



# 48 FORUM

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## Board Meeting Highlights March 9, 2005

### CHAIRPERSON:

#### Doug Hackett announced that:

- The Board will seek a meeting with the Minister of Education in Victoria, to showcase School District 48 initiatives and discuss education issues.
- At a meeting of Community representatives held in Squamish with the Federal Minister of Health, Ujal Dosanjh; he agreed to a request that the Federal Government consider developing a program to test the sight and hearing of preschool children, and said that he would bring this topic forward at the next Health First Ministers Conference.
- Education Week (March 7 through 11, 2005) was upon us and that the community invited to participate in the many school activities that will take place during the time period. A list of some of these activities was distributed.

### SUPERINTENDENT:

#### Dr. Rick Erickson:

- Local School Calendars – Each of the schools have been meeting to discuss their proposed calendar.
- The second training session for School Planning Council members was held on February 22 & 23, 2005.
- Late French Immersion programs for September 2005 will be available at Spring Creek Community School in Whistler, and Mamquam Elementary School in Squamish.
- SmartRisk Assemblies were held at each of the district's secondary schools on March 7, 2005. The purpose of the assemblies was to discuss risk taking and the consequences of the right and wrong decision.
- Secondary Futures Community Meetings will be held as follows:
  - Howe Sound Secondary – Wed. March 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm
  - Pemberton Secondary – Wed. March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm
  - Whistler Secondary – Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm

### SECRETARY-TREASURER:

#### Nancy Edwards:

- Seismic upgrades – During the next 15 years, the Ministry of Education will complete required seismic upgrades on all schools in the province. Myrtle Philip Community School is one of the schools approved by the Minister for upgrade in the next three years. While many of our facilities are relatively new, there are 8 additional schools that require seismic upgrades.
- The operating funding announcement for 2005/06 from the Ministry of Education is due on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

### DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

#### Power Smart – Student Work Experience

Rick Hume introduced the four Don Ross Secondary School students who completed the 16 week BC Hydro Power Smart Work Experience Program in which they conducted lighting and other energy audits on six elementary schools in Squamish. Using "E-Review", an online tool to input their data, they were able to produce energy profiles on each school.

Through the project the students identified a potential saving of over \$58,000 per year. The capital cost to implement these changes would be approximately \$525,000. The investment would have a nine-year payoff.

The student group presented Doug Hackett, Chairperson with their written report.

## DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

### Communities That Care – Youth Survey

Rob Smith and Sonja Lebens presented their request to conduct a youth health survey and answered questions from the Board. The Board authorize the administering of the Squamish CTC Youth Survey as presented.

## TRUSTEES

### A. Information Items

#### i) Trustee Reports

- Andree Janyk asked that a Board 2010 Olympic committee meeting be held.
- Mike Milner reported that he attended the recent DPAC meeting and that the members appreciated the written response to the questions on the Whistler/Blackcomb matching funds.

## EDUCATION

### A. Information Items

### B. Action Items

#### i) BCSTA Report

Board members discussed the proposal to change the voting structure for the BCSTA and agreed to support this motion at the upcoming provincial council meeting.

#### ii) BC School Sports Association

The Board discussed the possibility of sending a school district representative to the upcoming BC School Sports Association AGM in Surrey to vote on the District's behalf. Rick Erickson will investigate this further.

## BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

### A. Information Items

#### i) Report of Receipts and Disbursements – January 31, 2005

#### ii) School District No. 48 (Howe Sound) Operating Fund Report – December 31, 2004

#### iii) School District No. 48 (Howe Sound) Operating Fund Report – January 31, 2005

Nancy Edwards will review the Board's request to have preliminary reports earlier in the year.

### B. Action Items:

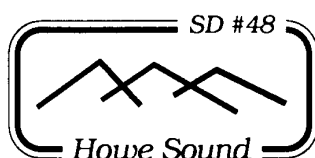
#### i) Greenhouses at Myrtle Philip School - Whistler Community Services Society

The Board approve a one year extension (May 1, 2005 to April 30, 2006) of the "Grounds Use Agreement" with the Whistler Community Services Society for use of the lower field at Myrtle Philip Community School for greenhouses.

Some concern was express that if the site is used as a community garden, dogs may be a problem at the site. Nancy Edwards will discuss the matter of dog control on the site.

#### ii) Dry Grad 2005 – Request for Waiver of Fees

The facility rental fee for use of the designated areas of Howe Sound Secondary by Dry Grad 2005 on May 28/29 was waived. The Dry Grad 2005 Committee will be required to pay the custodial and other hard costs associated with the rental.



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