

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

**Board Meeting No. 850**  
**Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011**  
**School Board Office**  
**Squamish, BC**

**MINUTES**  
**11-10-12 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  
Nancy Edwards, Acting Secretary-Treasurer  
Linda Arnold, Executive Assistant  
Beth Miller, President, Sea to Sky Teachers' Association  
Erin Stewart Elliott, Communities That Care (left meeting at 6:30 pm)  
Patricia MacKenzie  
Veronica McPhee, Howe Sound Performing Arts Association (left meeting at 6:15 pm)  
Kevin Olafsson, Howe Sound Performing Arts Association (left meeting at 6:15 pm)  
Terrill Patterson

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. 849 held  
September 14<sup>th</sup> 2011 be adopted."**      CARRIED  
  
MOVED/SECONDED      **"THAT the minutes of a Special Board Meeting held  
September 28<sup>th</sup> 2011 be adopted."**      CARRIED

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. **Chairperson's Remarks**

Chair Price thanked Nancy Edwards for returning from New Zealand and stepping in as Acting Secretary-Treasurer while John Hetherington is recovering from recent health issues. He noted that Ms. Edwards, along with Dallas Cristofoli as Interim Superintendent, bring a great deal of expertise and experience to the District .

B. **Superintendent's Remarks**

Dallas Cristofoli noted that she and Nancy Edwards have worked together several times previously in the District. Ms. Cristofoli reviewed information regarding the new Superintendent Lisa McCullough and detailed the schedule for her orientation visit to the District October 24<sup>th</sup> to October 28<sup>th</sup>.

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

Acting Secretary-Treasurer Nancy Edwards distributed a document detailing the school age resident pupil populations as of September 30, 2011. Ms. Edwards reviewed the comparison of actual to projected numbers and also as compared to last year's numbers. Nancy noted that there is an increase of 81 students this

year; the higher birth rate is starting to impact the schools in our district and we should see a steady increase in enrolment each year.

The December Board meeting has been changed to December 7<sup>th</sup> due to the early school closing for winter vacation. .

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

- A. Howe Sound Performing Arts Association – Veronica McPhee
- Chair Price welcomed Ms. McPhee and explained the process of receiving delegations to the Board, noting that the Board may ask questions for clarity and if a decision is needed, it will be discussed with staff and made at a later date.
  - Veronica McPhee described the non-profit organization and in particular, the Access Music Education fund, a bursary program created to help local students financially with their studies in performing arts. It also provides funds for scholarships for Howe Sound Secondary graduating students.
  - Funds are generated mainly through the annual concert, which uses volunteers for organizing, performing and technical crews. Advertising and refreshments are donated. Funds raised will go to families in our community.
  - Ms. McPhee asked the School Board to waive the cost of the Eagle Eye theatre rental and booking fee for the October 28<sup>th</sup> performance.
- B. Communities that Care – Erin Stewart Elliot
- Ms. Stewart Elliot gave a brief overview of the Communities That Care project and how it works. It's philosophy states that by assessment and reduction of risks and building on strengths in the community, many problems can be prevented before they begin.
  - Erin reviewed the structure of Communities That Care, including a regional board that meets four times a year, a community board made up of people who are directly involved in implementing the program, and working groups that are involved with research, soliciting funds, youth organizations, communication planning and evaluation. She noted that the last youth survey was done in 2005.
  - Ms. Stewart Elliot invited the School Board to participate in decision making, data collection and join in an October 27<sup>th</sup> teleconference meeting. Trustees queried processing of the data collection and noted that before they would agree to have surveys implemented in the schools, they would want to know that the data was going to be processed.

#### 5. **BUSINESS ARISING**

None.

#### 6. **ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Superintendent's Report on the Organization of Classes

MOVED/SECONDED

**“THAT the Board approve the amended version of the Superintendent's Report on Class Size and Organization.”**

CARRIED

- Ms. Cristofoli reviewed class size difficulties at Signal Hill Elementary and described her meeting with Beth Miller and the Signal Hill teachers. Dallas reported that a Teacher on Call will be appointed to work with the three Signal Hill teachers involved until the budget is clarified and then they will consider the possibility of hiring another .6 or full time teacher. The Superintendent thanked Beth Miller for her help.

- B. Response to Myrtle Philip Community School Parent Advisory Council Delegation
- Trustee Beaubien of the Calendar Committee, noted that she will formulate a response to this item. Rick Price will send an email stating that the Board is in the process of drafting a reply to the delegation's queries.

7. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

None.

8. **TRUSTEE ITEMS**

A. Squamish Community Foundation – Squamish's Vital Signs 2011

- Trustee Beaubien presented the Squamish Community Foundation report entitled Squamish's Vital Signs 2011. She reviewed eleven key issues that were highlighted, with the goal of showing areas of need.
- Andrea noted that we scored poorly on the High School Non-Completion Rate and Early Child Development.
- Trustee Vernon-Jarvis remarked that there is no item for youth outside of school and that a healthy community needs engaged youth.

9. **COMMITTEES**

A. Committee of the Whole:

B. Finance Committee:

C. Policy Committee:

10. **BYLAWS & POLICIES**

None.

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

None.

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

- Beth Miller, President of Sea to Sky Teachers' Association, thanked Dallas Cristofoli for the way the District leadership has handled the Signal Hill Elementary issue.
- She asked if the Board has a plan to address all the classes that have more than three IEP students in their classrooms.
- It was noted that the Board is grateful that the Interim Superintendent has been so pro-active to the nature of the problem in such a collaborative way.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED/SECONDED

**“THAT the meeting be adjourned.”**

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

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Chairperson

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Acting Secretary-Treasurer