

School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky)

**Board Meeting No. 844
Wednesday, April 13, 2011
School Board Office, Squamish, BC
6:00 pm**

**MINUTES
11-04-13 BM-O**

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

Present: Dave Walden, Chairperson
Andrea Beaubien, Trustee
Christine Buttkus, Trustee
Laura Godfrey, Trustee
Chris Vernon-Jarvis, Trustee
Rick Erickson, Superintendent
John Hetherington, Secretary-Treasurer
Louise Pelletier, Executive Assistant
Magy Odorfer, District Principal
Various teachers and parents from Pemberton
Various staff, students and parents from Stawamus Elementary

Rick Price welcomed members of the Public.

1. **AGENDA**
MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT the agenda of this meeting be approved.”** CARRIED
2. **MINUTES**
MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT the minutes of Board Meeting No. 842 held
March 9th, 2011 be adopted.”** CARRIED

Rick Price noted that the order of agenda would change.

4. **RECEIVING DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**
 - (1) Stawamus Elementary School PAC
Request to rescind Board’s motion that Stawamus become a School of Choice in 2012
 - (2) Stawamus Elementary School Staff
Request to rescind Board’s motion that Stawamus become a School of Choice in 2012
3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - A. Chairperson’s Remarks:
 - Rick Price noted there would be a change in Trustee Representative on the Aboriginal Enhancement Committee. Rebecca Barley was taking over from Dave Walden and Christine Buttkus would take over in Rebecca’s absence.
 - B. Superintendent’s Remarks
National Volunteer Week, April 10 to 16, 2011
Rick Erickson noted that no school could operate without the volunteers and expressed his appreciation for those volunteers.

C. Secretary-Treasurer's Remarks

- John Hetherington confirmed that the Finance Committee had met this morning to review the status of the 2011/2012 operating budget. A further meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday.
- 2010 Carbon Neutral Action Report
John Hetherington stated that 2010 was the first year under the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Act that required a report of the carbon output of the School District. The amount was computed and we have to buy carbon offsets costing \$45,000
- Rick Price announced that discussion would move to Item Number 7 on the agenda which allowed representatives of Stawamus Elementary School to leave.

6. **GENERAL**

B. Action/Discussion

(1) Late French Immersion at Signal Hill Elementary

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT the vote taken on March 9, 2011 to approve the proposal to establish Late French Immersion as a Program of Choice at Signal Hill Elementary School in September 2011 be reconsidered."

CARRIED

The original motion is back on table for discussion and debate:

- Andrea Beaubien noted that considerable opinion has been received and it has been very emotional. She noted that she felt this is a very important and wonderful opportunity for any student in this district.
- Christine Buttkus offered that it was a very difficult motion to consider and was very much in favor of enhanced French. She expressed her concerns from feedback received and would like to follow up to ensure the school culture is preserved and made even stronger. If to proceed, would want to listen to staff and have steps in place to ensure were moving in the right directions. Given those efforts, would consider moving ahead with something this year.
- Laura Godfrey agreed with Christine and also expressed concerns on what the following years would look like.
- Dave Walden stated that it would be easy to vote for French Immersion and hard to vote no and that he understands and respect the parents who want it for their kids as well as the concerns of the staff.
- Chris Vernon-Jarvis stated that any decision would discomfort some people and believed in choice and the value of a second language. Chris further noted that he believed teachers would rise to the occasion whatever the decision might be.

MOVED/SECONDED

"THAT the Board approve the proposal to establish Late French Immersion as a Program of Choice at Signal Hill Elementary School in September 2011."

CARRIED

MOVED/SECONDED

“Staff be directed to form a working group to ensure the school culture remains strong and the implementation of French Immersion goes smoothly. Members would include, school staff, parents and interested community members.”

Defeated

- There was further discussion regarding the suggested motion and some felt it inappropriate as it was believed that staff would ensure the transition went smoothly and they did not need to be directed to do that.
- Christine Buttkus confirmed her intentions were to provide to the school, staff and community the structure to move ahead.

5 minute recess

F. Items brought out of Camera – Carried Motions

MOVED/SECONDED

“That all regular Supervision Teacher Assistants, Clerical Assistants and Bus Drivers offered their regular hours of work on the 5 school closed days in the second week of 4the two spring break in March 2012 so they do not lose pay as a result of the extended Spring Break”

MOVED/SECONDED

“That all Regular Teacher Assistants (except Supervision Teacher Assistants) have their regular daily assignments increased for the 2011/2012 school year so they do not lose pay as a result of increasing daily instructional time for students in order to accommodate the extended Spring Break in March 2012”

MOVED/SECONDED

“THAT for educational reasons Paul Borchert, Beth Miller, Anne Chatel, Charlene Verbeek and Rock Castrillo be transferred from Mamquam Elementary School to Squamish Elementary School effective September 1, 2011”

5. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

A. Finance Committee

B. Policy Committee

C. Committee of the Whole
(1) Minutes

MOVED/SECONDED

“THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole held on March 9th, 2011 be accepted.”

CARRIED

6. **GENERAL**

A. Business Arising

- (1) Residential Schools – Social Studies Unit Overview .. Juanita Coltman, Charlene Williams – item deferred

(2) School Calendars 2011-12

MOVED/SECONDED

“THAT the 2011-12 Local School Calendars for:

**Blackwater Creek Elementary
Brackendale Elementary
Don Ross Secondary
Garibaldi Highlands Elementary School
Howe Sound Secondary
Mamquam Elementary
Myrtle Philip Community
Pemberton Secondary
Signal Hill Elementary
Squamish Elementary
Spring Creek Community
Stawamus Elementary
Valleycliffe Elementary
Whistler Secondary
Reconnect Alternate Program**

CARRIED

John commented that each calendar is in the package and contain a 2 week spring Break.

(3) Howe Sound Dry Grad – Use of School Buses

MOVED/SECONDED

“THAT the Board allow the use of two school district buses to transport Howe Sound Secondary School dry grad students between Brennan Park Leisure Centre and the CN Railway Heritage Park on May 28th 2011 provided that School District 48 bus drivers are prepared to donate their time and that busses are available at the requested time”

CARRIED

(4) Rotary Club of Squamish – Request to use School District Buses

- John Hetherington reviewed the letter of request from the Rotary Club. If the Board was interested in pursuing, the legalities and costs needed to be investigated and whether or not it was Rotary’s intention to pay for added costs.
- Rick Price recalled that such requests in past have been denied on the basis of insurance and also noted that such an arrangement could be in competition with Transit.

MOVED/SECONDED

“That staff investigate the legalities of approving the request and if so able, provide Rotary with the cost estimate of the request and if acceptable, approve the request.”

CARRIED

- (5) Sea to Sky Community Services – Daycare rental rate request
- John summarized the current care being offered in schools and outlined that with full day kindergarten being introduced, there would not be the same need for morning/afternoon care. In addition, with full day kindergarten, many parents are choosing to return to work and is creating a demand for a before-school care program that will require a 7:00 a.m. start time. Sea to Sky Services is requesting use of the facility for less time in a day and as a result, requesting a decrease in the rate being charged. As there were many details to be worked out, not all questions had been answered and it was advised to investigate further before approving.

C. Information Items

D. Trustee Items

- (1) Communications/Public Relations

MOVED/SECONDED

“THAT the matter of finding efficient ways of enhancing the impact of District-wide communications be referred to the Committee of the Whole for a recommendation.”

CARRIED

E. Bylaws

The District’s 2011/2012 Annual Facility Grant is being provided by the Ministry of Education in two parts this year: Capital Portion and Operating Portion. In order to access the Capital Portion, a Capital Bylaw is necessary.

School District No. 48(Sea to Sky) Capital Project Bylaw No. 126305

MOVED/SECONDED

“THAT the Board members unanimously agree to waive the requirement that first, second and third reading of School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky) Capital Project Bylaw 126305 be given on different dates.”

CARRIED

MOVED/SECONDED

“THAT School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky) Capital Project Bylaw No. 126305 receive first, second, and third reading as follows:

A BYLAW by the Board of Education of School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky) (hereinafter called the "Board") to adopt a Capital Project.

WHEREAS in accordance with provisions of the *School Act* the Minister of Education (hereinafter called the "Minister") has approved Capital Project No. 126305 (2011/2012 Annual Facility Grant Funding).

NOW THEREFORE the Board agrees to the following:

- (a) upon approval to proceed, commence the**

Project and proceed diligently and use its best efforts to complete the Project substantially as directed by the Minister;

(b) observe and comply with any rule, policy or regulation of the Minister as may be applicable to the Board or the Project; and,

(c) maintain proper books of account, and other information and documents with respect to the affairs of the Project, as may be prescribed by the Minister.

NOW THEREFORE the Board enacts as follows:

1. The Capital Project of the Board approved by the Minister and specifying a maximum expenditure of \$572,022 for Project No. 126305 is hereby adopted.

2. This Bylaw may be cited as School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky) Capital Project Bylaw No. 126305.”

CARRIED

7. QUESTIONS OF CLARIFICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

- Beth Miller questioned if any there had been any pressure applied to return the Pacific Carbon Trust funds.
- Beth Miller noted she was happy that the Board was preserving CUPE hours during the 2 week Spring Break in 2011/12 and asked if there were any discussions regarding TTOCs who would be having their year shortened to approximately 186 potential working days. There was further discussion regarding the pay rate being defined over a possible amount of days and that the dollar amount would be greater.
- Terrill Patterson asked about the Budget shortfall and John Hetherington confirmed that they were working on a deficit of approximately \$250,000.
- Terrill Patterson commented that it would be interesting if a budget was set for a specific class size and bargaining changed the class size. The Board responded that they were not aware that class size would be negotiated at Bargaining and it was noted that had just come out in the news earlier the same day.
- Beth Miller questioned what capital project had been approved and John Hetherington responded that it was the Annual Facility Grant.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

7:30 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer