

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48 (SEA TO SKY)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

June 8, 2016

School Board Office

Squamish, BC

Time: 1:45 pm

MINUTES

16-06-08 CW-O

Trustees:

Rick Price, Chair

Laura Godfrey, Vice-Chair

Rebecca Barley, Trustee

Rachael Lythe, Trustee

Ian Kent, Trustee

Patricia Westerholm, Trustee

Administration:

Lisa McCullough, Superintendent of Schools

Jody Langlois, Assistant Superintendent

Shehzad Somji, Secretary-Treasurer

Peter Jory, Director of Instruction: Technology & Innovation

Anne MacDougall, Administrative Assistant

1. AGENDA

Recommendation:

“THAT the agenda of this meeting, as amended, be approved.”

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

Recommendation:

“THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held May 11, 2016 be adopted.”

CARRIED

3. TRUSTEE ITEMS - Nil

4. PRESENTATIONS - Nil

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Attachments

1. Board Engagements

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Board Sanctioning of Dry Grad

The Director of Instruction: Technology & Innovation, reminded the Board that a conversation about Dry Grad happened a couple of years ago. Boundaries are established by school protection, and the Board and staff needed to re-establish the rules around:

- a) Dry Grad being a school event which allows Dry Grad to advertise and meet on school property, use school communication tools, in exchange for all events being treated as though they were a school field trip/function, including completion of all permission forms, Criminal Record Checks, and Volunteer Driver guidelines or;
- b) Dry Grad can choose to be a community event, not sanctioned by the Board and therefore could be more relaxed concerning forms, but could not use school email, bulletin boards and would have to pay a rental fee to use school property for planning.

The Director of Instruction: Technology & Innovation, advised that at the beginning of each year, PAC's have been asked to choose how they prefer to organize their Dry Grad. Our understanding is that exclusively at this time, they have decided to operate as a school event. This year we have received \$5,600 from the liquor board. Howe Sound Secondary was allocated \$3,200 towards their Dinner/Dance/Casino June 18th, Whistler Secondary was allocated \$1,400 towards their June 28th Dinner/Dance in Whistler, and Pemberton Secondary was allocated \$1,000 towards their ceremony and luncheon that takes place at the school.

The Director of Instruction: Technology & Innovation, is waiting to hear back on some specific details, but has asked Principals to be sure the details are taken care of.

The Superintendent reminded the board she had recommended at the Policy meeting regarding field trips that they detach from Dry Grad, and asked for clarification if it is the Board's desire to do this. The new field trip policy says Dry Grad is a non-sanctioned event, that would be a change to current policy, precluding a choice for future Dry Grad events.

Some examples of potential liability were discussed.

Trustee Godfrey stated that in her experience as a parent, the Board's position wasn't clearly defined, and Trustee Price agreed that parents might be entering into the process without having all the information and suggested that the field trip policy should go out for Impact, as currently written, and let the impact process provide feedback. The Superintendent stated that staff should call attention to the Dry Grad change when we send it out for Impact.

Trustee Godfrey asked if Dry Grad would lose the grant from the Liquor Distribution Branch. The Superintendent advised that she is responsible for ensuring there is no alcohol at Dry Grad, and funding is not tied to it being a board sanctioned event.

B. Ministry of Education Invitation–2nd Annual Partner Liaison Meeting
The Secretary-Treasurer reviewed the upcoming meetings, asking the Board to consider who would be attending each event. Trustee Price explained that item C and D, are over a four day period in Richmond and that he usually attends, but is unavailable (Oct 26-29) this year. Trustee Godfrey said she is also unavailable.

The Secretary-Treasurer requested Trustees consult their calendars to see who could attend the Partner Liaison Meeting. Sept 23rd is the deadline to register.

C. BCSTA Board Chairs and Board of Directors – discussed with item B above.

D. BCSTA Provincial Council – discussed with item B above.

E. BCSTA Provincial Council Motion Deadline
The deadline to submit motions to BCSTA Provincial Council is September 23rd.

F. Sunshine Coast Fixed Link Study Meetings – Jordan Sturdy is hosting a meeting in Squamish on July 7th, to discuss a fixed link to the Sunshine Coast. It was asked if any of the Trustees were interested in attending the meeting on July 7th. There was no indication of interest from Trustees to attend during this early planning stage.

G. Resort Municipality of Whistler Community Forum
School District No. 48 has been invited as a community stake holder to participate in this Forum being held at the new art museum in Whistler on June 15th. Staff will follow up to see if a Whistler Trustee is able to attend.

7. Questions from the public – Nil.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:33pm.

Committee Chair

Secretary-Treasurer