



EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

Wednesday, January 27, 2016, 4:00 P.M.
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE
425 Jermyn Avenue

MEMBERS PRESENT **Bruce Johnson, Chair**
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
Maureen Hayter, Director of Finance
Todd Manual, Director of Instruction
Don MacIntyre, Director of Instruction
Jane Owen, Executive Assistant

1. Call to Order

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:04 P.M.

2. Adoption of Agenda

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

CARRIED

3. Presentations

4. Information Items

4.1 BC's Framework for Enhancing Student Learning - Overview and Update

Superintendent Hyer reviewed the presentation on BC's Framework for Enhancing Student Learning. This information had been previously shown at the last BCSTA Academy meeting when Dean Goodman mentioned the ministry plans to move from the accountability framework to a process with more flexibility. Many districts provided constructive feedback regarding the former procedures that have been in place and why they were not effective.

The Ministry of Education is shifting to a multi-year plan that focusses on all education partners having a role and responsibility to create an educated citizen. Creating a strong focus on student learning that is sustainable and supports continuous improvement after graduation, allowing students to become better communicators, self-motivators as well as the goal of contributing significantly to society.

2015-16 is a transition year. This year the district is responsible for developing and posting their annual district and school planning process. Superintendent Hyer and Director of Instruction MacIntyre will be working with staff to develop this district framework.

Chair Johnson thanked Superintendent Hyer and Director of Instruction MacIntyre for an informative overview.

5. Action Items

5.1 New Curriculum Implementation Planning – Update

In September 2015, Minister of Education Bernier and BCTF President Iker announced a three-year support plan to help teachers deliver the new curriculum effectively and efficiently in their classrooms.

This year, teachers are provided two additional non-instructional days, giving them the time needed to be trained on and to collaborate with their colleagues regarding the new curriculum. In consultation with OSTU, the two days selected for these sessions are April 27th and May 24th. These days were selected based on the availability of presenters from the Ministry. This was accomplished by a re-allotment of instructional hours.

Next year and the year after, 5 new hours of non-instructional time will be dedicated to curriculum implementation. This was also accomplished by a re-allotment of instructional hours.

MOTION: Duly moved and seconded.

That the school calendar be amended to include two non-instructional days, April 27 and May 24, 2016 in accordance with the School Calendar Regulation, BC Reg 314/12, to provide teachers with an opportunity to participate in discussions and activities relating to

the implementation of curriculum documents listed in section 1(i) of the Education Program Guide Order, M333/99.

CARRIED

5.2 Policy No. 350 - Nutrition

MOTION: Duly moved and seconded.

That the Board of Education approves Policy No. 350 - Nutrition as presented.

CARRIED

5.3 Policy No. 507 - Criminal Record Checks

MOTION: Duly moved and seconded.

That the Board of Education approves Policy No. 507 - Criminal Record Checks as presented.

CARRIED

6. Upcoming Policies

Superintendent Hyer commented that policies will be reviewed on a continual basis to ensure they remain current.

- 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. 322 – Harassment/Threats/Intimidation/Racial Prejudice/Violence
- Policy No. 440 – Locally Developed Courses

7. Question Period

No questions were asked by the audience.

8. Adjournment

MOTION: Duly moved and seconded.

That the Education Committee be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.