

School District No. 48 (Howe Sound)

Minutes of Board Meeting No. 785 held Wednesday, April 30th 2008 at the School Board Office in Squamish, BC. The meeting was called to order at 4:23 pm.

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 Edward, Secretary-Treasurer
Rick Erickson, Superintendent of Schools
Myrna MacRae, Executive Assistant

1. **AGENDA**

“THAT the agenda of this meeting be approved.”

CARRIED

2. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. **CHAIRPERSON’S REMARKS**

B. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REMARKS**

C. **SECRETARY-TREASURER’S REMARKS**

- Donation – Nancy Edwards advised that Westmana Development has donated \$25,000. for the field upgrade at Squamish Elementary and Howe Sound Secondary School.

3. **SQUAMISH ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Request for Committee Appointment – The District of Squamish has asked for a representative on their Accessibility Advisory Committee. Rick Erickson will make the appointment.

4. **DISTRIBUTION OF MAGNETS THROUGH SCHOOLS**

Rick Price excused himself from the Board table.

Rose Mackenzie and Rick Price explained the request from “Communities That Care Squamish” to distribute a letter and fridge magnet through the secondary schools as part the Community Trials Intervention Initiative, a program focusing on underage alcohol access.

If the first line of the third paragraph were removed, the School District logo could be added to the letter to indicate it is sanctioned by the School District.

“THAT if the Communities that Care April 9th draft letter is amended as suggested, the letter and the magnets can be distributed to Howe Sound and Don Ross Secondary School students.”

CARRIED

Rick Price returned to his position at the Board table.

5. **2009/10 SCHOOL CALENDAR-UPDATE**

Magy Odorfer presented the amended Table of Specification for the 2009/2010 Local School Calendar.

As it will be a challenge for secondary schools to make up the additional time, it may be easier if they built their calendars and the elementary schools worked around these.

The Board expressed concern that the start date for all schools may not be the same. The Table of Specifications can be changed to require that all schools within each community have the same start up date.

6. **FRENCH IMMERSION – SPRING CREEK COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

Spring Creek Community Schools has asked to offer a Grade 5 French Immersion class with only 15 students. Discussion included:

- The enrolment numbers do not meet the new policy requirement.
- The school has a sufficient budget to run a program with the small class size. Other schools wanting to run a similar program may not have that ability.
- If the program is offered there is a risk that there would be a decline next year and students would not be able to continue the program.
- Under the student centered leadership model this could be a school decision.
- It would set a precedent that would put pressure on other schools to run programs with low enrolment.
- Opportunity to provide choice is important, but there policy and regulations must be met first.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

“THAT the meeting be adjourned.”

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer