

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48 (SEA TO SKY)

BOARD MEETING NO. 899
May 11, 2016
School Board Office
Squamish
Time: 6:00 pm

MINUTES
16-05-11 BM-O

Attendees:

Rick Price, Board Chair
Rachael Lythe, Trustee
Laura Godfrey, Trustee
Patricia Westerholm, Trustee
Rebecca Barley, Trustee
Chris Vernon-Jarvis, Trustee
Ian Kent, Trustee
Lisa McCullough, Superintendent
Jody Langlois, Assistant Superintendent
Shehzad Somji, Secretary-Treasurer
Ralph Hughes, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
Anne MacDougall, Administrative Assistant
Marilyn Caldwell, Director of Instruction, Learning Services
Peter Jory, Director of Instruction: Technology & Innovation
Steve Lloyd, President, SSTA
Mike Chounaird, Squamish Chief Newspaper
Lynne Bouchard, Teacher
Lisa Smart, Teacher
Heidi Kubin, Teacher
Ella Batcho, Student
Katie Yaremkewich, Student

“We would like to acknowledge that we are privileged to meet on the traditional Territory of the Skw̓x̓wú7mesh Nation”.

1. AGENDA

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

2. MINUTES

Recommendation: **“THAT the minutes of the Board Meeting held on April 13, 2016 be adopted as amended.”**

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Chairperson's Remarks

1. Mr. Price welcomed members of the public and staff to the meeting, and reminded everyone that the Annual District Retirement function is, May 12th at the Squamish Valley Golf and Country Club. The district has approximately twenty-five retirees this year.
2. BCSTA AGM – At this year’s BCSTA Annual General Meeting there were thirty different motions debated, many revolving around advocacy for more stable and generous funding of the public education system. All the motions are on the BCSTA website.

B. Trustee Remarks

1. Trustee Kent was at Don Ross Middle School on Tuesday, May 10th, for the official opening of their climbing cave. Students from multiple schools demonstrated climbing skills before and after the official dedication.
2. Rachael Lythe attended the 24 Hour Drum Friday, May 6th at Whistler Secondary School. She felt it was very well put together and she was happy to have been there during the raising of two Nations’ flags, together on one flag pole.

C. Superintendent's Remarks

Next week at Brackendale Elementary (BES) Mr. Grantham’s grade 5/6 class will be presenting their musical, “The Sherman Project” based on their study of the novel “The 21 Balloons”.

In April, four Don Ross students, accompanied by Mr. Bent, attended Talk at the Top, a symposium hosted by North Shore Youth for Mental Health.

Thank you to the Pemberton Secondary School (PSS) Grad student, and the Howe Sound Secondary grade 8 student who have teamed up to do an editorial on the 24 Hour Drum for the local newspaper.

Signal Hill Elementary students have been working on a novel called Walking Home, by Eric Walters. Their movie nights raised close to \$1,900 for Eric Walters’ Creation of Hope Project, which provides for over four hundred orphans, in the Mbooni District of Kenya.

On May 18th, grade 6 students from Valleycliffe and students from Howe Sound Secondary will be skyping with Inoro Secondary School in Nanyuki, Kenya. The topics of discussion are: food resources, women’s rights, employment choices, hobbies and life style.

Mental Health Awareness Day at Whister Secondary School (WSS) was today. Grade 9/10 students visited several stations to learn about youth mental health.

WSS undertook the Canadian Assessment Program with Grade 8 students on April 25th.

D. Secretary - Treasurer's Remarks - Nil

4. STUDENT/STAFF PRESENTATION

A. Staff and Student Presentation

Students Ella Batcho and Katie Yaremke with teachers Lynne Bouchard, Heidi Kubin, and Lisa Smart presented on teacher collaboration with students, using the pathway of Play and Exploration.

Ms. Bouchard presented on the Kindergarten to grade three classes coming together to play, learn, snack and chat through the Aboriginal Ways of Learning.

Ms. Kubin presented on the grades four to nine Exploration Café explaining that Play and Exploration with the older grades is following the same circle model as the Elementary schools. Games were introduced that both students and teachers played together, while discussing ways to bring play into the classroom.

Ms. Smart spoke about the dialogue between teachers, unstructured play and learning through creativity. She gave an example of Myrtle Philip having a day of unstructured play where students brought something non-electronic to play with for the day, and teachers stepped back and observed. Outstanding creativity, inclusion, problem solving and joyful learning were all observed, and helped to further develop the community in their school.

Teacher, Krista Dutchen, is now getting the grad program involved using the same model. The first 'Walk & Talk' for grades ten to twelve was May 10th.

Ella spoke about designing a project any way they wanted, using two newspaper articles, and how it was both fun and challenging at times to do the work on a computer. Katie spoke about their learning through group work and how it had helped her get to know her classmates, and to problem solve as a group.

Ms. McCullough gave a shout out to the three teachers who are working hard and making a huge difference in classrooms, with feedback from the schools being positive.

5. TRUSTEE ITEMS – Nil

6. BOARD COMMITTEES

A. Finance Committee – *Ian Kent*

1. Reports

Mr. Kent shared that the Annual Facility Grant Expenditure Plan was reviewed at the Finance Committee Meeting held today.

2. Minutes

Recommendation: **“THAT the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on January 13, 2016 be accepted.”**

MOVED/SECONDED:

CARRIED

MOTION: **“That the Board write a letter to the Minister of Education, to be made public, expressing our concerns regarding school district funding.”**

MOVED/SECONDED:

CARRIED

B. Committee of the Whole – *Rick Price*

1. Reports - Nil

2. Minutes

Recommendation: **“THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on April 13, 2016 be accepted, as amended.”**

MOVED/SECONDED:

CARRIED

C. Policy Committee – *Laura Godfrey*

1. Reports

Trustee Godfrey advised that the committee had given Third Reading to the new Field Trip Policy, and that after a few discussed changes, staff have been instructed to send it out for Policy Impact.

2. Recommendation: **“THAT the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting held on March 9, 2016 be accepted.”**

MOVED/SECONDED:

CARRIED

MOTION: **“THAT The Board of Education adopt Policy 501.4 Home Education as presented.”**

MOVED/SECONDED:

CARRIED

MOTION: **“THAT The Board of Education Repeal Regulation 501.4 Home Education.”**

MOVED/SECONDED: CARRIED

D. Public Relations Committee – *Nil*

7. GENERAL

A. Business Arising

B. Information Items

1. Day of the Devils Fundraiser - *Lisa McCullough*

Krista Walden, Athletic Director for both our district and for Pemberton Secondary School (PSS), but acting as a volunteer, asked Ms. McCullough to thank the board for donating the rental of PSS for their fundraiser. The event raised \$18,000.00 for the Athletic Department at the school, and is expected to be held annually.

2. 2016/2017 School Calendar Overview – *Peter Jory*

Mr. Jory reported that he has been working with the Sea to Sky Teachers' Association (SSTA) and both parties have reached agreement on the purpose of each specific Non-Instructional Day for 2016-2017.

- Friday, October 21st
BCTF Provincial Professional Development Day
- Friday, November 4th
New Curriculum Implementation Day
- Monday, December 5th:
School Based Professional Development Day.
This is the additional day added to the calendar for 2016/2017 and has been designated a School Professional Development Day at the request of the SSTA, so their members can attend a Learning Forward conference on this day. The district will also have presenters at the conference.
- Monday, January 16th
Implementation Day
School District No. 48 has booked Layton Schnellert, one of the province's leading experts on Understanding by Design, Inclusion and Assessment, for this date. Both School District No. 48 and the SSTA agreed on this presenter and the SSTA will be bringing him back to the district for their Professional Development Day on February 20th, both as a key note speaker, and to host workshops for teachers, by choice.
- Monday, February 20th

SSTA Professional Development Day

- Friday, May 12th
School-Based Professional Development Day
- Friday, June 2nd
School-Based Professional Development Day
- Friday, June 30th
Administrative Day

Principals are now working with their teachers to create and publish their adjusted local school calendars, to reflect the dates as presented. These may also include summer learning days in exchange for in-lieu days during the school year.

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

C. Items for Discussion - Nil

D. Action Items

1. 2016/2017 School Fees – *Jody Langlois*

Ms. Langlois noted that the fee schedules had been set for next year, and are being presented to the board for approval.

Recommendation: **“THAT School District No. 48 District Elementary School Fee Guidelines for 2016-2017 be approved as presented.”**

MOVED/SECONDED: CARRIED

Recommendation: **“THAT School District No. 48 District Secondary School Fee Guidelines for 2016-2017 be approved as presented.”**

MOVED/SECONDED: CARRIED

2. 2017/2018 International Fee Increase – *Jody Langlois*

Ms. Langlois explained that there are two separate items with increase proposals.

Staff are recommending an increase of \$200 a month for homestay fees. This will be passed directly on to homestay families starting in 2017/2018, in order to keep our district competitive, and help cover the rising costs associated with hosting students.

The district has secured an insurance policy at the cost of \$200.00 per student to cover homestay families for mysterious disappearance. This is after an incident this year involving a homestay family.

Recommendation: **“THAT The Board of Education approve the increase of International Education Fees effective for the 2017/2018 school year, as presented.”**

E. Items to be brought out of Camera - Nil

F. Trustee Items - Nil

G. Bylaws

1. School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky) Capital Bylaw No. 127087 Annual Facility Grant

Recommendation: **“THAT the Board members unanimously agree to waive the requirement that first, second and third reading of School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky) Capital Project Bylaw No. 127087, be given on different dates.”**

MOVED/SECONDED: CARRIED

Recommendation: **“THAT the Board give first, second and third reading to School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky) Capital Project Bylaw No. 127087 as follows:**

A BYLAW by the Board of Education of School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky) (hereinafter called the "Board") to adopt a Capital Project of the Board pursuant to Sections 143 (2) and 144 (1) of the *School Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 412 as amended from time to time (called the "Act").

WHEREAS in accordance with provisions of the *School Act* the Minister of Education (hereinafter called the "Minister") has approved Capital Project Bylaw No. 127087.

NOW THEREFORE the Board agrees to the following:

- (a) **upon approval to proceed, commence the Project and proceed diligently and use its**

best efforts to complete the Project substantially as directed by the Minister,

(b) observe and comply with any rule, policy or regulation of the Minister as may be applicable to the Board or the Project; and,

(c) maintain proper books of account, and other information and documents with respect to the affairs of the Project, as may be prescribed by the Minister.

NOW THEREFORE the Board enacts as follows:

1. The Capital Bylaw of the Board approved by the Minister and specifying a maximum expenditure of \$724,021 for Project No.127087 is hereby adopted.

2. This Bylaw may be cited as School District No.48 (Sea to Sky) Capital Project Bylaw No.127087.”

MOVED/SECONDED:

CARRIED

8. Questions of Clarification from the Public
Mike Chouinard from the Squamish Chief Newspaper asked for clarification on what AFG stands for (Annual Facility Grant). Trustee Price also stated that the Annual Facility Grant was discussed at the Finance Committee meeting earlier in the day.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOVED/SECONDED:

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm.