

School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky)

Minutes of Special Board Meeting No. 813 held on Wednesday, June 24th 2009 via teleconference from the School Board Office, Squamish, BC. The meeting commenced at 6:06 pm

Present: Dave Walden, Chairperson (via teleconference)
Rick Price, Vice-Chairperson
Andrea Beaubien, Trustee (via teleconference)
Rebecca Barley, Trustee (via teleconference at 6:08 pm)
Christine Buttkus, Trustee (via teleconference)
Laura Godfrey, Trustee (via teleconference at 6:25 pm)
Rick Erickson, Superintendent of Schools
John Hetherington, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
Juanita Coltman, Aboriginal Education Administrator
Magy Odorfer, District Principal
Marilyn Caldwell, District Principal, Student Support Services
Myrna MacRae, Executive Assistant

1. **AGENDA**
MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT the agenda of this meeting be approved as amended.”**
CARRIED
2. **MINUTES**
MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT the minutes of Board Meeting No. 812 held June 17th 2009, be adopted.”**
CARRIED
3. **LOCAL SCHOOL CALENDARS – Change Requests for 2009/10**
MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT the revised 2009/10 Local School Calendars for Brackendale Elementary and Blackwater Creek Elementary Schools be approved.”**
CARRIED
4. **BUSINESS ARISING**
From June 17th Board Meeting
 - A. **School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky) District Achievement Contract 2009-2010**
Magy Odorfer was in attendance to review and explain the 2009/10 contract as well as answer questions from the Board. Ms. Odorfer reviewed the changes that were suggested by the Superintendent of Achievement, which included adding some real stories of the work with students, explaining the baseline data in the district for literacy and numeracy, and the use of specific programs to target those identified as at risk.
MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT the Board approve School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky) District Achievement Contract for 2009-2010.”**
CARRIED

B. **Community Literacy Plan for Sea to Sky Lower Stl'Atl'imx Region**

Marilyn Caldwell explained the background and history of the Community/District Literacy Report.

- Beginning in 2006 the school district was participating in a Regional Literacy Planning Process to create a plan for submission to Literacy Now to receive funds for implementing of a literacy plan.
- The School District was required by the Ministry of Education to support and coordinate with community partners to create the Regional Literacy Plan. The district also had to submit a Transitional District Literacy Plan that would provide a way to work with community partners to improve literacy locally.
- The Plan is now at stage two where the District Literacy Plan was combined with the draft Regional Literacy Plan.
- Since the last Board meeting, staff have amended the School District portion of the Community Literacy Plan including goals and objectives to make it clearer.
- There are other areas of the plan that need amending, but they are not really the School District's to amend. The focus is to move ahead and make improvements in the next stages (3 and 4).
- Suggestions for the future included having clear statements of who is responsible for what within the action plan, and to ensure that there are measurable goals and objectives.
- While the School District and other Government of BC agencies such as the Ministry of Children and Families set goals and objectives, the other groups do not. It is anticipated that targets will be included in phase 3 of the plan.
- The report is a culmination of pieces written by each group and pulled together as a report.
- There are inconsistencies, differences in styles, and some inaccuracies which will be corrected in the next phase.

Laura Godfrey joined the meeting at 6:25 pm.

MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT the Board approve the Community Literacy Plan for Sea to Sky Lower Stl'Atl'imx Region.”**

CARRIED

5. **ABORIGINAL EDUCATION TARGETED FUNDING BUDGETS 2009-10 FOR THE NORTH AND SOUTH**

The Board reviewed the 2009-10 draft budgets for the North and South Aboriginal Education Programs for School District No. 48. Juanita Coltman, Aboriginal Education Administrator was in attendance to answer questions from the Board members.

Discussion included:

- The targeted Funding Committees for both the northern and southern areas of School District 48 have met to discuss the allocation of the funds.
- The groups looked at the enrolment projections and determined what services could be provided for aboriginal students for 2009/10.

- The proposed budget for the services were reviewed, noting that changes have been made to allow the First Nations Bands to offer benefits to their employees who are working more than 20 hours per week.
- While decisions cannot all be made until the final enrolment numbers are known in September, the Aboriginal Education Counsellor position will be filled so services are available to students right at the beginning of the school year.

Rebecca Barley abstained from voting on the motion due to a conflict as she is the Administrator of one of the First Nation Band Councils.

MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT the Aboriginal Education Targeted Funding Budget Reports for 2009-10 be approved.”**

CARRIED

6. **FRENCH IMMERSION AT SPRING CREEK COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

The Board discussed Rick Erickson’s recommendation that a grade 5/6 French Immersion class with 19 students be approved for Spring Creek Community School.

Discussion included:

- The need for equal distribution of grade 5/6’s in French Immersion and in the regular program. There are currently 19 grade 5/6 students registered in each program.
- The French Immersion Policy/Regulation states that approximately 27 students would be sufficient enrolment for a grade 5 or grade 5/6 class.
- In 2008/09 there were 22 students in both the English and French programs and the school could afford the extra teacher, so the program went ahead.
- The District will not be providing any additional funds for the school to provide a grade 5 late French Immersion Program at the school.

MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT the Board approve a grade 5/6 lead late French Immersion class for September 2009 should Spring Creek Community School wish to pursue this option.”**

CARRIED

7. **SPECIAL MEETING IN JULY**

Rick Erickson stated that there may need to be a special in Camera Board meeting on July 22nd. He will advise Trustees as soon as possible.

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

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Chairperson

Asst. Secretary-Treasurer