

School District No. 48 (Howe Sound)

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting No. 796 held Wednesday, October 22nd 2008 at the School Board Office. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

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Present: Dave Walden, Chairperson
Rick Price, Vice-Chairperson
Andrée Janyk, Trustee
Chris Vernon-Jarvis, Trustee
Lyle Fenton, Trustee
Andrea Beaubien, Trustee
Rick Erickson, Superintendent of Schools
Nancy Edwards, Secretary-Treasurer
Rick Hume, Director of Facilities and Services
Magy Odorfer, District Principal
Linda Arnold, Executive Assistant
Clare Ogilvie, Myrtle Philip PAC
Beverly Lucas, Myrtle Philip PAC
Connie Rabold, Garibaldi Highlands and Mamquam PAC and SPC
Dorothy Gregg, DRSS PAC, CUPE 779 V.P.
Erica Rigik, VANOC
Alastair Cameron, VANOC

1. **AGENDA**

“THAT the amended agenda of this meeting with the addition under Action Items 4(3) - Request from Dolores Franz Los - be approved.” CARRIED

2. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. **CHAIRPERSON’S REMARKS - Nil**
- B. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REMARKS - Nil**
- C. **SECRETARY-TREASURER’S REMARKS - Nil**

3. **DELEGATIONS:**

Myrtle Philip Community School Parent Advisory Council – Beverly Lucas and Claire Ogilvie – 2009/10 School Calendar

- Chairperson Dave Walden welcomed the delegation and told them that trustees may ask them question as to clarification and then they may leave at that point or remain for the rest of the meeting.
- Claire Ogilvie, Myrtle Philip PAC member, gave a presentation to the Board. She thanked the Board for the opportunity and their work on the School Calendars. She commented that many parents are concerned about the school closing dates, the loss of instructional, collaboration days and administration days. The PAC does support the calendar as shown but would like to give suggestions for possible changes no later than the February Board meeting.
- Claire stated that school has become an intricate part of our two working parent family lives. She urged the Board to take part in any discussion of what to do with the students while they are off school during the Olympic period so that they can be involved in some sort of program.

- Claire said that Signal Hill’s PAC has decided not to support the school calendar as proposed. Many of their concerns are the same as those of Myrtle Philip’s: Employers are not giving vacation during that time period, there are limited options for childcare, and there are transportation issues. They feel that the best place to learn about the Olympics is in the classroom. The students must come first and they are putting their trust in the Board.
- The Trustees thanked the delegation for an excellent presentation.

The delegation and representatives from VANOC left the meeting at 6:25 pm.

4. **ACTION ITEMS**

(i) 2009/10 Local School Calendar:

“THAT the Local School Calendar for 2009/10 for

- **Blackwater Creek Elementary**
- **Brackendale Elementary School**
- **Garibaldi Highlands Elementary School**
- **Mamquam Elementary School**
- **Myrtle Philip Community School**
- **Spring Creek Community School**
- **Signal Hill Elementary School**
- **Squamish Elementary School**
- **Stawamus Elementary School**

be approved as presented.” CARRIED

(ii) Proposed Change in Bus Routes – Pemberton Area:

Rick Hume addressed the issue of the D’arcy Bussing Pilot Project. He detailed to the Board the behavior problems that have plagued this bus run due to its one hour duration and the challenges to the staff. Many solutions have been tried including mentors and teaching assistants on the bus ride. The pilot program involves a separate elementary and secondary bus to D’arcy each day for afternoon’s only and student mentors to ride with the elementary students.

“THAT the bus route changes as proposed for D’arcy and Birken be implemented on a pilot basis, effective Monday, October 27th.” CARRIED

(iii) Request Letter from Delores Franz Los

A request was received from Ms. Los asking that the Board adjust the rental fees for the use of the Heritage Village cabins for a training camp for cross country skiers from School District 48.

“THAT the Board approve the request of Dolores Franz Los in her letter of Oct. 21/08

CARRIED

5. **COMMITTEES**

(i) Finance Committee Notes of October 8, 2008

“THAT the Notes of the Finance Committee Meeting held October 8, 2008 be received.”

CARRIED

“THAT the Finance Committee recommends to the Board that the Proposed Allocation of the Surplus of 2007/08 be accepted except for items 4, 5 and 6 which need more consideration.”

CARRIED

6. **ITEMS BROUGHT OUT OF IN CAMERA**

Professional Development brochure was brought out of camera.

7. **QUESTIONS OF CLARIFICATION FROM THE PUBLIC**

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

“THAT the meeting be adjourned.” CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer