

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 78 (FRASER-CASCADE)
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Sept. 20, 2016**

PRESENT:

Board Representatives:

Ron Johnstone	Trustee / Committee Chair
Linda Kerr	Trustee
Heather Stewin	Trustee

Committee Representatives:

Wendy Clark	Parent	PAC/DPAC
Lori Izawa	Parent	PAC/DPAC
Debra Devine	Principal	FCPVPA
Megan Kempenaar	Teacher	FCTA
Heaven Regnier		AEC

Staff:

Karen Nelson	Superintendent of Schools
Kevin Bird	Assistant Superintendent
Debbie McKinney	Executive Secretary

SPECIAL GUESTS:

Larry Espe	Supt. of Careers & Student Transitions, MOE
Michael Bortolotto	Motivational Speaker
Karl Koslowsky	District VP Careers/Transitions

REGRETS:

Tammy Nazarchuk	Vice-Principal	FCPVPA
Kristen Peters	Teacher	FCTA
Cathy Speth		AEC
TBA		CMAW
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1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by the Superintendent at 4:30pm in the boardroom of the District Education Office.

2. Election of Chair

The Superintendent called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Education Committee. Nominations were called three times and the following trustee was nominated:

Linda Kerr nominated **Ron Johnstone** (nomination accepted)

Hearing no further nominations, the Superintendent declared nominations closed for the position of Chair of the Education Committee and declared **Ron Johnstone** elected by acclamation. The Chair resumed the meeting with the next order of business.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

IZAWA / KERR

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

4. **Approval of Minutes**

IZAWA / CLARK

THAT the minutes of the Education Committee meeting held on May 31, 2016 be approved, as presented.

Carried

5. **Presentation: Careers & Transitions**

The Superintendent introduced Larry Espe (Superintendent of Careers & Student Transitions, MOE) who was instrumental in bringing trades into School District 78.

Larry shared some insight on careers and student transitions and how it correlated with the new curriculum. Some of the highlights of presentation included:

- when thinking outside the box, pretend the box isn't there
- to find purpose for students, give them an opportunity to see what they are good at and what they want to do - how can students know what they want to be unless they know what they can do?
- taking hands-on learning to the next level (project-based) will help students understand better
- the Ministry wants careers to be K-12 infused into opportunities at every level for all careers and that students have literacy about careers that they never had before
- curriculum is based around core competencies and the big ideas
- goal is that students have literacy about careers that they have never had before
- Shoulder Tappers Program is a non-traditional educator that talks about students having learning experiences with partnerships throughout the Community.
- When people say they wish they had that when they were in school – you know you are on the right track.
- being a small district will be motivation to be innovative out of necessity

6. **Presentation: Empowering All Students**

The Superintendent introduced accomplished author and award-winning speaker, Michael Bortolotto. Michael is currently speaking at schools and sharing his message throughout the District.

Michael's goal for speaking to students is to share his thoughts on friendship, respect, and anti-bullying. He wants to make students realize that everything is possible when they connect their brains to being responsible and accountable. Wants to make students realize that they can empower themselves to take control of their lives.

