



## EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

Wednesday, January 6, 2016, 4:00 P.M.  
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE  
425 Jermyn Avenue

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**ALSO PRESENT**

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

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**1. Call to Order**

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

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

CARRIED

**3. Presentations**

**3.1 Maker Spaces**

Chair Johnson welcomed Trevor Knowlton, the Careers and Apprenticeship Coordinator and Todd Manuel, Director of Instruction (*Student Services*) to the Education Committee as they enlightened the group on a new initiative that is being arranged in the district. Don MacIntyre, Director of Instruction is also involved with the coordination process.

Mr. Knowlton provided an overview on this new initiative to SD67. Maker Spaces (MIT designed)

is a unique educational program (for K-12 | Adults) which promotes learning through play with a focus on science, math, technology, electrical and engineering. This Maker movement is international and involves students in using every day materials to create objects. The idea behind this program provides in-service training, to teachers, introduces students to this type of creative learning, which may eventually interest students in apprenticeship programs.

SD67's project starts with three mobile maker carts. Carts would rotate to schools for approximately 2-3 weeks then be forwarded on to different schools.

Trustees were given Google cardboard to make their own project, going online to [www.code67.ca](http://www.code67.ca) for a little fun!

Chair Johnson thanked everyone for bringing this fascinating initiative to the district.

### **3.2 2015 Dream Lift Trip**

Chair Johnson welcomed Todd Manual, Director of Instruction and Katy Cox, District Occupational Therapist to the Education Committee to present on their recent Dream Lift experience in December.

Dream Lift is a program that is designed for children with severe disabilities or life threatening illnesses. Four SD67 students were chosen to participate this year.

Those that attended enjoyed the Disney parade and rides and many other Disney activities. New friends were made and some students mentioned they appreciated the chance to connect with other students.

The trip was short but exhausting (fogged in at the John Wayne Airport) however, everyone cooperated to help the students return home safely.

The trip was extremely successful. Ms. Cox is hoping they will have another opportunity to attend again in three years.

Chair Johnson thanked Ms. Cox and Mr. Manual for their thoughtful work on behalf of the students that attended.

## **5. Action Items**

### **5.1 Policy No. 340 - Graduation Functions - Secondary Schools**

MOTION: Duly moved and seconded.

That the Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education that Policy No. 340 - Graduation Functions - Secondary Schools be approved in principle and forwarded to partner groups until February 12, 2016 for any suggestions for changes. CARRIED

**6. 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. 317 – Harassment/Threats/Intimidation/Racial Prejudice/Violence
- Policy No. 322 – Work Experience Programs
- Policy No. 440 – Locally Developed Courses

**7. Question Period**

Chair Johnson thanked everyone for attending.

**8. Adjournment**

That the Education Committee be adjourned.

MOTION: Duly moved and seconded.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 pm.