



EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

Wednesday, January 25, 2017, 4:00 P.M.

SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE

425 Jermyn Avenue

MEMBERS PRESENT: Barb Sheppard, Chair
Shelley Clark, Trustee
Ginny Manning, Trustee
Linda Van Alphen, Trustee
Bruce Johnson, Trustee

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bill Bidlake
Julie Planiden

ALSO PRESENT: Wendy Hyer, Superintendent of Schools
Todd Manuel, Assistant Superintendent
Bonnie Roller Routley, Secretary Treasurer
Jason Corday, Director of Instruction
Susan Thomson, Director of Instruction
Jane Owen, Executive Assistant

1. Call to Order

Chair Sheppard called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: Duly moved and seconded.
That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

3. Presentations

3.1 SD67 Outdoor Learning

Darryl Tenisci, Principal and Tanya Thacker, Kindergarten/Grade 1 Teacher were welcomed by Chair Sheppard and presented on the success they have had with their outdoor learning program at West Bench Elementary School.

Teaching outside has allowed the children to ask many questions, learn and explore nature around the school. Students have been enjoying the outdoor setting. The staff would like to consider offering this type of learning to other grades in the future.

4. Information Items

4.1 International Baccalaureate Program

Chair Sheppard welcomed Roger Wiebe, Principal of Princess Margaret Secondary School as well as all the teachers in the audience who attended to show their support regarding the IB Program.



The principal and staff of Princess Margaret Secondary put forth a formal request to offer the International Baccalaureate Program at the school. Several documents were provided to the Board, providing information about the program, including costs and process. The principal and a representative from each area of study within the school attended the meeting to do a brief presentation to support their request.

Superintendent Hyer recommended senior staff investigate the implementation of the program, which would include forming a district committee to investigate the interest in the program, costs of the program, etc. This would include visiting Kamloops to discuss their experience in implementing IB and bringing the IB rep from North Vancouver to meet with the committee and trustees. As well, the school would commence with its Application for Candidacy.

The Education Committee made the following recommendation: That the Education Committee recommend to the Board of Education that senior staff establish a committee to explore the potential of implementing an IB Program at Princess Margaret Secondary School.

MOTION: Duly moved and seconded.
That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

4.2 Parent Open House: Student Reporting

Superintendent Hyer discussed the Parent Open House coming up on February 21. The Ministry of Education staff along with district staff will be hosting an open house to discuss future student reporting. The informal gathering is on from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a one hour brainstorming session from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This will be held at the IMC building.

This information has been sent out to all schools, parents, PAC's and is also available on the SD67 website.

4.3 Try It Day

Susan Thomson, Director of Instruction has been working alongside Reanne Holden, Manager, of Community Development, Special Olympics, BC in organizing a Special Olympics for all students on May 4, 2017. Queen's Park Elementary School has extended their school site to host the Olympics. Everyone is welcome. The children will be participating in four sports during the day.

5. Upcoming Policies

Superintendent Hyer commented that upcoming policies are being reviewed.

6. Question Period

No questions were presented.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

MOTION: Duly moved and seconded.
That the Education Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED