



EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

Wednesday, April 26, 2017, 4:00 P.M.
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE
425 Jermyn Avenue

MEMBERS PRESENT

Barb Sheppard, Chair
Shelley Clarke, Trustee
Bruce Johnson, Trustee
Ginny Manning, Trustee
Bill Bidlake, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT

Wendy Hyer, Superintendent of Schools
Bonnie Roller Routley, Secretary-Treasurer
Todd Manuel, Assistant Superintendent
Jason Corday, Director of Instruction
Susan Thomson, Director of Instruction

1. Call to Order

Chair Barb Shepard 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 and the Okanagan Hockey Academy - Supporting Excellence in Academics, Athletics, and Community

Penticton Secondary School Counselor, Dave Nackoney provided a historical overview of the OHA program, which grew from one team and 16 hockey players to eight teams and 160 student athletes since the inception of the program 14 years ago. Over time, the program evolved into an academy that focuses on academics, athletics and character development. Upon completion of Grade 12, many of the students receive full-ride scholarships to continue their studies and sport at various universities throughout North America. Three student athletes spoke to their experience with OHA and Penticton Secondary; all three acknowledged the supportive, caring teachers and coaches that supported them throughout their time in the district.

3.2 Growth Mind Sets - An Inquiry Project at Trout Creek Elementary

Jeff Redden, Principal and Charlotte Venkataraman, Teacher, at Trout Creek Elementary provided an overview of their School Plan, which focused on developing growth mindsets to teach resiliency and perseverance in students. In addition, they described a variety of activities that they offer on “MindUp Mondays” to develop strategies for dealing with anxiety.

4. Information Items

4.1 Youth Work in Trades Support Funding 2017-18

Applications for Youth in Trades Support Funding 2017-18 were released early this month. An application has once again been submitted an application for the grant, totaling \$30,000. The funds will be used to hire a “shoulder tapper” to make contact with employers, attend meetings with Trades Employers, outreach to parents, enhance awareness of trades opportunities and programs, promote careers in the trades and increase the number of students that participate in trades programs.

4.2 Changing Results for Young Children

The Ministry of Education, in partnership with the United Way of the Lower Mainland, has established a new initiative called ***Changing Results for Young Children*** (CR4YC). This professional learning initiative will focus on providing Early Childhood Educators and Primary teachers access to share learning and networking that focuses on the social and emotional well-being of young children. Three demonstration sites have been selected; SD67 and SD53 will be one of the three sites and the initiative will be fully funded.

5. Action Items

5.1 Policy No. 533 - Teacher Evaluation

The recommended changes to this policy are to more accurately reflect the processes and practices that are occurring in schools.

MOTION: That the Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education that **Policy No. 533 - Teacher Evaluation** be approved in principle and forwarded to partner groups for any suggestions for changes.
Duly moved and seconded.

CARRIED

6. Upcoming Policies

- Policy No. 211 – Distribution of Materials to Students
- Policy No. 230 – School Response for Critical Incidents
- Policy No. 240 – Parent Advisory Councils
- Policy No. 300 – Student Registration
- Policy No. 440 – Locally Developed Courses

7. Question Period

No questions were presented.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

MOTION: Duly moved and seconded.

CARRIED