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Board Meeting Highlights January 17, 2007

CHAIRPERSON:

Dave Walden

- A meeting with Joan McIntyre, MLA has been confirmed for March 16th from 10:00 a.m. to noon.
- The meeting with the Village of Pemberton Council has been scheduled for March 13th.
- Learning in Action Showcase - Dave Walden read a letter from Penny Tees, President of BCSTA congratulating and thanking teacher Lynn Bouchard, for her ingenious display of partnership initiatives for the parent focused program for the "Learning in Action Showcase".
- The Committee Appointments for 2007 have been completed with a few minor changes from last year. The new list will be posted on the district website – www.sd48.bc.ca.

SUPERINTENDENT:

Dr. Rick Erickson:

- The International Education program has grown to approximately 200 students and generates about two million dollars in gross revenue for the district.
- The Trades Training Opportunities are being expanded with Carpentry being added at Howe Sound Secondary in February.
- The draft Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement is being presented at meetings throughout the district to provide an opportunity for all staff to review and comment on the proposed agreement.
- A group of parents recently held a meeting and will be conducting a survey to determine the number of elementary school students who may be interested in a French Immersion Program in Pemberton.

SECRETARY-TREASURER:

Nancy Edwards:

- Advised that the Final Budget Development Process for 2006/07 is almost complete. It is anticipated that the final funding amounts will be provided to schools on Friday, January 19th. The Finance Committee will review the District Services Plan and budget and School budgets on February 1st, with the Final 2006/07 Budget being adopted by the Board at the February 14th meeting.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. Finance Committee Meeting Notes

- i) Meeting held November 29, 2006
- ii) Meeting held December 6, 2006
- iii) Meeting held December 12, 2006
- iv) Meeting held December 15, 2006
- v) Meeting held January 3, 2007

The notes of the Finance Committee Meetings held on November 29th, December 6th, 12th, 15th and January 3rd were received.

- vi) Meeting held January 17, 2007

The Board received the Draft District Services Plan and Budget for 2006/07 and schools will be notified of their final funding allocation for 2006/07.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES (Continued)

B. Policy Committee Meeting Notes

i) Meeting held November 22, 2006

The notes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on November 22nd, 2006 were received.

ii) Meeting held December 6, 2006

The notes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on December 6th, 2006 were received.

iii) Policy and Regulation 505.4 BCeSIS – Use of Provincial Student Information System

The Board gave first and second reading to Policy and Regulation 505.4 BCeSIS – Use of Provincial Student Information System. The policy and regulation will be sent through the Policy Impact Process.

TRUSTEES ITEMS

A. BCSTA Provincial Council – Call for Motions

It was noted that the next BCSTA Provincial Council meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2007. Should the Board have any emergent issues that cannot wait for the Annual General Meeting, they should be submitted to the Provincial Council meeting by January 17th.

B. Trustee Reports

Trustee Milner invited everyone to participate in the upcoming meetings to review and comment on the draft Aboriginal Education Agreement.

Dave Walden announced that the “Communities That Care” program has been expanded to include Pemberton and he was able to attend a recent meeting.

Trustee Beaubien commented on the very successful visit of a group of Columbian elementary school students to our district and their presentations held at Don Ross Secondary and Garibaldi Highlands Elementary Schools.

GENERAL

ACTION ITEMS

i) School Fees

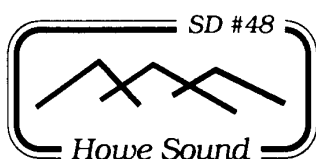
Rick Erickson provided a brief outline of the school fee issue since the recent court case and reviewed the draft letter to be sent to parents and staff on January 18th. The draft letter regarding school fees was approved for distribution.

INFORMATION ITEMS

i) 2007/08 Capital Plan

The Capital Plan as submitted, along with the Ministry of Education’s priority ranking of the projects was provided for information. Nancy Edwards noted that once again the Ministry of Education has ranked the replacement of the Pemberton Maintenance Bus Garage as a low priority.

The Board will send a letter to the Minister of Education expressing concern that the recent letter from the Ministry of Education again assigns a low priority to the replacement of the Pemberton Maintenance/Bus Garage facility, and further that the Board request a meeting with the Minister to discuss the matter further.



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