

School District No. 48 (Howe Sound)

Minutes of Board Meeting No. 766 held Wednesday, May 9th 2007 at the School Board Office, Squamish, BC. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Dave Walden, Chairperson
Andrea Beaubien, Trustee
Lyle Fenton, Trustee
Andrée Janyk, Trustee
Mike Milner, Trustee
Chris Vernon-Jarvis, Trustee
Rick Erickson, Superintendent of Schools
Nancy Edwards, Secretary-Treasurer
Myrna MacRae, Executive Assistant
John Hall, HSTA President
Margaret Paxton, Vice-Principal, Brackendale Elementary
Ian Kent, Principal, Mamquam Elementary
Rose Mackenzie, District Principal, Student Support Services
April Lowe, HSTA Pro D Chairperson
Sheena Fraser, Parents for French Immersion at Signal Hill
Two parents, Parents for French Immersion at Signal Hill

1 **AGENDA**

“THAT the agenda of this meeting be approved.”

CARRIED

2. **MINUTES**

A. **“THAT the minutes of Board Meeting No. 764 held Wednesday, April 11th 2007 be adopted.”**

CARRIED

B **“THAT the minutes of Board Meeting No. 765 held Wednesday, April 25th 2007 be adopted.”**

CARRIED

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. **CHAIRPERSON’S REMARKS:**

- Superintendent/Board Chairperson Meeting
Dave Walden and Rick Erickson attended a meeting with Ministry of Education representatives regarding the changes to legislation. Participants were able to provide input to the regulations being developed to accompany the bills and to meet three of the new Superintendents of Achievement.
- Dave Walden congratulated the organizers of the Howe Sound Secondary Potlatch as it was a very successful event.
- A tentative date for Joan McIntyre, MLA to meet the Board and tour the district is Friday, September 21st. The 48 Forum along with a personal letter highlighting school district items should be sent to Ms. McIntyre on a regular basis.

B. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REMARKS**

- BCCPAC – The “Supporting Student Success – Working Together in BC Public Schools” report has now been published. Rick Erickson

participated in the report project as a representative of the Superintendents' Association and Cathy Jewett participated as a DPAC representative.

- Margaret Paxton conducted School Planning Council (SPC) Training sessions held on April 17th and April 24th.
- A special Board meeting will be held on May 30th to discuss the Local School Calendars and School Fees for 2007-2008
- Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement – The signing ceremony for the agreement is tentatively scheduled for Friday, June 1st 2007.
- A meeting of SD48's Education Partner Roundtable – Student Learning, which includes representation from the partner groups, has been scheduled for Monday, June 4th 2007.
- Mamquam Elementary – Enrolment Review – The Superintendent will be attending a meeting with Mamquam Elementary School staff on Monday June 11th and a Mamquam Elementary PAC meeting on June 13th to discuss school enrolment and capacity.

C. SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REMARKS

- Nancy Edwards noted that the majority of the work in the Budget Development Process for 2007/08 is complete.
- The agreement between the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District and School District No. 48 for the upgrade of the Signal Hill Elementary School Field has been signed and the work has commenced. The operations agreement is being developed.
- The School Community Connections Program – The Board and the District of Squamish are working together to upgrade the field between Squamish Elementary and Howe Sound Secondary School. The District of Squamish has committed funding for the next two years. The School Community Connections Program Grant is \$125,000 and in addition, funding grants are being requested from various organizations to assist in the cost of the project. An update will be provided at the June Board Meeting.
- In response to our request for crosswalk painting in front of the two Pemberton Schools, the Ministry of Transportation and Highways has advised that funding is in their budget for the project. Staff will contact them again to try and obtain information on when the work will be done.
- VANOC has answered our request for a meeting and staff will advise that May 30th or another Wednesday would be suitable.

4. RECEIVING DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

A. Pemberton Parents for French Immersion

Sheena Fraser, representing the Pemberton Parents for French Immersion provided spoke in favour of a French Immersion Program for Signal Hill Elementary School. Ms. Fraser provided a history of the work of the group, the level of interest in a French Immersion program by parents of both school age and pre-school students and their desire to have a Kindergarten/Grade 1 program implemented for the 2007/08 school year.

Ms. Fraser requested the background information and reasons for the staff recommendation that French Immersion not be implemented next year and urged the Board not to make a final decision until the parents had received this information and been provided an opportunity to comment. Information on the group's research was provided to the Board members.

- B. Pro-D Day – February 15, 2008 Keynote Speaker
April Lowe, HSTA Pro-D Chair informed the Board that Maurice Gibbons, an inspirational speaker on self-directed learning has been chosen as the keynote speaker for the February 15th Pro-D Day. In preparation for his presentation, Mr. Gibbon has requested permission to visit the school district to speak with students, teachers and principals to develop a localized presentation. He would also like permission to film some of his interviews. Although parental involvement wasn't discussed, it may be a possibility. The logistics of filming will need to be reviewed.
- C. BC Education Leadership Council
Ian Kent presented an overview of the BC Education Leadership Council meeting he recently attended. The primary focus of the Council is to provide leadership training for new and existing Principals and Vice-Principals throughout the Province. A particular challenge now is to manage a K-12 leadership succession plan as a large portion of the current leaders are approaching retirement. The Council also provides a parent leadership seminar program.
- D. “Leading through deep inquiry, strong learning partnerships, informative assessment and new leadership practices”
Margaret Paxton presented a report on the “Learning and Leading in the 21st Century” conference she attended remarking on the importance of the network of members as they focus on metacognition for learners, nimble and responsive teaching, inquiry mindedness as a way of learning and learning for all through networks. She also covered information on sustained school improvements, formative assessments, change from focus to teaching to a focus on learning, internal accountability, and learning intentions.
- Ian Kent and Margaret Paxton left the meeting.
- E. New Legislation – Ministry of Education
Rick Erickson, Superintendent reported on the April 30th meeting with the Ministry of Education to discuss changes to the School Act including the following points:
- Purpose of the changes are to increase achievement, increase accountability for results, provide more choice, provide preschoolers with additional skills to achieve, increase graduation rates, increase aboriginal student achievement results and to improve student health.
 - Boards of School Trustees will become Boards of Education which have a broader mandate for early learning, community literacy and healthy living.
 - StrongStart Centers where parents can be involved with their pre-school children will be developed.
 - The new Achievement Contracts will include goals for achievement.
 - Expanded roles for Superintendent who must regularly report on student achievement.
 - Superintendents of Achievement appointed by the Minister of Education will support school districts in building initiatives to enhance accountability for improvement.
 - Academies and programs which may charge school fees.
 - A Disciplinary Register will be developed.

5. **BUSINESS ARISING** - None

6. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

A. Finance Committee

- i) **“THAT the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on April 10th 2007 be adopted.”**
CARRIED
- ii) **“THAT the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on April 18th 2007 be adopted.”**
CARRIED
- iii) **“THAT the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on May 2nd 2007 be adopted.”**
CARRIED

7. **TRUSTEES ITEMS**

A. Trustee Reports

Andrée Janyk reported on the success of the Whistler Secondary Annual drama presentation – “Pyjama Party”.

8. **GENERAL**

A. ACTION ITEMS

- 1) Whistler Secondary School Field – Special Occasion License
The Board considered the request from the Resort Municipality of Whistler Recreation Department for permission for a beer garden on school property.
“THAT the Board deny the request to have a blanket provisional license to allow a beer garden on Whistler Secondary School fields for the summer months.”
CARRIED
- 2) Emergency Social Services of Pemberton and Area C
The Board considered the request from the Pemberton and Area C Emergency Social Services for the waiver of the rental fee.
“THAT the request from the Pemberton and Area C Emergency Social Services Society to have the rental fee waived for training sessions at Pemberton Secondary be denied.”
CARRIED
- 3) Request for Waiver of Facility Fee – Squamish Library
“THAT the Board waive the \$283.50 facility rental fee for the use of Valleycliffe Elementary for the Adult ESL Literacy Program sponsored by the Squamish Public Library, Capilano College, and the Howe Sound Women’s Centre, being held in May and June of 2007.”
CARRIED

Fee waivers will be discussed in conjunction with the Community Use of School Facilities Policy review.

4) French Immersion – Signal Hill Elementary

“THAT a French Immersion Program not be offered at Signal Hill Elementary School in the 2007/08 school year.”

CARRIED

“THAT staff be directed to develop a French Immersion policy by the fall of 2007, including the parameters and procedures to review a request for the implementation of a French Immersion program.”

CARRIED

“THAT the Board reconsider a French Immersion Program at Signal Hill Elementary School for the 2008/09 school year.”

CARRIED

B. INFORMATION ITEMS

1) Statement of Receipts and Disbursements – March & April, 2007

2) Budget Status Report

Nancy Edwards distributed a copy of the Budget Status Report noting the areas that should have approximately 20% of their budget remaining and areas which will likely have a surplus.

9. **BYLAWS AND POLICIES**

A. BYLAWS

1) School District No. 48 (Howe Sound) Annual Budget Bylaw 2007/08

“THAT the Board give first reading to School District No. 48 2007/08 Budget Bylaw as follows:

A Bylaw of THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48 (Howe Sound) (called the "Board") to adopt the annual budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2007/08 pursuant to section 113 of the *School Act*, R.S.B.C., 1996, c. 412 as amended from time to time (called the "Act").

1. The Board has complied with the provisions of the Act respecting the annual budget adopted by this bylaw.

2. This bylaw may be cited as School District No. 48 (Howe Sound) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2007/08.

3. The attached Schedule "A1" showing the estimated revenue and expenditure for the 2007/08 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$30,400,004 for the 2007/08 fiscal year was prepared in accordance with the Act.

4. The "A" Schedules are adopted as the annual budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2007/08.

CARRIED

Although the Budget is not yet adopted staff will begin the process to recruit a part time District Principal of Aboriginal Education, and will begin the process for the reduction of CUPE staff.

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

- School Improvement Plans - reporting out dates
- Letter from the Catholic Civic Rights League
- Process for filling vacancies

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

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

“THAT the meeting be adjourned.”

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer