

## School District No. 48 (Howe Sound)

Minutes of Special Board Meeting No. 781 held on Wednesday, March 5th 2008 at the School Board Office, Squamish, BC. The meeting was called to order at 11:05 am.

Present:

Dave Walden, Chairperson  
Rick Price, Vice-Chairperson  
Andrea Beaubien, Trustee  
Lyle Fenton, Trustee  
Andrée Janyk, Trustee  
Mike Milner, Trustee  
Chris Vernon-Jarvis, Trustee  
Nancy Edwards, Secretary-Treasurer  
John Hetherington, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer  
Rick Erickson, Superintendent of Schools  
Myrna MacRae, Executive Assistant

1. **AGENDA**

**“THAT the agenda of this meeting be approved as amended.”**

CARRIED

2. **Request to Waive Fees for Employee Funeral**

**“THAT all fees, including custodial costs for the use of Squamish Elementary School gymnasium on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 2008 for the funeral for Linnea McLaren be waived.”**

CARRIED

3. **Table of Specifications**

**“THAT the Table of Specifications for Organizing the School Timetable be approved.”**

CARRIED

4. **Defibrillators and CPR in Schools**

The Board discussed the possibility of having defibrillators available in schools.

**“THAT staff provide a report on the benefits of having defibrillators in schools, including equipment, maintenance, training.”**

CARRIED

5. **Whistler Secondary – Canadian Education Exchange Foundation**

No further information was available from the School.

6. **Follow-up to Meeting with District of Squamish Council**

The Board discussed the meeting with the District of Squamish Council including the following points:

- Open meeting format with press in attendance
- A meeting will be arranged to hear the District of Squamish proposal on transportation issues including regular service, free

summer bus passes for students, and education programs to encourage the use of transit.

- Use of schools by community groups and the rates charged.
- The mandate of the School District to provide education services and the mandate of the Municipality to provide recreation services
- The fees for many recreation programs could be reduced further if the programs were administered by the District of Squamish.
- Request for consideration of space in developments for schools, preschools and daycares.
- Use of the school by the community makes the school a more central part of the community.
- The history of the implementation of the School Site Acquisition Legislation in the District and plans for a further review and report.
- The School District has input into development applications, however the municipality and the developer are not obligated to accept the School District's recommendation or request.
- Trail network expansion and encouraging students to walk or bicycle to school.
- Follow up letter to Squamish Council.

**“THAT staff discuss the format for future meeting with District of Squamish staff, make arrangements for the meeting to discuss the transportation issues, and prepare a draft response to the questions discussed based on the meeting notes and any other relevant information.”**

CARRIED

#### 7. **Budget Guidelines for 2008/09**

The Board reviewed the notes of the meeting with partner groups and DPAC's written submission on budget guidelines for 2008/09.

Discussion points included:

- Guidelines are meant to be broad statements which are philosophical in nature, while the Board priorities provide the more focused statement.
- The intent of the guidelines is to provide direction to school and district staff when developing their budgets.
- Some of the 2007/08 guidelines are very broad statements and some are more focused.
- The guidelines should be broad enough for staff to decide on their program or service, while providing a reference to measure the program against – i.e. Does the planned program or service support the Board's guideline?
- New guidelines may create a new energy and direction.
- The guidelines should indicate that programs, plans and processes which improve student learning are what is needed.
- The district and school service plans will be developed by staff for review by the Finance Committee at the meetings on March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

**“THAT the following Budget guidelines be brought forward and adopted again for the 2008/2009 school year:**

**STUDENT LEARNING**

- **Focus on improving student learning – all learning for all students – so that each student successfully completes their secondary program of studies**
- **Continue to develop programs of choice for students**
- **Schools will review the provision of library and counseling services with their staff and School Planning Councils**

**ORGANIZING FOR LEARNING**

- **Focus on class size and composition in order to create a positive learning environment for all students**
- **Provide ongoing professional learning opportunities for staff**
- **Review reliance on International Education revenue**

**HEALTH/WELLNESS AND SAFETY**

- **Continue to develop and revise emergency plans for both district and school level operations**
- **Develop programs to improve health and fitness.”**

CARRIED

8. **Questions of Clarification From the Public**

9. **Adjournment**

“THAT the meeting be adjourned.”

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary-Treasurer