



EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

Wednesday, November 2, 2016, 4:00 P.M.

SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE

425 Jermyn Avenue

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

ALSO PRESENT **Wendy Hyer, Superintendent of Schools**
Todd Manuel, Assistant Superintendent
Jason Corday, Director of Instruction
Susan Thomson, Director of Instruction
Jane Owen, Executive Assistant

1. Call to Order

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: Duly moved and seconded.

That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

3. Presentations

3.1 Early Development Instrument

Kirsten Odian was welcomed by Chair Johnson to review the district's 2015-16 EDI results.

The EDI process is used in over 14 countries and was developed in Vancouver at the University of British Columbia to help in gathering vital information on early learning for children in regards to their physical health, well-being social competence, emotional maturity, language, cognitive and communication skills.

A detailed video was shown on data for Kindergarten children in SD67 during 2015-16 which included information on gender, age and languages spoken. The EDI model has been very successful for districts in BC as it allows teachers to analyze and support children in many different situations. With this data it is possible to eliminate any potential problems as children go into adulthood. Data from the EDI has been helpful material for the new Early Years Learning Centre.

3.2 Assessment, Grading and Reporting Field Work - Year 2

Chair Johnson welcomed Darcy Mullin, Jason Corday and Sheri Seddon to present on the work they have been accomplishing in regards to Assessment, Grading and Reporting since their previous report in the spring.

A presentation was shown reviewing feedback on the pilot work the past year at Summerland Middle school. Overall parents, teachers and students involved in Fresh Grade felt a positive connection – a ‘window into the classroom’ in real time as to what is going on in the classroom with their child.

As a committee, the group involved in the pilot project learned:

- consistent reporting from teachers to ensure quality control
- hosting a summit for parents three times a year
- modify ‘over posting’
- document guideline for teachers
- uploading large documents/artwork/video can be slow – *software/technology may improve in the future?*
- about 50% of teachers used Fresh Grade, 50% did not

Those that use this method of reporting felt it was very effective. The Ministry of Education recognizes with the new curriculum that parents, teachers and students would value a more effective way to communicate.

Other districts are using this reporting method with great success.

4. Information Items

4.1 Okanagan Hockey Academy

Superintendent Hyer reported that the September enrollment has been finalized for the Okanagan Hockey Academy:

- 148 students are enrolled in the OHA
- 37 of 148 are Penticton residents = 111 new OHA students to our district
- of the 111 students, 87 are from various areas in BC (once SD67 is out of funding protection, the 87 students will result in increased funding to the district)
- 24 of the 87 students are from outside BC; 10 from other provinces, 8 from the USA and 6 from other countries. These students pay tuition fees to attend school in the district.

Increased student numbers means more teachers in our schools, which result in additional course offerings in schools.

4.2 Hockey Canada Skills Academy Program

Superintendent Hyer provided details on exploring the possibility of offering a Hockey Canada Skills Academy Program through Skaha Lake Middle School. Principal, Terry Grady and District Principal, Allen Beckingham have been the contacts with Hockey Canada.

The program would be offered to students in Grades 6, 7 and 8, with hopes of having a class of 30 at each level participating in the program.

Discussions are taking place regarding ice costs, City of Penticton, etc., and would focus on providing students who do not usually play hockey with an opportunity to learn how to skate, learn the game as well as staying active. The intent is to have this program as the students P.E. program and would combine dry-land training with on-ice training as well.

Hockey Canada would provide instruction on the ice, assisting the P.E. teacher. School staff and District Principal, Allen Beckingham will be finalizing budget items and researching with parents to see whether there may be some interest.

5. Upcoming Policies

Superintendent Hyer mentioned upcoming policies are being reviewed.

6. Question Period

There were no questions presented.

7. Adjournment

MOTION: Duly moved and seconded.

That the Education Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 PM.