec students for one week, and then travelled to Quebec for one week, where they were immersed in Quebec culture. They lived with host families, travelled to a cabine au sucre, and further developed their French language skills. When Quebec students arrived in Pemberton, they were introduced to Aboriginal Ways of Knowing, and spent a week doing activities in BC.

Isaac described his experience in Quebec. He shared that the language barrier was a challenge. Mackenzie shared that she had to push herself to learn new words quickly, and enjoyed her experience so much she has already applied for a 3 month exchange for next year. Alyssa explained how returning from Quebec made her appreciate being home that much more.

2. Staff Presentation

Teacher, Kathy Leverton received a \$1000.00 grant from BC Hydro, and her classroom is using these funds to build and grow a garden. Ms. Leverton shared with the Board that students are engaged in the process, developing collaboration skills, and learning about math and science as they garden.

Trustee Price asked her to elaborate on one of the key competencies this project addresses, and Ms. Leverton shared that the collaboration happening has been fantastic.

Trustee Westerholm asked if other classes are doing similar projects. Her response was some other classes are, but cost is a deterrent.

5. TRUSTEE ITEMS – Nil

6. BOARD COMMITTEES

A. Finance Committee - Nil

B. Committee of the Whole – *Rick Price*

MOVED/SECONDED: **“THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on March 9, 2016 be accepted.”**

CARRIED.

C. Policy Committee – Nil

D. Public Relations Committee – Nil

E. Facilities & Services Committee - Nil

F. Aboriginal Education Council – *Rebecca Barley*

1. Reports

Next meeting to be held on May 27, 2016

7. GENERAL

A. Business Arising

B. Information Items

1. Water Quality Concern/Pemberton Schools – *Rick Hume*

Rick Hume reported on SD48 staff attending Village of Pemberton (VOP) town hall meeting on April 5, 2016. He explained that a lot of questions were asked of SD48, VOP, and Vancouver Coastal Health. The SD48 Senior Management team sent a letter to parents and guardians, and this letter is currently shared on VOP website. This letter explained that no lead was found in the water, but a bit of copper was detected in pre-flush samples. Testing was done again in 2010 and 2015 with similar results. Flushing was done once a week with main lines running continuously. There was a slight detection of lead in March 2016 pre-flush samples, however post-flush test results were within Canadian Drinking Water Standards. Since the meeting and in communications with VCH, flushing is happening every day, and filters for every faucet in every classroom have been ordered.

Trustee Westerholm asked if there are plans for future testing.

Rick explained that yes, they are implementing a flushing system in every school, every day.

2. Attachments

- a) Field Trips
- b) School Grant Applications
- c) Media Articles
- d) Letter from the Village of Pemberton

C. Items for Discussion - Nil

D. Action Items

- 1. Regulation 200.4 Evaluation of the Board of Education – *S. Somji*
MOVED/SECONDED: **“THAT the BOARD Repeal Regulation
200.4 Evaluation of the Board of
Education.”**

CARRIED.

E. Trustee Items

F. Items to be brought out of Camera

G. Bylaws - Nil

8. Questions of Clarification From the Public

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED/SECONDED: **“THAT the meeting be adjourned.”**

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 6:42pm.