

## School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky)

Minutes of Board Meeting No. 805 held on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the School Board Office in Squamish, BC. The meeting commenced at 6:05 pm.

Present: Dave Walden, Chairperson  
Rick Price, Vice Chairperson  
Rebecca Barley, Trustee  
Christine Buttkus, Trustee  
Laura Godfrey, Trustee  
Chris Vernon-Jarvis, Trustee  
Nancy Edwards, Secretary-Treasurer  
Rick Erickson, Superintendent of Schools  
Magy Odorfer, District Principal  
Marilyn Caldwell, District Vice Principal-Student Support Services  
Linda Arnold, Executive Assistant  
John Hall, President, Howe Sound Teachers' Association  
Dorothy Gregg, Vice President CUPE  
Kim Thompson, Squamish Chief Newspaper  
Terrill Patterson, Member of the Public

1. **AGENDA**  
MOVED/SECONDED **"THAT the agenda of this meeting be approved."**  
CARRIED
2. **MINUTES**  
MOVED/SECONDED **"THAT the notes of a meeting between the Board of Education and representatives of the District Parent Advisory Council held November 12, 2008 be received."**  
CARRIED  
  
MOVED/SECONDED **"THAT the minutes of a Meeting of the Committee of the Whole held February 11, 2009 be received."**  
CARRIED  
  
MOVED/SECONDED **"THAT the minutes of Board Meeting No. 802 held February 11, 2009 be adopted."**  
CARRIED
3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
  - A. **CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS:**
    - Review of BCSTA Academy February 25-27/09  
Dave Walden commended everyone for taking part in the Trustee Academy and suggested that time be set aside on the agenda to debrief in the next few weeks. Future agenda
    - BCSTA 2009 Annual General Meeting in Kelowna April 23-26/09  
Dave Walden noted that he will be the only trustee attending the Annual General Meeting in Kelowna due to budget constraints.

## **B. SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS**

- District Education Plan – update  
Dr. Erickson discussed the District Education Plan, as well as the time scheduled for community consultation and decisions regarding Board goals for the next two years. He noted the facilitator is Robin Brayne. More information regarding this process will be forthcoming at the next Board meeting.
- Student Teachers  
Dr. Erickson noted that the District is hosting student teachers from Simon Fraser and is looking forward to three more from the University of Victoria.

## **C. SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REMARKS**

- Update on Budget Development 2009/10  
Nancy Edwards noted that service plans were due today and the estimated School District Operating grants from the Ministry of Education will be available on Friday, March 13, 2009. The Finance staff will be working through Spring break on the budget, and on March 24<sup>th</sup> and March 25<sup>th</sup>, the school principals and district staff will be presenting their service plans to the Finance Committee. There are Finance Committee meetings scheduled March 24, 25 and 26<sup>th</sup>.

Nancy distributed a summary showing the results of the February student enrolment data collection count which detailed the pupil population changes and noted the changes in enrolment from September to February at each school.

## **4. RECEIVING DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

- Numeracy  
Magy Odorfer distributed handouts and explained her power point presentation detailing the District Numeracy initiative which is designed to support the implementation of the new math curriculum. She described the structure including coordinators, district leaders and assessment mentors. Also included were descriptions of the workshops, school mentoring days and parent information sessions. Student activities include math enrichment events and math clubs.

Magy also distributed the District Summer Learning report and detailed the Summer programs in 2007, 2008, and the proposed program description for Summer 2009.

As Enrichment/Gifted coordinator, Magy explained how the best level of enrichment for District students is provided by supporting enrichment activities such as math arcades, fine arts festival, and visits by guest authors. Individual programs are set up for gifted students and workshops for teachers are provided to reach and teach all students.

Dave Walden thanked Magy for her presentation and positive energy.

## **5. BUSINESS ARISING**

6. **ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Howe Sound Dry Grad – Use of School Busses  
MOVED/SECONDED

**“THAT the Board allow the use of school district busses to transport our Dry Grad students one way from the Civic Centre to Quest University on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> 2009, provided that our bus drivers are prepared to donate their time and that busses are available at the requested time.”** CARRIED

Advise  
Dry  
Grad  
Comm.

- B. Discussion of User Pay Full Day Kindergarten – Letter to Ministry of Education  
The Board discussed the issue of sending a letter to the Ministry addressing the issue of funding of Full Day Kindergarten. They agreed that it was a complicated issue and would prefer to address it after seeing the Ministry’s position paper on Early Education.

- C. Application for School Community Connections Grant – Strengthening the Connection

MOVED/SECONDED

**“THAT the Board support the following application for a School Community Connections Grant:  
Accessible Preschool Teeter Totter Set for Blackwater Creek Elementary.”** CARRIED

Support  
letter

- D. Climate Action Charter  
MOVED/SECONDED

**“THAT the Board approve the signing of the British Columbia Climate Action Charter by March 31, 2009.”**

Discussion took place regarding the lack of information available on the Climate Action Charter. Nancy Edwards noted that the District is also required to complete a data collection document and that the Charter is to be signed by March 31<sup>st</sup>. The Board chose to put off the motion for further consideration.

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MOVED/SECONDED

**“THAT the Board table this motion until the next Board meeting.”** CARRIED

- E. All Day User Pay Kindergarten Valleycliffe Elementary commencing March 23, 2009. Marilyn Caldwell distributed a description of the current status of the Valleycliffe Elementary kindergarten class and their desire that a provision for full day user pay kindergarten be offered as a transition to the grade one program effective immediately.

MOVED/SECONDED

**“THAT the Board adopt Full Day User Pay Kindergarten as a Program of Choice for Valleycliffe Elementary March to June 2009.”** CARRIED

Advise  
school

7. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. Defibrillators

Dr. Erickson provided the Board with information regarding automated external

defibrillators which detailed the risks inherent in purchasing these items.

MOVED/SECONDED      **“THAT the Board receive for information, the attached from a Schools Protection Program newsletter (Vol 13, Issue 2 Fall 2008), regarding “Automated External Defibrillator(s)” (AED).**      Advise schools  
CARRIED

8. **TRUSTEE ITEMS**

9. **COMMITTEES**

A. Finance Committee Minutes of February 11th, 2009  
MOVED/SECONDED      **“THAT the notes of the Finance Committee meeting held on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009 be received.”**      CARRIED

B. Policy Committee Minutes of February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
MOVED/SECONDED      **“THAT the notes of the Policy Committee meeting held on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 be received.”**      CARRIED

C. Recommendation from Policy Committee Meetings  
1) 1004.2 Use of Alcohol in School Facilities, Buildings and Grounds – Policy, Regulation, and Administrative Procedure  
MOVED/SECONDED      **“THAT the Board approve Policy, Regulation and Administrative Procedure 1004.2 Use of Alcohol in School Facilities, Buildings and Ground.”**      Distrib. Policy  
CARRIED

2) 502.1 District Code of Conduct - Policy  
MOVED/SECONDED      **“THAT the Board approve Policy 502.1 – District Code of Conduct.”**      Distrib. Policy  
CARRIED

3) 502.2 School Code of Conduct – Policy, Regulation and Administrative Procedure  
MOVED/SECONDED      **“THAT the Board approve Policy, Regulation and Administrative Procedure 502.2 School Code of Conduct as amended.”**      Distrib. Policy  
CARRIED

4) 504.10 Schools: Healthy Living – Regulation  
MOVED/SECONDED      **“THAT the Board approve Regulation 504.10 Schools: Healthy Living.”**      Distrib. Policy  
CARRIED

5) 504.12 – Schools: Healthy Living: Nutrition – Policy and Regulation  
MOVED/SECONDED      **“THAT the Board approve Policy and Regulation 504.12 Schools: Healthy Living: Nutrition.”**      Distrib. Policy

CARRIED

- 6) International Education – Fee Structure Amendment  
MOVED/SECONDED

Distrib.  
Amend.

**“THAT the changes to the International Education  
Fee Structure be approved by the Board as  
amended.”**

CARRIED

10. **BYLAWS & POLICIES**

11. **ITEMS BROUGHT OUT OF IN CAMERA**

12. **QUESTIONS OF CLARIFICATION FROM THE PUBLIC**

13. **ADJOURNMENT**                    **“THAT the meeting be adjourned.”**                    CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer