



# 48 FORUM

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## Board Meeting Highlights September 14, 2005

### CHAIRPERSON:

#### Doug Hackett :

- The Squamish Chief has offered to feature an Education Page, with contributions from a different Squamish school each week commencing September 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Reported that the meeting with the Editor of the Pique provided an opportunity to discuss what is happening at Whistler Secondary and in the School District in general.
- A letter was received from the Howe Sound Teachers' Association requesting that the Board call upon the government to immediately meet with the BCTF. The meeting has now taken place.

### SUPERINTENDENT:

#### Dr. Rick Erickson:

- Welcomed everyone to the 2005 - 06 school year.
- Twenty Pemberton Secondary School Grade 11/12 students have registered for Carpentry under the new School District No. 48 Trades Training Program. Howe Sound Secondary is running a Culinary Arts Program. The trades training program may be expanded to Whistler next year.
- "Life Long Learning" – Community Education – The Board has re-instituted continuing education in Howe Sound. Barbara Wepruk is the new Continuing Education Coordinator. The program will provide opportunities for adults in non-credit and credit courses. A flyer outlining the first available courses is now being distributed. in the community.
- District Review Process – Every three or four years a Ministry of Education team visits the district for one week to review the educational programs and initiatives. The Review Team will be in the District in the Spring.
- A copy of the Whistler Secondary School brochure was distributed. The District will be producing information brochures for each of the secondary schools to provide information to potential students, as well as members of our communities.
- The recipients of \$1,000. Provincial Scholarships was announced.

### SECRETARY-TREASURER:

#### Nancy Edwards:

- Six of the district's school busses have been approved for conversion funding under the "Diesel School Bus Emissions Reduction Program".
- Enrolment Information 2005/06 – It appears from preliminary figures that the decline in enrolment for this year may not be as significant as predicted this Spring. More will be known when the official numbers are reported on September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The Ministry of Education has just completed a Facility Audit on Howe Sound Secondary School. This information will be reviewed by the Ministry of Education to determine which schools in the province will have priority for funding of renovation projects under their capital plans.
- Several months ago the Ministry of Education announced approval for a Seismic upgrade to Myrtle Philip Community School. The next step in the process is a Feasibility Study to determine the most cost-effective way to upgrade the facility. This study is being conducted by Pomeroy Engineering.

### DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- 1) **Data/Information** – Rick Erickson compared the district student attendance for 2003-2004 with 2004-2005 and noted that most schools had over 90% attendance.
- 2) **Summer Program**  
Lawrence Tarasoff presented an overview of the three components of the Summer Program and provided recommendations for a 2006 Summer Program.
- 3) **International Education**  
Mike Weeks reported on the success of the two International Summer Camps and the status of the 2005-06 International Program. He introduced Jutta L'Hirondelle, Kathy McRadu, Sue Emerick, all teachers, who along with Principal Seb Amenta, travelled to Korea during the summer to meet and test the elementary students who would be studying in Squamish during the 2005-06 school year. Each person commented on the positive experience of the trip.

## TRUSTEES

### A. Information Items

#### i) Trustee Reports

Andree Janyk reported on her attendance at the Whistler Chamber of Commerce meeting and Tourism Whistler's interest in the secondary school work experience program. She encouraged attendance at the Leadership Conference and also advised that the new MLA will be in Whistler once a month.

Trustee Judy Bourhis announced that she would not be seeking re-election in November and encouraged other members of the community to become involved and run for School Trustee.

#### ii) Board Priorities – 2005/2006

The Board's 2005-2006 Priorities were approved.

## EDUCATION

### A. Information Items

Nil

### B. Action Items

Nil

## BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

### A. Information Items

#### i) Report of Receipts and Disbursements – July 2005 - Information only

### B. Action Items

#### i) 2004/05 Financial Statements and Audit Report

Secretary-Treasurer Nancy Edwards outlined the differences in the reporting requirements on the financial statements now that school districts must comply with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. Ms. Edwards also reviewed a Question and Answer sheet, which covered the most frequently asked questions regarding the school budget and financial statements.

The Auditor, Teresa Waterhouse, of BDO Dunwoody & Co. attended the Board Meeting and stated that it was a clean audit in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

The Audited Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2005, were approved.

#### ii) Unrestricted Surplus (Unallocated Funds)

The Board approved the allocation of the unrestricted surplus as recommended by District Management, subject to some possible revisions that would be brought back to the Board for approval.

#### iii) Request for Use of School for a Public Dance - Sea to Sky Singers

The Board approve the request by Sea to Sky Singers to hold a fund-raising event, including a dance at Howe Sound Secondary School on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

## BYLAWS & POLICIES

### A. BYLAWS

#### i) School District No. 48 (Howe Sound) 2006/2007 Capital Plan

The Board of School Trustees approve the Five Year Capital Plan as outlined on the attached summary.

### B. POLICIES, REGULATIONS & ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

#### i) Policy & Regulations 905.2-Disposal and Acquisition of Land or Improvements

Policy & Regulation 905.2 Disposal and Acquisition of Land or Improvements received first and second reading and will be distributed through Policy Impact process.

#### ii) Policy & Regulations 602.11 – Community Education

Policy & Regulation 602.11 Community Education received first and second reading and will be distributed through Policy Impact process.

#### iii) Regulation 1004.1— Community Use of School Facilities

Was approved as amended in section VIII.

#### iv) Administrative Procedure AP301.1.12–Coordinator – Community Education

Information only

#### v) Administrative Procedure AP301.1.13 District Principal–International Education

Information only

#### vi) Administrative Procedure AP301.1.14 – Manager – International Education

Information only

## ITEMS BROUGHT OUT OF IN CAMERA

Doug Hackett announced that the Board would contribute \$5,000. to the Youth Leadership Conference being held in Whistler October 20-22<sup>nd</sup> with funding to come from the profit earned as a result of the International Summer Camps.