

School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky)

**Board Meeting No. 837
Wednesday, October 13th, 2010
School Board Office, Squamish, BC**

**MINUTES
10-10-13 BM-O**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Present: Rick Price, Chairperson
Andrea Beaubien, Vice-Chairperson
Rebecca Barley, Trustee
Christine Buttkus, Trustee
Laura Godfrey, Trustee
Chris Vernon-Jarvis, Trustee
Dave Walden, Trustee
Dr. Rick Erickson, Superintendent of Schools
John Hetherington, Secretary-Treasurer
Linda Arnold, Executive Assistant
Rose MacKenzie, Director of Instruction
Magy Odorfer, District Principal
Juanita Coltman, District Administrator-Aboriginal Education
Nolan Cox, Principal, Pemberton Secondary School
Beth Miller, President, Sea to Sky Teachers Association
Peter Lewis, Vice-President, CUPE Local 779
Kristine Miles, Howe Sound Performing Arts Association
Meaghan Robertson, Squamish Chief
Gagandeep Ghuman, The Squamish Reporter
Terrill Patterson, Member of the Public

1. **AGENDA**
MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT the agenda of this meeting be adopted as amended, items 4 B and 6 D are deferred to a future meeting.”**
CARRIED

2. **MINUTES**
MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT the minutes of Board Meeting No. 835 held September 15th 2010 be adopted.”** CARRIED

MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT the notes of the meeting with Sea to Sky Principals/Vice-Principals Association representatives held September 15th, 2010 be accepted.”** CARRIED

MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT the minutes of Board Meeting No. 836 held September 29th, 2010 be adopted.”** CARRIED

Presentations will take place prior to the rest of the agenda.

3. **RECEIVING DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS (10 minutes each)**

A. Kristine Miles – Howe Sound Performing Arts Association

Kris Miles, Board member of HSPAA, thanked the Board for allowing her this opportunity to describe how the Performing Arts Association benefits the youth in the community through recitals, workshops and Star Search concerts. Access Music Education, was created in 2005, to provide financial assistance to Squamish students who wish to pursue performing arts through bursaries. Funds are generated through concerts featuring local students and teachers.

Howe Sound Performing Arts Association asked that School District waive the rental fee for the Eagle Eye Theatre for the Access Music fundraiser concerts this year. Kris extended an invitation to the Board to attend the “Home Grown Talent” concert on November 21st at 3:30 at the Eagle Eye Theater.

Chairperson Rick Price thanked Ms. Miles for her presentation and stated that the request would be taken under advisement and the Board would let the Association know of their decision as soon as possible.

B. Middle Years Program – All Squamish Area Grade 8’s at Don Ross Secondary School – Christine Perkins

This item is deferred to a future meeting.

C. Trades Program – Update – Nolan Cox

Nolan Cox, Principal of Pemberton Secondary School thanked the Board for the opportunity to provide them with an update on Trades Training and Career Education. He distributed and reviewed a handout detailing an update on carpentry and cooking students. The update of the cook training students explained the low success rate in this program and discussed the low results as due to the ITA standardization of the final exam. Only 4 out of 14 of our students passed their exams. There will be a meeting with instructors and ITA to look at the Cook training program to talk about best practices.

The District has received a grant to aid in developing a focus on Career and trades training in our secondary schools. A meeting will be held in October to plan professional development activities for the school year. The ITA ACE-IT Programs include Carpentry at Howe Sound Secondary and Pemberton Secondary in February 2012, Cook Training at Howe Sound Secondary in February 2011 and Hair Design in September 2011.

The Chairperson thanked Nolan for his report and the work he is doing to support the Trades program.

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. **Chairperson’s Remarks**

- Letter to Minister of Education regarding BCeSIS
A letter has been sent to Margaret MacDiarmid, Minister of Education regarding the turbulence and significant problems that our staff has had due to the poor functioning of BCeSIS.
- Squamish Area Elementary Enrolment Review
The Enrolment Review is ongoing and key dates to be aware of are October 18th at Howe Sound Secondary for an analysis of the present options. Written feedback is due by October 29th and requests for delegation to the November 10th Board

meeting must be received by October 31st. The Board intends to make its decision at the December 8th Board meeting.

B. Superintendent's Remarks

- Board Goals
- 1.1 School and Classroom Culture
 "Shaping School Culture" Fieldbook
- 1.2 Instruction and Learning
 Assessment *for* Learning 101 – 17 teachers, Oct 4
 Professional Learning – 40 teachers, P/VPs, Oct 5

The Superintendent reviewed the Education Plan for 2009-2011 noting the School Culture Fieldbook and Assessment for Learning. Rose MacKenzie will make a presentation on School Culture later in the meeting.

- Meet the Teachers afternoons/evenings
Dr. Erickson described the Meet the Teachers programs that have been held in the schools in September and October. Christine Perkins, Principal of Don Ross Secondary is unable to attend the Board meeting tonight for the presentation on the Middle Years Program, due to an open house at her own school.
- District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) and Parent Advisory Councils (PAC)
Dr. Erickson attended meetings in Squamish and Whistler this month.
- School District No. 48's Middle Years Program
The Middle Years Program is focusing on Grade 8 and 9 students who are all at Don Ross Secondary this year.
- School Planning Councils (SPC), School *SUCCESS* Plans

C. Secretary – Treasurer's Remarks

- John Hetherington noted that the Ministry of Education has signed an agreement to spend 28 million dollars on modular classrooms to accommodate full day kindergarten. We will be receiving a modular classroom at Signal Hill Elementary School next spring.
- Our funding is based on our student count done as a snapshot on September 30th. We have 4, 115 students and had budgeted for 4, 048. As funding is based on FTE students, based on the number of courses the students are taking, we have almost FTE 100 more students. This will mean more funding but we will no longer be receiving the Funding Protection grant.

5. BUSINESS ARISING

None.

6. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Superintendent's Report on the Organization of Classes

Dr. Erickson noted that we are required to make this report and that the Board acknowledged submission of the report at the September 29th meeting. There is a slight revision involving dates.

MOVED/SECONDED

"THAT the Board approve the amended version of the Superintendent's Report on Class Size and Organization.
CARRIED

**B. Board Goal 1.1 – School Culture – Rose MacKenzie
2009-2010 Report
Recommendations for 2010-2011**

Rose MacKenzie reviewed the 2009-10 committee goals to provide support for the

development of safe schools and classroom learning environment. She proposes that the Committee continue to meet during this school year and continue with the same structure and focus.

Meetings will be public, held monthly on the last Tuesday of the month, on a rotating basis in each community. The first meeting will be October 26th and minutes will be posted on the District website.

MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT the Board approves the proposal for the Committee to continue to meet during the 2010-2011 school year.**

CARRIED

Safe, Caring and Orderly Schools – Update – Dr. Rick Erickson
Ministry of Education Satisfaction Survey Results
2010-2011 “Safe Schools” – School Based Action Plans

Dr. Erickson noted that safety in the schools is a priority and distributed a Satisfaction Survey for 2009-10 detailing the responses to 3 questions answered by Grades 3, 4, 7, 10 and 12 students in our District as compared to the Provincial averages. The questions asked students if they feel safe at school and whether they have been bullied or teased. The third question asked whether they know what the schools behavioral expectations are. The handwritten numbers on the survey are the provincial average numbers to provide a comparison to our district numbers. Where there was a difference that exceeded 5%, Dr. Erickson highlighted it. He reviewed the responses and noted that we need to reinforce with middle school students specific expectations of student behaviour. Dr. Erickson also distributed A Safe School worksheet .

- C. Use of PC and MAC Computers in School District No. 48 – Dr. Rick Erickson
We received the Whistler/Blackcomb grant in 2003 which enabled us to replace computers in our schools and the platform we adopted at that time was PC. Our technicians were trained on the PC. As the computers we have no longer meet all the needs of our students we would also like to be permitted to purchase Mac computers.

MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT in School District No. 48 the Board allow the purchase of PC and MAC platforms, as approved by the Secretary-Treasurer and Superintendent.”** CARRIED

It was noted that MACs could be supported with service contracts that can be purchased separately.

- D. Targeted Aboriginal Education Budget Allocations
Recommendation: **“THAT the Board approve the Targeted Aboriginal Education Funding Allocation budget priorities.”**

Deferred to Future Meeting

7. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. 2010/2011 Whistler Spirit Program
The Whistler Spirit Program has been approved again this year for all School District No. 48 employees who work a minimum of 20 hours a week. It is the employee’s responsibility to pursue registration for the pass themselves.

A memo was sent to all staff on September 30, 2010 detailing the Program for 2010-2011.

8. **TRUSTEE ITEMS**

None.

9. **COMMITTEES**

MOVED/SECONDED

“THAT the Finance Committee minutes of September 15th, 2010 be accepted.”

CARRIED

10. **BYLAWS & POLICIES**

None.

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

None.

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

Beth Miller, President of the SSTA, asked for more information on the modular classroom made by Shelter Industries, to be delivered to Signal Hill Elementary School. Details were given in regard to plumbing and it was noted that the classrooms are planned for kindergarten classes. There will not be one available for Mamquam as it is in a neighbourhood where there is space available in other schools.

Peter Lewis queried the type of foundations used for the modular classrooms and snow load requirements. He also asked whether the procedure and policies are the same for both students and staff in schools. The Chairperson answered that there are various regulations for staff safety within WCB, designed for the same things but regulated by different bodies. Peter also commented on the issues of BCeSIS.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED/SECONDED

“THAT the meeting be adjourned.”

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer