

School District No. 48 (Howe Sound)

Minutes of Board Meeting No. 764 held Wednesday, April 11th 2007 at Spring Creek Community School, Whistler, B.C. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Present: Dave Walden, Chairperson
Rick Price, Vice-Chairperson
Andrea Beaubien, Trustee
Lyle Fenton, Trustee
Andrée Janyk, Trustee
Chris Vernon-Jarvis, Trustee
Rick Erickson, Superintendent of Schools
Nancy Edwards, Secretary-Treasurer
Rick Hume, Director of Facilities and Services
Linda Arnold, Executive Assistant
Shannon Schaefer, CUPE President
Magy Butterfield, District Principal
Cathy Jewett, DPAC Chair (left meeting at 6:20 pm)
John Hall, HSTA President
Gerri Galloway, Principal, Spring Creek Community School

1. AGENDA

“THAT the agenda of this meeting be approved.”

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

“THAT the minutes of Board Meeting No. 762 held Wednesday, March 28th 2007 be adopted.”

CARRIED

“THAT the minutes of Board Meeting No. 763 held Wednesday, April 4th, 2007 be adopted.”

CARRIED

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. CHAIRPERSON’S REMARKS:

- BC Secondary School Physics Olympics - Dave Walden recognized the achievements of Mr. Katramadakis, and Peter Staton the teachers of the teams which have been in the top 10 spots of the Physics Olympics for several years. This year Howe Sound Secondary School won first prize. after winning of 4 of the 6 challenges. The Board would like a Press release lauding the students’ efforts and congratulating them on their major win.
- SD 48’s Literary Festival for Grade 4 -10 students will take place on Friday, April 27th at Whistler Secondary School.
- HSS Potlatch –The Potlatch will take place at Howe Sound Secondary School on Friday, April 27th and it is anticipated that many people will be involved including Premier Gordon Campbell and MLA, Joan McIntyre.
- Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement – The signing ceremony for the agreement will be held in June.

Press
Release

- District Literacy Innovations display will be at the Adventure Centre on May 30th
- A Performance Review for Nancy Edwards, Secretary-Treasurer and Rick Erickson, Superintendent of Schools will be done.

B. SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS

- 2010 Community Meetings – The meetings to discuss the Local School Calendar for 2009/2010 have concluded, and the survey will be available soon.
- Local School Calendar, 2007/2008 - Proposed local calendars were distributed for information.
- A meeting of School District 48's Education Partner Roundtable – Student Learning was held on April 2, 2007.
- School Planning Council (SPC) training will be held in April
- Mamquam Elementary – The enrolment review indicated there will be sufficient room at Mamquam Elementary for 2007/2008.
- The French immersion program, parent interest and challenges with flexibility in the classroom were discussed.

C. SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REMARKS

- Budget Development Process 2007/08 - Nancy Edwards noted that the Finance Committee put in 3 full days last month working on the 2007/08 Budget Development. The schools have received their funding allocation information and their budgets are due on April 13th.

4. RECEIVING DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

A. Professional Learning in School District No. 48

Magy Butterfield conducted a Power Point presentation on Professional Learning in School District 48, detailing the concept that when teachers learn, students succeed. The District Learning teams and focus groups dealt with assessment, curriculum and instruction. Many workshops are being offered in the district and a Professional Learning Update Newsletter is being published outlining them.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. Finance Committee

i) **“THAT the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on March 28th 2007 be adopted.”**

CARRIED

ii) **“THAT the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on March 29th 2007 be adopted.”**

CARRIED

B. Student Achievement Committee

i) **“THAT the minutes of the Student Achievement Committee Meeting held on March 29th 2007 be adopted as amended.**

CARRIED

6. TRUSTEES ITEMS

A. Trustee Reports

2010 Committee - Doctors Glickman and MacKinnon discussed the survey with the Committee and provided feedback.

7. **GENERAL**

A. ACTION ITEMS

1) Signal Hill Elementary School Field – Upgrade Request

- Secretary Treasurer Nancy Edwards provided an information package to the Board detailing the six main factors that should be considered for Board approval of the alterations to Signal Hill field.
- The Board received letters from the Village of Pemberton and Pemberton Valley Little League and emails from supporters.
- If the proposal is accepted the Board would enter into an agreement with the Village of Pemberton, or the Squamish Lillooet Regional District, rather than with user groups.
- There may be a sense of ownership when the improvements are done, yet the user group would still be at a level 5 priority for usage of the fields.
- Even though there is an agreement with the Village of Pemberton for the School facility, the SLRD is involved because they are responsible for recreation for Pemberton.
- There are no other pieces of land except for the old Secondary School that could have a field for user groups, as much of the valley is agricultural land.

“THAT a letter be sent to SLRD and Village of Pemberton advising that before the Board can contemplate approval of the proposed field alterations, it will require written assurance that the concerns as outlined in Nancy Edwards report to the Board have been completely and effectively completed.”

Letter

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2) Whistler Social Sustainability Series

Cathy Jewett presented a request to the Board to endorse the Steven Lewis Community Project. The project challenges students to create a Power Point presentation about Aids in Africa and then teach a grandparent or senior how to run a Power Point presentation themselves.

“THAT the Board reaffirm its support for the Whistler Sustainability Series to endorse the Steven Lewis community project contingent upon support from the Principals/Vice-Principals.”

Contact
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3) Climate Change Pledge

Trustee Andrea Beaubien introduced discussion for an anti-idling policy in school parking lots.

“THAT the Board write to the District of Squamish indicating that the School District shares its concerns regarding responsible use of energy and is currently developing practices to reflect these concerns.”

Letter

Policy
List

CARRIED

4) Whistler 2020 Partnership Agreement

“THAT the School Board sign on as a 2020 partner with the Resort Municipality of Whistler.”

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5) Whistler Community Services Society

“THAT the Board renew the grounds use agreement with Whistler Community Services Society for the greenhouses located at Myrtle Philip Community School.”

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8. **BYLAWS AND POLICIES**

9. **ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT OUT OF IN CAMERA**

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

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

“THAT the meeting be adjourned.”

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer