



EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

Wednesday, September 13, 2017, 4:00 P.M.

SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE

425 Jermyn Avenue

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ALSO PRESENT

Wendy Hyer, Superintendent of Schools
Bonnie Roller Routley, Secretary-Treasurer
Todd Manuel, Assistant Superintendent
Susan Thomson, Director of Instruction
Caroline Ryan, Executive Assistant

1. Call to Order

Chair Sheppard 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 Summer School 2017

Bo Boxall, Principal of the 2017 Middle / Secondary Summer School Program, and Jacquie Hicks, Principal of the 2017 Elementary Summer School Program, presented their separate Summer School Reports to the Committee.

Mr. Boxall advised that the Middle / Secondary Summer School had an increase of one student from last year. He recommended that Summer School 2018 should stay at Penticton Secondary School as it appears to be easy for students to get to and that he would like to promote the Summer School Program within the District schools to

increase enrollment, i.e. through the District Website and by visiting the schools personally.

Ms. Hicks showed an iMovie of the Elementary Summer School. The Elementary Program saw an increase of 25 students from 2016 – total of 138 students. Her recommendations for Summer School 2018 included welcome letters to parents once the registrations are complete, to be handed to students at their home schools. Parkway Elementary is a fantastic location and works well as 70% of the students were from catchment schools close to Parkway. If the location had to be changed, Carmi or Queen's Park would be the next choices. She also mentioned that on the first day of Elementary Summer School, one to one and a half hours of clerical support would be greatly appreciated.

4. Information Items

4.1 Curriculum Implementation and Coding Support

In June 2016, the government provided School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha) with \$65,925.00 to support curriculum implementation efforts in coding-related teacher training and student / teacher curriculum resources. Districts are able to use these funds over two years to increase District readiness to implement mandatory coding for students by the end of Grade 9, starting September. Assistant Superintendent Manuel provided an overview of activities that have occurred over the past year and gave an overview of District plans for the 2017/18 school year. The District has seven teachers participating in training with Lighthouse Labs.

4.2 School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha) WE Schools Impact Report

Superintendent Hyer gave an overview of the involvement that students in the District had with WE Schools during the 2015-16 school year. Students from seven schools attended. Superintendent Hyer received invitations for three guests who may want to attend WE Day during the 2017-18 school year.

5. Action Items

5.1 McCreary Centre Society

Superintendent Hyer shared a questionnaire from the McCreary Centre Society which has invited School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha) to participate in the 2018 BC Adolescent Health Survey. This survey is the most comprehensive source for reliable, BC-based information about teen health (Grades 7 to 12). The information collated from this can be shared with Community Foundation, PDCRS and other community organizations. Trustees commented that it provides a good snap shot of what is going on with teens and a comparator to what has happened previously.

MOTION: Duly moved and seconded.
That the Education Committee recommends that the Board of Education approve the participation of School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha) in the BC Adolescent Health Survey.

CARRIED

MOTION: Duly moved and seconded.
That the Education Committee recommends that the Board of Education approve the parental notification and student consent procedures regarding student participation in the survey.

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 5:18 p.m.

MOTION: Duly moved and seconded.

CARRIED