

School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky)

Board Meeting No. 849
Wednesday, September 14th, 2011
Myrtle Philip Community School
Whistler, BC

MINUTES
11-09-14 BM-O

Present: Rick Price, Chairperson
Andrea Beaubien, Vice Chairperson
Rebecca Barley, Trustee
Christine Buttkus, Trustee
Laura Godfrey, Trustee
Chris Vernon-Jarvis, Trustee
Dave Walden, Trustee
Dallas Cristofoli, Interim Superintendent of Schools
John Hetherington, Secretary-Treasurer
Ralph Hughes, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
Trish Farina, Executive Assistant
Beth Miller, President, SSTA
Melanie Jones, Co-Chair, Myrtle Philip Community School PAC
Nancy MacConnachie, Co-Chair, Myrtle Philip Community School PAC
Louise Tomcheck, Myrtle Philip Community School PAC
Stephanie Reesor, Chair, Whistler Secondary School PAC

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

1. **AGENDA**
MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT the agenda of this meeting be adopted.”**
CARRIED

2. **MINUTES**
MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT the minutes of Board Meeting No. 846 held June 8th 2011 be adopted.”**
CARRIED

MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT the minutes of Board Meeting No. 847 held June 15th 2011 be adopted.”**
CARRIED

MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT the minutes of Board Meeting No. 848 held June 22nd 2011 be adopted.”**
CARRIED

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - A. **Chairperson’s Remarks**
 - Chair Rick Price introduced Dallas Cristofoli as Interim Superintendent of Schools. He noted that she has filled an Interim Superintendent role before in our district as well as also having been our District Superintendent of Schools previously.
 - Local Trustee Elections
Elections will take place this Fall on November 19th.
 - Chair Price read a Press release announcing the appointment of Lisa McCullough as the new Superintendent of Schools. She will assume her new position later in the fall and until then, Dallas Cristofoli will continue as Interim Superintendent.
 - B. **Superintendent’s Remarks**
 - School Start-up
Ms. Cristofoli noted that student placement has gone well with a higher enrolment than was expected.

Full day Kindergarten has more split K/1 classes. As Kindergarten students look up to Grade 1 students, this allows the Grade 1 students to practice social responsibility.

With the switch from Mamquam to Squamish Elementary for French Immersion, we ended up with an unusual problem—a wait list due to the high level of interest. We have 4 Grade 5 students on the wait list..

Middle school Don Ross Grade 8 and 9 students are transitioning well.

The District has 113 international students from 19 different countries. Ms. Cristofoli attended a meeting with host parents and students.

C. **Secretary-Treasurer's Remarks**

- Pupil Populations

John Hetherington distributed a handout showing student populations. He noted that projections were up by 50 students in the elementary level. Secondary is down in numbers; Howe Sound is down 45 students. September 30th is an upcoming important date as it provides a snapshot of student numbers for funding purposes.

Chair Rick Price thanked Dallas Cristofoli and John Hetherington for all their skilled work in getting our school year off to a great start.

4. **RECEIVING DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

A. Myrtle Philip Community School PAC

- Chair Price explained the process of receiving delegations to the Board; he noted that the Board may ask questions for clarity and that information received is taken under advisement but that a decision if needed, will not be made this evening.
- MPCS PAC Co-Chair, Melanie Jones introduced attending PAC members to the Board. Nancy MacConnachie, MPCS PAC Co-Chair, discussed the loss of teachable days. She noted that with Collaboration days 5 days are lost, there is a two week break at Easter and Ski Day Mondays add to days lost. Many parents are concerned that we have more days being taken out of the calendar.
- Ms. MacConnachie forwarded a summary of the PAC's questions to the Board:
 - Can the parents get involved in the planning, discussions and meetings around the school calendar early enough to make a difference?
 - Do the PAC's have any authority to approve or reject a calendar, if so what is the extent of this authority?
 - What channels of communication should the PAC's use to communicate to parents of the school? Are newsletters or email lists allowed to be used?
 - What are the communication roles of the trustees?
 - How are discussions at the PAC meetings supposed to get conveyed to the Board?
- The Board Chair thanked them for their presentation.

Board
Reply

5. **BUSINESS ARISING**

Nil.

6. **ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. June 30, 2011 Audited Financial Statements

MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT the Board approve the June 30, 2011 Audited Financial Statements as presented.”** CARRIED

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John Hetherington noted that the Board is required to file this Financial Statement by September 30th every year. It has also been approved at the Finance Committee meeting. He thanked Ralph Hughes for all his hard work.

7. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

Nil.

8. **TRUSTEE ITEMS**

A. Schedule of Board & Partner Meetings 2011-2012

It was noted that a few changes will be made as we progress through the schedule. The first two school visits have been cancelled.

Trustee Vernon-Jarvis commented that SSPVPA does not appear on the schedule of Board and Partner meetings. He also noted that September graduation rates and education results should be at the top of the agenda as soon as possible.

9. **COMMITTEES**

A. Committee of the Whole:

MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT the Committee of the Whole minutes of June 8th 2011 be accepted.”** CARRIED

B. Finance Committee:

MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT the Finance Committee minutes of June 8th 2011 be accepted.”** CARRIED

C. Policy Committee:

MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT the Policy Committee minutes of June 29th 2011 be accepted.”** CARRIED

MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT the Policy Committee minutes of August 25th 1011 be accepted.”** CARRIED

D. Recommendations from Policy Committee Meeting:

1) Policy 204.9 Standing Committee on Policy

MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT Policy 204.9 Standing Committee on Policy as amended be approved for first and second reading and to proceed through the policy impact process.”** CARRIED Policy Impact

2) AP 501.2 Student Registration Enrolment and Placement

MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT AP 501.2 Student Registration, Enrolment, and Placement be approved for first and second reading and to proceed through the policy impact process.”** CARRIED Policy Impact

- Trustee Beaubien commented that this policy is confusing to parents regarding the dates and would like staff to review this issue.

3) AP 701.3 Volunteer Drivers/Private Vehicles

MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT AP 701.3 Volunteer Drivers/Private Vehicles be given third reading and approved.”** CARRIED Distribute

- 4) Policy and Regulation 401.1 Employment Practices
 MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT Policy and Regulation 401.1 Employment Practices be given third reading and approved.”**
 CARRIED Distribute
- 5) Policy and Regulation 602.4 French Immersion Programs
 MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT Policy and Regulation 602.4 French Immersion Programs be given third reading and approved.”**
 CARRIED Distribute
- 6) Policy and Regulation 805.1 Retention and Disposal of School District Documents
 MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT Policy and Regulation 805.1 Retention and Disposal of School District Documents be recommended to the Board for first and second reading and to proceed through the policy impact process.”**
 CARRIED Policy Impact
- 7) Policy, Regulation and Administrative Procedure 903.5 Video Surveillance-Buildings
 MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT Policy, Regulation and Administrative Procedure 903.5 Video Surveillance-Buildings be given first and second reading and to proceed through the policy impact process.”**
 CARRIED Policy Impact
- Trustee Beaubien queried the different length of time periods required for tape retention for building and bus surveillance tapes. John Hetherington will look into this.
- 8) Policy, Regulation and Administrative Procedure 903.6 Video Surveillance-School Busses
 MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT Policy, Regulation and Administrative Procedure 903.6 Video Surveillance-Busses be given first and second reading and to proceed through the policy impact process.”**
 CARRIED Policy Impact

10. **BYLAWS & POLICIES**

None.

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

None.

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

- Stephanie Reesor, Chair of Whistler Secondary PAC commented that she had attended the meeting to learn more about the processes involved in the Board meetings. Rick Price noted the list of Board meetings.
- Beth Miller, President of the SSTA asked trustees if there has been any impact with the teachers' job action. The Chair replied in the affirmative.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer