

School District No. 48 (Howe Sound)

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting No. 793 held Wednesday, September 10, 2008 at the School Board Office. The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

Present: Dave Walden, Chairperson
Rick Price, Vice-Chairperson
Andrea Beaubien, Trustee
Lyle Fenton, Trustee
Andrée Janyk, Trustee
Mike Milner, Trustee
Chris Vernon-Jarvis, Trustee
Rick Erickson, Superintendent of Schools
Nancy Edwards, Secretary-Treasurer
Trish Farina, Executive Assistant
John Hall, President, HSTA
Ryan Massey, Vice-Principal, Don Ross Secondary
Terrill Patterson

1. AGENDA

“THAT the agenda of this meeting with the addition of Trustee Reports under 6. Committees be approved.”

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

A.

“THAT the minutes of Board Meeting No. 792 held Wednesday, August 27th 2008 be adopted.”

CARRIED

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS:

- Meeting schedule 2008/09
A copy of the 2008/09 Regular Board Meetings schedule was provided in the agenda package for information.

B. SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS

- New School Year
Rick Erickson, Superintendent of Schools reported that the student numbers for 2008/09 are slightly ahead of what schools anticipated. The Principals and Teachers are presently meeting regarding placement of students in classes. As well, the new Principals and Vice Principals are looking forward to new initiatives.

C. SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REMARKS

- Transportation – Kids on the Go
Nancy Edwards, Secretary-Treasurer contacted the Resort Municipality of Whistler to advise them that the School District is prepared to enter into an agreement for this school year to transport students who attend the “Kids on the Go” after school care program. The RMOW does have a plan in place for school start up and was happy to hear that the School District could assist. The Resort

Municipality of Whistler will get back to Nancy Edwards regarding a transportation agreement.

- Student numbers – Resident
Nancy Edwards, Secretary-Treasurer provided a handout showing September 2008 School Age Resident Pupil Populations. Data is incomplete and too early to determine. Presently the elementary numbers are up from projections and hopefully this will be a turn in our demographics. We can not draw on data until we have all the school by school transfers finalized.
- Student numbers – International
Nancy Edwards, Secretary-Treasurer provided a handout with Elementary and Secondary International numbers and their country of origin. The International student numbers are up from projected budget, but down from last year's numbers. More students are still expected to arrive for this school year.

4. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. Rental Fee Waiver Criteria –

Recommendation: **“THAT the following criteria be utilized when requests for fee waivers are considered:**
(a) Custodial fees (where additional fees are incurred) be considered in order of priority.
i) Classification B
ii) Classification C
iii) Classification D
(b) Custodial and Facility fees where the program is perceived to be consistent with and strengthen positive, healthy outcomes for youth.”

CARRIED

B. Inter School Sports – Ryan Massey

Ryan Massey, Vice Principal of Don Ross Secondary School spoke to the Board regarding the creation of a Howe Sound School District Sports Association. The Association's mission would be to increase and enhance opportunities for organized sports for our student athletes. Ryan provided a handout which outlined the short and long term goals of the Howe Sound School District Sports Association. He pointed out the values to our student athletes which would allow them participation and athlete development as a focus and would allow for travel time, and would also assist in keeping the costs down.

For the 2008/2009 school year the Association is asking for a first year start up budget of \$4,000 (breakdown of expense was provided).

The Board thanked Ryan for his presentation and advised that they would take the information provided under advisement and get back to him after this year's surplus had been determined.

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5. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- ##### A. Reminder that the deadline for submitting motions to BCSTA Provincial Council meeting is Sept. 26th, 2008.

Chairman Walden reminded the Board that if they have a motion with rationale that they wish to submit that the deadline is September 26th.

6. **COMMITTEES**

A. Policy Committee Minutes of September 3, 2008

“That the Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held September 3rd, 2008 be received.”
CARRIED

B. Trustee Reports

Trustee Andrea Beaubien updated the Board on the change of date (due to the Federal Election) of presenter Terry Small “Engaging the Brain”. The workshop will now be on Tuesday, December 9th from 4 to 6 p.m. at Don Ross Secondary School and will be of interest to Grade 4 to 12 teachers, parents, and students.

7) **ITEMS BRUGHT OUT OF IN CAMERA**

Nil

8) **QUESTIONS OF CLARIFICATION FROM THE PUBLIC**

- Mamquam Elementary School Overpass
Terrill Patterson asked if the Board was aware that the handrail on the new overpass across Highway 99 was approximately 4 feet high and would be out of reach for the small children.

Recommendation:

“THAT staff write a letter to the Ministry of Highway regarding the height of the handrail on the new overpass.”

CARRIED

- Trustees not seeking re-election
John Hall, President, HSTA ask if any of the Trustees would not be seeking re-election? Andree Janyk announced that she will not be seeking re-election.

9) **ADJOURNMENT**

“THAT the meeting be adjourned.” CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer