

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48 (SEA TO SKY)

BOARD MEETING NO. 923

August 29, 2018
School Board Office
Squamish, BC
Time: 6:00 pm

MINUTES

2018-08-29 BM-O

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

This meeting was called to order at 6:00pm

Attendance

Trustees: R. Price, L. Godfrey, R. Barley, C. Vernon-Jarvis (left at 7.55pm), R. Lythe, I. Kent (by phone from 6.40pm)

Staff: Superintendent, L. McCullough, Secretary-Treasurer, M. Azim, Assistant Superintendent, P. Lorette, Assistant Superintendent, C. Nicholson, Director of Instruction: Learning Services, P. Clarke, District Principal: International Education, F. F. Rawji Vice-Principals, S. Hain and D. Hart, Teacher J. Brown

Guests: C. Olgivie, K. Fletcher

1. AGENDA

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

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

Recommendation: **“THAT the minutes of the Board Meeting held on June 13, 2018 be approved.”**

CARRIED

MINUTES

Recommendation: **“THAT the minutes of the In Camera Board Meeting held on June 13, 2018 be approved.”**

CARRIED

MINUTES

Recommendation: **“THAT the SUMMARY minutes of the In Camera Board Meeting held on May 9, 2018 be approved.”**

CARRIED

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Chairperson's Remarks

Trustee Price brought attention to a letter from The Representative for Children and Youth, congratulating our School District on a significant increase in graduation rates of Indigenous students.

Re BCSTA: The Board of Education's BCSTA Membership renewal is due for consideration. This is a bargaining year for both CUPE and the BCTF. Rick and Lisa will be presenting about Operations and Governance at the Trustee Academy in late November.

B. Trustee Remarks - Nil

C. Superintendent's Remarks

Congratulations to teacher, Jamie Brown and District Principal, Faizel Rawji for successfully running a summer program with students from China. This program was organized under a special MOU between specific school districts in BC and China, which are under the umbrella of a previous MOU between the Province of BC and the Province of Guangdong in China.

Superintendent McCullough and the senior team attended a two-day conference through BCSSA and with the Ministry of Education. As well the SD48 Education Leadership team met over two days in August to prepare for school start up.

Special thank you to the Human Resources team who did a wonderful job facilitating a full day onboarding session at Don Ross for new teachers to the district.

Thank you to Lisa Smart for attending a Communicating Student Learning meeting with Ministry of Education last week.

Thank you to the teachers and administrators who attended the Design Thinking Conference at Quest University this past week.

A research team spent time in our school district this week doing interviews with staff and community members. They are funded through Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada and led by University of Victoria research team.

Acknowledgement of all staff that worked throughout the summer to get our schools ready on time for start up.

Welcome new staff and new families.

This year's focus is to refresh the Education Plan. We hope to bring this back to the Board in December. There will be a focus on designing for inclusion with diversity as a strength.

D. Secretary – Treasurer's Remarks

Reviewed contracts with all municipalities regarding elections.

2017/2018 year-end financial statement audit should be complete in next couple of weeks.

4. RECEIVING DELEGATIONS

A. Board Sanctioning of Dry Grad

A delegation of parents from Whistler Secondary School (WSS) presented on the request to have their Dry Grad sanctioned again this year, sharing the positive results from last year's function. Feedback from last year indicated that the event was well-organized, bus transportation worked well, and possibly that the amount of supervision at the event was too much.

This year, a similar format is planned with a similar formal venue, which has yet to be chosen. Parents would like to remove the bussing aspect of the plan. Event will be held in the late afternoon, with a promenade and will end by 10:00pm. Grade 11 parents met on May 30th this year and voted unanimously that they wanted this sanctioned again this year. Grad committee parents and students will be meeting soon to formalize arrangements.

The Board expressed thanks to WSS for planning early and reiterated that they heard only positive feedback about last year's event. K. Fletcher was thanked for raising the bar.

The Board praised students for all their hard work, saying their effort is a testament to a shift in culture where safety and wellness is a priority.

Will officially consider at next meeting.

5. STUDENT/STAFF PRESENTATIONS

A. Student Presentation - nil

B. Staff Presentation – Summer Camp Presentation/Report – *F. Rawji/J. Brown*
Reciprocal learning and a communicative approach to language development and team building. Students went to Lil'wat Cultural Centre, Alice Lake, and the Peak to Peak Gondola. Thank you Jamie Brown for doing a great job and representing our district.

The Board thanked Jamie Brown and Faizel Rawji.

6. BOARD COMMITTEES

A. Finance Committee – *I. Kent*

1. Reports

2. Minutes

Recommendation: **“THAT the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held June 13, 2018 be approved.”**

CARRIED

B. Committee of the Whole – *R. Price*

1. Reports

BCSTA will be implementing new trustee orientation.

2. Minutes

Recommendation: **“THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held June 13, 2018 be approved.”**

CARRIED

C. Policy Committee – *L. Godfrey*

1. Reports

Updates and modernization.

2. Minutes

Recommendation: **“THAT the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting held Dec 13, 2017 be approved.”**

CARRIED

7. GENERAL

A. Business Arising

B. Information Items

1. Summer Maintenance Projects – *M. Azim*

\$300,000 worth of projects complete. Some still to be completed during first week of school. There will be no disruption to students.

All flooring projects, lighting projects, and external projects complete.

Approved budget for 2017-18 was \$923 k.

2. Samahquam update – *L. McCullough*

A Vice Principal was successfully placed for the program. Thanks to Fraser Cascade for supporting the program. The community has been heard and offered public education.

Thanks were expressed to Superintendent McCullough for creating the collaborations between all groups involved.

3. Portables and space overview – *M. Azim*

GHE - Both portables are ready to go. Decreases working capacity utilization rates (based on 2017 enrolment numbers) from 103% to 94%

SQE – Ready to go with portables. 100% utilization rate

SCE- portables will be installed Aug 30 ready for Sept 4. Utilization rate will not be applicable

MPE – Portables scheduled to arrive mid Sept. Decrease working capacity utilization rate from 103% to 93%

List of Total Portables in our Schools

4 – PSS

2 – GHE

1 – SQE

1 – MPE

4 – SHE, 3 CSF and 1 for SSCS Strong Start

4. Attachments/Correspondence

a) SD No. 48 Media Report – *L. McCullough*

b) Letter from Representative for Children and Youth on indigenous graduation rates – *R. Price*

c) ISS of BC Operation Syrian Refugees in BC: Report- *R. Price*

C. Reports

1. Communicating Student Learning Presentation – *P. Lorette/S. Hain*

Assistant Superintendent Lorette expressed thanks to Lisa Smart, Katrina Doherty, and Sarah Hain.

Some issues with data. Only 130 parents responded. Timing of report cards and survey request could have impacted feedback.

Letter grades continue to be a question for parents, but generally students are less anxious.

Presentation is attached to minutes.

MOVED/SECONDED: **“THAT the Board of Education approves School District 48 participation in a PROVINCIAL CSL PILOT PROJECT for grades K to 9 using the Draft Ministry Reporting Policy, as outlined in the locally established guidelines in Appendix 2, for 2018/2019.”**

CARRIED

D. Policy Amendment Motions

MOVED/SECONDED: **“THAT the Board of Education approves changes to Policy 200.1 Statement of Guiding Principles for the Board of Education as presented.”**

CARRIED

MOVED/SECONDED: **“THAT the Board of Education approves changes to Policy 200.2 Trustee Role as presented.”**
CARRIED

MOVED/SECONDED: **“THAT the Board of Education approves the repeal of Policy 205.2 Conflict of Pecuniary Interest.”**
CARRIED

MOVED/SECONDED: **“THAT the Board of Education accepts changes to Policy 200.3 Trustee Code of Conduct as presented.”**
CARRIED

MOVED/SECONDED: **“THAT the Board of Education accepts changes to Policy 200.4 Board Evaluation as presented.”**
CARRIED

MOVED/SECONDED: **“THAT the Board of Education accepts changes to Policy 203.1 Formulation and evaluation of policy as presented.”**
CARRIED

MOVED/SECONDED: **“THAT the Board of Education accepts changes to Policy 204.3 Definitions of Board Meetings as presented.”**
CARRIED

MOVED/SECONDED: **“THAT the Board of Education waives the second and third readings and the impact process to approve Policy 100.4 Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) for immediate implementation, and as such, will assess its effectiveness over the next three months.”**
CARRIED

MOVED/SECONDED: **“THAT the Board of Education repeals Policy & Regulation 600.1, Policy & Regulation 601.2, Policy & Regulation 601.4, Policy & Regulation 602.1, Policy 601.3, Policy 602.5, Policy 602.7, Policy 602.8, Policy & Regulation 602.11 as presented.”**

CARRIED

MOVED/SECONDED: **“THAT the Board of Education sanctions the Whistler Secondary 2019 Dry Grad Event.”**

CARRIED

E. Items to be brought out of Camera

MINUTES

Recommendation: **“THAT the SUMMARY minutes of the In Camera Board Meeting held on May 9, 2018 be brought out of camera.”**

CARRIED

8. Questions of Clarification from the Public

Q: Who is running in the election?

A: R. Price, R. Barley, R. Lythe, and I. Kent

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

CARRIED

Adjourned at 8.13pm

I. Kent

M. Azim

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer