

## School District No. 48 (Howe Sound)

Minutes of Special Board Meeting No. 787 held Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> 2008 at the School Board Office, Squamish, BC. The meeting was called to order at 12:58 pm.

Present: Dave Walden, Chairperson  
Andrea Beaubien, Trustee  
Lyle Fenton, Trustee  
Mike Milner, Trustee  
Chris Vernon-Jarvis, Trustee  
Rick Erickson, Superintendent of Schools  
John Hetherington, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer  
Myrna MacRae, Executive Assistant  
Paul Wick, Squamish Nation

1. **Agenda**

**“THAT the agenda of this meeting be approved.”**  
CARRIED
2. **Minutes**
  - A. **“THAT the minutes of Board Meeting No. 786 held Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 2008 be adopted.”**

CARRIED
  - B. **“THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole - Meeting held Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 2008 be adopted.”**

CARRIED
3. From May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Meeting
  - A. **Aboriginal Education Community – Student Success Completion Advisor Position Reduction**

Dave Walden announced that the item was for discussion as a result of the presentation held on May 14, 2008. The Board discussed the importance of the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement recommendations, the success worker positions, the positive impact on relationship and trust building, the difficulty in reviewing the entire budget again, the danger in pre-committing additional funds from the anticipated surplus to cover the cut of the .5FTE position, and other methods to support First Nation students.

**“THAT if there is a surplus over what has already been committed, then the first \$42,000 is allocated to the Aboriginal Student Success Worker position.”**  
MOTION DEFEATED

There were many other items that were cut from the budget and everything must be considered together when examining the allocation of any surplus.

Rick Erickson will clarify whether there is a dedicated homework space for Pemberton Secondary First Nations students.

**B. Program of Choice Request –All Day/Alternate Day Kindergarten – Signal Hill Elementary School**

Marilyn Caldwell joined the meeting and explained the two proposals for two additional kindergarten programs at Signal Hill Elementary for 2008/09 – full day user pay program and full day alternate day program.

The Board reviewed and discussed the projected enrolments and class configuration, the school preference, financial and other impacts of the proposed Kindergarten programs at Signal Hill Elementary.

**“THAT the Board approve in principle, the Full Day User Pay Kindergarten Program of Choice for Signal Hill Elementary School for the 2008/09 School Year.”**

CARRIED

Marilyn Caldwell and John Hetherington answered questions on the Full Day, User Pay Kindergarten Financial Structure Options.

Discussion included: responsibilities, minimum numbers, fees, funding, etc. Some Trustees preferred the School Option; however noted that fees should be the same for any school offering the program.

The Financial Structure Options for User Pay Kindergarten will be discussed with the Principals and then placed on the June 11<sup>th</sup> agenda for approval of the Board.

4. **ITEMS BROUGHT OUT OF IN CAMERA - Nil**
5. **QUESTIONS OF CLARIFICATION FROM THE PUBLIC**
6. **ADJOURNMENT**

“THAT the meeting be adjourned.”

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer