

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) was held in the Board Room, 570 Johnstone Road, Nelson, B.C. on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Trustees: P. Cattermole, B. Ewashen, A. Field, M. Joy, B. Maslechko, P. Tees, L. Trenaman

REGRETS: Trustee: B. Wright

ALSO PRESENT: B. Reid, Superintendent of Schools
P. Dooley, Director of Instruction - Achievement
R. Johnston, Director of Instruction – Student Services
B. Wanless, Director of Human Resources
M. Schulte, Secretary-Treasurer
E. Henderson, Executive Assistant

STAFF/PUBLIC: 12 members of the public
T. Newell, Co-President, KLTF (5:10 P.M.)
G. Beecham, Teacher, South Nelson
B. Brogan, Teacher, South Nelson
D. VanAlstine, Teacher, South Nelson
T. Solarik, South Nelson PAC

MEDIA: S. Newham, Nelson Daily News

VIDEO CONFERENCE

CRESTON:
Trustee A. Hambler
L. Eckelrsey, Creston Valley Advance

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Joy called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

08-73 Moved by Trustee Tees, seconded by Trustee Ewashen
AND RESOLVED
that the Agenda, as presented, be adopted by the Board.

RECEIVING PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

International Program (5:02 P.M. – 5:15 P.M.)

Superintendent Reid provided an International Program power point presentation in the absence of Sandy Prentice, International Program, who is away on an international program recruiting trip. The International Program began in 1998 with an enrolment of 3 FTE. Over the past nine years the enrolment has increased to just over 60 FTE students. The presentation highlighted pursuing the long term enrolment, challenges to record full and half year students, recruiting practices, application process, and budget and fees. This year the program will be approaching the one million dollar point in gross revenue.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Comments were made regarding the transition to South Nelson Elementary School.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES

08-74 Moved by Trustee Tees, seconded by Trustee Trenaman

AND RESOLVED

that the minutes of the Closed Meeting of February 26, 2008 be adopted, as circulated, and the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 26, 2008 be adopted, as amended.

Children in Care – Cranbrook

Superintendent Reid advised that the graduation rate for children in care is 20% while the ~~normal in the province~~ *provincial average* is closer to 80%

RECEIPT OF RECORD OF PREVIOUS CLOSED MEETINGS

The Board received the record of a Closed Meeting held February 26, 2008.

Motion #08-53 - Policy #461 – School Catchments will be circulated noting the boundary change between Hume Elementary School and Redfish Elementary School being located 500 meters west of Sitkum Creek.

Motion #08-58 – Trustee Trenaman requested a change regarding PAC visits.

REVIEW OF ACTION FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board reviewed action taken from previous meetings that was included with the agenda package.

CORRESPONDENCE

Board Mail and Email Package Cover Sheets

08-75 Moved by Trustee Ewashen, seconded by Trustee Tees

AND RESOLVED

that the Board receive the Board mail package cover sheets dated February 21 – 27, 2008; February 28 – March 5, 2008; and, the Board email package cover sheets dated February 21 – 27, 2008 and February 28 – March 5, 2008.

EDUCATION ISSUES

Action Items

Call for Educational Use of Copyright Exemption

The Board agreed, by consensus, to send a letter, similar to the letter written by the BCSTA, regarding the Copyright Act and educational exemption, to our two MLA's and Jim Prentice, Ministry of Industry, in support of the position of the Council of Ministers of Education of Canada and the Canadian School Boards Association that there needs to be specific legislative exemption for educational use of materials posted on the internet that are freely available without password protection or other restrictions on access or use.

EDUCATION ISSUES

Information Items

Bill 33 Report

There was nothing to report at this time.

Education Committee Report

Trustee Tees, Chair of the Education Committee, advised that the District Literacy Team met and is working on synthesizing themes in developing District Literacy Plans as part of the Achievement contract. Director of Instruction – Achievement Dooley will review the material and present a draft at a future meeting.

The Education Committee met and discussed the format for the feeder school cluster meetings. Information regarding times and places will be forthcoming.

The Board agreed, by consensus, to send a letter to the schools that hosted the District Review team thanking them for their time and attention.

The Education Committee will be focusing on District Literacy and systemic change at their next meeting on April 14th.

Reconfiguration

Superintendent Reid provided an update regarding reconfiguration in the district:

- two large group meetings and many school level meetings in the west zone regarding reconfiguration have taken place;
- working on teaching staffing requests, plans for library and textbook resourcing, and space needs for Grade 9's to move to L.V. Rogers;
- numerous meetings have taken place with feeder schools and parents for the Grade 6's move to Trafalgar;
- Transition Committee Meetings have been held for the Gordon Sargent program to move to South Nelson;
- bus routes have been reviewed.

In relation to the Gordon Sargent move to South Nelson, Superintendent Reid reviewed the four issues that have created an impasse in the reconfiguration process.

a) **Number of Classrooms Gordon Sargent Asked For**

- Gordon Sargent is looking for multi-age space;
- reduced to four classrooms from the five classrooms they presently have;
- have given up added storage, library and kitchen and will now reduce to three rooms and one multi-purpose room;
- taking out portion of a wall can be done by the Maintenance Department and would create the open area;
- South Nelson will have six classrooms next year as well as a music room, computer lab, library and learning assistance – four additional spaces available.

- b) Movement of the Gordon Sargent Program
 - Board direction was to move Gordon Sargent as a program;
 - savings would not be in teaching staff but would be in clerical, noon hour supervisor, computer, utilities;
 - have moved the program in tact, class size is handled by the School Act;
 - program moves and utilizes vacant space.

- c) Start Times
 - Gordon Sargent allows parents in the building at 8:05 A.M. with the bell ringing at 8:30 A.M.;
 - this time is used for attachment;
 - children are supervised;
 - practice at South Nelson is that children are on the playground;
 - start times could be the same or different as long as start times comply with the school buses, School Act, and any locally approved calendar.

- d) Name
 - a variety of program names is in use in the District -- Valhalla Wilderness at W.E. Graham; Wildflower at Central Education Centre; French Immersion at Hume; Atlas at L.V. Rogers;
 - no problem in maintaining name next year.

Discussion took place regarding:

- classroom balance;
- alignment of lunch and recess;
- library support;
- decision making when an impasse is reached;
- moving Gordon Sargent as a program to South Nelson;
- appointment of a facilitator;
- work of the Transition Team; and,
- reconfiguration moving schedules.

EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

Superintendent Reid

- recognized the Mt. Sentinel Girls' Basketball team for being Provincial Champions;
- attended Destination Imagination at A.I. Collison Elementary School, the Science Fair in Castlegar, and the Canyon/Lister Read-A-Thon;
- attended the Interactive Innovations Conference and congratulated Pat Dooley for being part of the hosting committee;
- announced that Ben Eaton, Vice-Principal, Prince Charles Secondary School has been named for the position of Director of Instruction – Student Services and Brian DeBiasio, Principal, Trafalgar Middle School, has been named for the position of Director of Instruction - Human Resources; and,
- advised that the District Review has been completed and the report will be distributed once it has been received.

Director of Instruction – Achievement Dooley

- thrilled with the Interactive Innovations Conference and noted that our District had the highest registration in the province;
- advised that the Healthy Lifestyles Committee will be meeting on Thursday, March 13th with a focus on nutrition guidelines, physical activity and sexual health;
- attending Trafalgar Reads Conference tomorrow and also the L.V. Rogers panel on assessment; and,
- attended the 20th Destination Imagination Day and recognized Marion Hunter for her role as leader of Destination Imagination in the District for all twenty years.

Director of Instruction – Student Services Johnston

- attended Destination Imagination;
- as part of his “Telling on You” recognized :
 - Pat Dooley’s work on Interactive Innovations;
 - Samantha Sorensen, a student at Erickson Elementary School, for writing a letter in Braille to Mattel and receiving a reply from them in Braille. Samantha wondered what color Barbie’s cell phone was.
 - Marilyn Miller for being nominated and winning the honour of the Hazel Davy Award as top provincial special education teacher.

Director of Human Resources Wanless

- developing enrolment estimates for next year;
- working on staffing; and,
- was a judge at the Redfish Science Fair.

REPORT FROM POLICY COMMITTEE

Action Items

Nil

Information Items

Report from Policy Committee

The next meeting of the Policy Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at 3:00 P.M. at the Board Office.

FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

Action Items

Nil

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Information Items

Revenue and Expenses to February 29, 2008

Secretary-Treasurer Schulte reviewed the Revenue and Expense Summary to February 29, 2008. She highlighted the LEA Agreement, substitute salaries and supplies and services.

FINANCE AND OPERATION HIGHLIGHTS

Secretary-Treasurer Schulte

- advised that she has received training on the Student Centred Leadership My Budget software and schools will have training and access to the software by April 15th;
- awaiting the Ministry funding announcement

MISCELLANEOUS

Board Ad Hoc Committee

The Board Ad Hoc Committee comprised of Trustees Hambler, Maslechko, Tees and Wright will meet April 8th at 12:00 noon. The Ad Hoc Committee will meet with DPAC and the stakeholder reps to explore Board meeting procedures that could enable a dialogue with them in the Board meeting process.

All Partners' Day

The All Partners' Day event will take place on Monday, May 12th. More details will be forthcoming.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Trenaman

- attended PAC meetings at Redfish and A.I. Collinson, French Advisory Council meeting, Michael Fullan session at Interactive Innovations and Time Management Pro-D at L.V. Rogers;
- toured the Crawford Bay site; and,
- invited to a Crawford Bay funding raising meeting.

Trustee Maslechko

- will be touring the Central Education Centre on Friday.

Trustee Hambler

- attended a lunch program with Barry O'Neill – global warming speaker and the Science Fair at Adam Roberston Elementary School; and,
- advised that Canyon/Lister Elementary School is supporting the quest for a bone marrow donor for a local five year old.

Trustee Tees

- requested that the Summer Leadership Conference be placed on the next agenda; and,
- mentioned the Board meeting with the Wynndel community last night for consideration of school closure.

Trustee Field

- attended a Salmo Recreation meeting and a Joint Safety Advisory Committee meeting.

QUESTION PERIOD

Questions and comments were made regarding the following issues:

- reconfiguration decision;
- facilitator;
- Transition Team;
- floor plans;
- four issues; and,
- impasse.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at the Board Office, 570 Johnstone Road, Nelson, B.C. at 5:00 P.M.

Vice-Chair

Secretary-Treasurer

cc: Board of Education/Sr. Management
Schools/District Staff (via email)
Presidents: KLTF (via email), KLPVPA (via email), CUPE Local 748 (via email)
DPAC Nelson – (K. Couch - via email)
CUPE 748 (Secretary – G. Shmon via email)
School PAC Chairs
BCSTA (via email)
City of Nelson (via email)
Village of Salmo (via email)
Town of Creston (via email)
Village of Kaslo (via email)
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