

School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky)

Board Meeting No. 851
Wednesday, November 9th, 2011
School Board Office
Squamish, BC

MINUTES
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Present: Rick Price, Chairperson
Andrea Beaubien, Vice-Chairperson
Rebecca Barley, Trustee
Christine Buttkus, Trustee
Laura Godfrey, Trustee
Chris Vernon-Jarvis, Trustee
Dave Walden, Trustee
Lisa McCullough, Superintendent of Schools
Ian Kent, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Nancy Edwards, Acting Secretary-Treasurer
Ralph Hughes, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
Linda Arnold, Executive Assistant
Ryan Massey, Vice-Principal, RAP
Christine Perkins, President, STSPVPA
Beth Miller, President, SSTA
Carl Walker, Vice President, SSTA
Colin Chafer
Carolyn MacDougall
Linda Firbank
Doug Grantham
Marian Kelly
Julie Wallace
Bianca Peters
Rachael Lythe
Marjorie Reimer
Bev Dakin
Tamara Beaton
Nicole Akeroyd
Kathryn Saintsbury
Pat Pawlett
Maria Lake
Marie St. Pierre
Kevin McJannet
Nathalie Boisvert
Terrill Patterson

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

1. **AGENDA**
MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT the amended agenda of this meeting be adopted.”** CARRIED
Amended with the addition of the Trustee report from the BCSTA Provincial Council meeting.

2. **MINUTES**
MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT the minutes of Board Meeting No. 850 held October 12th 2011 be adopted.”** CARRIED

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. **Chairperson’s Remarks**

- Chair Price introduced Lisa McCullough, our new Superintendent of Schools and noted that this is her first Board meeting. He also welcomed Ian Kent, our Assistant Superintendent of Schools and Nancy Edwards, Acting Secretary-Treasurer.
- Job Action –Chair Price noted that we are posting information regarding the teachers’ job action on our website.
- The March 14th 2012 Board meeting will be moved ahead to March 7th because of Spring break.

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B. **Superintendent’s Remarks**

- Report on Student Achievement
Superintendent Lisa McCullough noted that she has only entered our School District 12 working days ago. She thanked everyone for the warm welcome she has received, commenting that she has already visited at least 12 to 16 classrooms and is very impressed with the quality of teachers in the district. Ms. McCullough stated that she has posted an introductory letter on our website, has visited all the schools for a short visit and will continue to do this. Lisa noted that tomorrow is Remembrance Day and she will be the keynote speaker at the Howe Sound Secondary celebration. The Superintendent noted that the Student Achievement Report will be brought forward to the December 7th Board Meeting.

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C. **Secretary – Treasurer’s Remarks**

- Final Enrolment-Revised Budgets
Nancy Edwards reviewed our enrolment figures for September 30th. It was noted that our elementary enrolment numbers have increased significantly and even though the secondary has not, the good news is that we are starting to have an increase in student population. Ms. Edwards stated that the revised budget was sent out to schools yesterday and the expectation is that our funding will be similar to our estimates.
- BCSTA Trustee Academy – December 8-10, 2011
Nancy Edwards noted that all registrations and accommodations have been tentatively booked for all trustees.

Dec.8 Trustee Acad.

4. **RECEIVING DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

A. Sea to Sky Teachers’ Association – Beth Miller

- Chair Price welcomed Ms. Miller and the Sea to Sky Teachers’ Association members present to the meeting. He explained the process of receiving delegations to the Board and noted that the Board will only be asking questions for clarification at this meeting.
- He noted also that the Board will provide the SSTA with a written response soon and that the Board will stay after the meeting to discuss the matter.
- Beth Miller noted that letters had been emailed to each trustee individually asking for responses to teachers’ concerns and that she hadn’t heard back from any of them. She remarked that all the teachers are interested in each trustee’s position on the BCPSEA challenge to the Labour Relations Board regarding

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repayment by BCTF of 15% for work not being done by the teachers during job action and the application to have report cards deemed an essential service. Teachers feel that the Board should speak out against it publicly. Beth commented that most of the teachers' concerns are around class size and composition and they understand that the District is dependent on the funding it receives.

- Beth commented that the start-up process in September should go more smoothly. She noted that staffing could be hired in the spring for September.
- Chair Price stated that the Board speaks only as a corporate Board.
- Ms. Miller commented that it would be a great show of support to the teachers if the Board would make a motion to speak out against BCPSEA's actions.
- Chair Price thanked Beth and the teachers and stated that they will receive a response in short order.

5. **BUSINESS ARISING**

None.

6. **ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Response to Howe Sound Performing Arts Delegation

MOVED/SECONDED

“THAT, in view of Howe Sound Performing Arts fundraising for student bursaries, the request of a fee waiver for the rental fee of Eagle Eye Theatre for the Access Music fundraiser concert this year, be approved.”

CARRIED

Letter

B. Response to Communities That Care Delegation

MOVED/SECONDED

“THAT the Board Chair thank the Communities that Care delegation for their presentation, work in the community and advise them that the Board looks forward to continuing our relationship with them.

CARRIED

Letter

C. Board/Authority Authorized Course Approval Process

MOVED/SECONDED

**THAT the following Board Authorized courses:
 (1) Web 2.0 and Collaborative Research 12
 (2) Adventure Tourism 12
 (3) Rock and Roll History 11
 Be approved as presented.”**

CARRIED

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- Ryan Massey described the RAP school day structure and the importance of these courses as engaging elective credit opportunities for the students.

7. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

None.

8. **TRUSTEE ITEMS**

A. Early Learning Framework – Trustee Buttkus

- Trustee Buttkus reviewed the Community Plan for a Public System of Integrated Early Care and Learning document attached to the agenda
- Christine noted that the plan anticipates some changes in the role of Boards of Education and how the Board will look in the future in terms of Early Learning.
- Trustee Buttkus suggested this as a suitable item for an Education session,

noting that it should be set far enough in advance to invite our educational partners and a speaker from the coalition.

- Lisa McCullough advised that she would look into this further and place on a future Board agenda.

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B. Report of Provincial Council Meeting

- Dave Walden provided a review of the BCSTA Provincial Council meeting of October 21-22/2011. He commented that the Minister of Education, George Abbott had attended and spoke about the changes in the College of Teachers. Trustee Walden noted that there is a synopsis on the BCSTA website.
- Dave detailed the new BCSTA website and a clipping service from Canadian newspapers that they now provide, available to all trustees. He noted the election information website: www.civicinfo.bc.ca
- Trustee Walden noted that this is his last public meeting, he has been on the Board for 6 years and this is his 45th year of direct association with the Sea to Sky district.

B. Stawamus Elementary

MOVED/SECONDED

“THAT the following motions carried at Board Meeting No. 839 held on December 8th, 2010, be rescinded:

THAT Stawamus Elementary implement a School of Choice for September 2012 with a minimum of three grades.

and

THAT the Board ask staff to immediately bring back plan for appropriate consultation for a School of Choice for Stawamus Elementary.”

CARRIED

Advise

9. COMMITTEES

A. Finance Committee:

MOVED/SECONDED

“THAT the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held September 14th, 2011 be accepted.”

CARRIED

B. Policy Committee:

MOVED/SECONDED

“THAT the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting held September 14th 2011 be accepted.”

CARRIED

10. BYLAWS & POLICIES

From the Policy Committee September 14th 2011

A. Policy and Regulation 501.4 Home Education

MOVED/SECONDED

“THAT revised Policy and Regulation 501.4 Home Education be approved for 1st and 2nd reading and to proceed through the Policy Impact process.”

CARRIED

B. Policy and Regulation 501.5 Distributed Learning (Provincial Distance Education Schools)

MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT revised Policy 501.5 Distributed Learning be approved for 1st and 2nd reading and to proceed through the Policy Impact process.”** CARRIED Policy Impact

MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT Regulation 501.5 Provincial Distance Education Schools be repealed** CARRIED Policy Dist.

From the Policy Committee August 25th 2011

A. Housekeeping Changes to Policies, Regulations and Administrative Procedures

MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT the following changes be made through the Policies, Regulations and Administrative Procedures for School District No. 48:** Make Changes

- 1) **All references to the “Board of School Trustees” be changed to “Board of Education”.** Re-post on Web
- 2) **All references to School District name “Howe Sound” be changed to “Sea to Sky”,**
- 3) **All references to “Howe Sound Teachers’ Association” be changed to Sea to Sky Teachers’ Association,**
- 4) **All references to Administrative Officer(s) (AO) be changed to Principal(s) (P) and Vice Principal(s)**

CARRIED

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

Superintendent Lisa McCullough reviewed the BCPSEA application to the Labour Relations Board requesting a reconsideration of student report cards as an essential service. She noted that we will not hear the result until the end of November so will proceed with issuing report cards that include the teachers name, attendance and tardiness records, and comments from the principal and superintendent. Grade 12 students will receive all of their information in time for scholarship applications and graduation requirements.

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

None.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Chairperson

Acting Secretary-Treasurer