



EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

Wednesday, September 30, 2015, 4:00 P.M.
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE
425 Jermyn Avenue

MEMBERS PRESENT **Bruce Johnson, Chair**
Linda Van Alphen, Trustee
Shelley Clarke, Trustee
Ginny Manning, Trustee
Barb Sheppard, Trustee
Julie Planiden, Trustee
Bill Bidlake, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT **Wendy Hyer, Superintendent of Schools**
Bonnie Roller Routley, Secretary-Treasurer
Dave Burgoyne, Assistant Superintendent
Don MacIntyre, Director of Instruction
Jane Owen, Executive Assistant

1. Call to Order

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:03 P.M.

2. Adoption of Agenda

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

CARRIED

3. Presentations

3.1 Queen's Park HUB Summer Library

Chair Johnson welcomed Nicole MacIntyre to the Education Committee meeting to provide a presentation on the HUB Summer Library at Queen's Park Elementary School. Ms. MacIntyre began this summer library program by initially speaking to Superintendent Wendy Hyer and Rob Zoppi (*former principal of Queen's Park*) about the concept of developing a summer library outside.

The summer library program is an ideal way for families to connect and take part in the joy of reading, as well as allowing assistance for those that may need guidance with literacy.

To contribute to the healthy summer atmosphere, fruit juice (provided by SunRype) and fresh fruit were provided for those attending. Valley First Credit Union donated book bags for families to use. Waterproof blankets were also used outside for children to enjoy reading under the trees.

Books were donated from teachers and the Raise-a-Reader program (Yasmin Thorpe) which greatly contributed to this successful program.

In its first year of operating, over 200 children participated. Children are excited to read and really enjoy the program. This program also benefits families that are not within walking distance to the local library.

Several trustees commented on how important the program is and thanked Ms. MacIntyre for her time and for providing this service to families over the summer.

4. Information Items

4.1 Ministry of Education Update:

Superintendent Hyer provided an update on future plans that the Ministry of Education provided at the recent BCSSA Summer Academy.

The Ministry of Education powerpoint presentation was shown to the Board and provided an overview of several topics, including Curriculum & Competencies, Assessment & Reporting, Framework for Enhancing Student Learning, Continuing Professional Development, Provincial Scholarships Program, My Education BC and the Next Generation Network.

The Ministry of Education is relying on districts to share knowledge and expertise with other districts.

5. Action Items

5.1 Learning Improvement Fund - Spending Plan

The Ministry of Education has provided over \$1 million dollars to be dispersed throughout School District No. 67 for additional teachers and education assistants to support student needs in classes.

Superintendent Hyer discussed the process for allocating the Learning Improvement Fund resources.

Assistant Superintendent Burgoyne reviewed how the LIF funds were allocated to schools: \$220,697 on Education Assistants and \$822,788 for additional teachers.

Superintendent Hyer thanked school staffs, principals, OSTU and district staff in their efforts to effectively allocate the LIF Funds.

MOTION: Duly moved and seconded
That the Education Committee recommend that the Learning Improvement Fund report be received by the Board of Education and submitted to the Minister of Education.

CARRIED

5.2 Upcoming Policies

- Policy No. 211 – Distribution of Materials to Students
- Policy No. 212 – Trespassers on School Property
- Policy No. 230 – School Response for Critical Incidents
- Policy No. 240 – Parent Advisory Councils
- Policy No. 300 – Student Registration
- Policy No. 312 – District Discipline Committee
- Policy No. 317 – Harassment/Threats/Intimidation/Racial Prejudice/Violence
- Policy No. 322 – Work Experience Programs
- Policy No. 340 – Graduation Functions – Secondary Schools
- Policy No. 440 – Locally Developed Courses
- Policy No. 471 – Copyright Laws

6. Question Period

Chair Johnson thanked Alan Stel, principal of Penticton Secondary School for his support on behalf of the BCPVPA.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

MOTION: Duly moved and seconded
That the Education Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED