

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 78 (FRASER-CASCADE)
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Nov. 22, 2016**

PRESENT:

Board Representatives:

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

Committee Representatives:

Wendy Clark	Parent	DPAC
Lori Izawa	Parent	DPAC
Tammy Nazarchuk	Vice-Principal	FCPVPA
Kristen Peters	Teacher	FCTA

Staff:

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

SPECIAL GUESTS:

Lenora Poulin	Teacher	HSS (Leadership)
Erin Wilkins	Teacher	HSS (Leadership)

REGRETS:

Debra Devine	Principal	FCPVPA
Megan Kempenaar	Teacher	FCTA
Heaven Regnier		AEC
Cathy Speth		AEC
TBA		CMAW
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1. Call To Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Amendment:

1. Switch Items 5 & 6 – so that ‘Ministry of Education Updates’ follows the Leadership Presentation.

KERR / IZAWA

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

3. Approval of Minutes**IZAWA / CLARK**

THAT the minutes of the Education Committee meeting held on Sept. 20, 2016 be approved, as presented.

Carried

4. Presentation: Canadian Leadership Conference

Teachers Lenora Poulin and Erin Wilkins from Hope Secondary introduced 5 students that participated in the BC Student Leadership Conference (BCSLC) and the Canadian Leadership Conference (CSLC).

The CSLC was held in Edmundston, New Brunswick Sept. 27 – Oct. 1, 2016. This small French speaking community welcomed 800 delegates (8 from HSS). Some speakers spoke completely in French, in which headsets were made available. Waterloo, Ontario is hosting in 2017.

The BCSLC was held at Rockridge Canyon Conference Centre in Princeton, Oct. 20 – 23, 2016. This conference was sold out (385 delegates – 13 from HSS). Surrey is hosting in 2017.

Students shared their key take-aways from both conferences. Fundraising has already begun for next year.

5. Ministry of Education Updates

The Superintendent shared the Ministry's highlights from 2015/16:

1. Education Transformation (new curriculum)
2. First Nations (Evergreen Certificates)
3. Information Technology (MyEd & NGN)
4. Capital (investments)
5. Finance (new funding)

MOE Strategic Plan includes:

1. Modernize Education to support student success
2. Support Student Focused Learning Techniques and Pathways for Post-Secondary Career & Life
3. Support Professional Development and Continuous Learning to Enable Teachers & Educators
4. Ensure Safe, Functional Schools and Technology that Enables Learning

Other updates include:

- Increased enrollment in Province (2,900)
- Feedback on new curriculum available on Ministry's website. Community Forum will take place in January (Abbotsford)
- SD78 will use Ministry's revised reporting policy
- Grad requirements will remain the same for 2016/17
- Grad requirements for 2017/18 will be 80 credits of course work (52 required, 28 elective)

6. The Road Ahead

The Superintendent shared the Core Beliefs of the Fraser-Cascade School District:

1. Students First
2. Teaching & Learning
3. Relationships / Educational Partnerships
4. Accountability / Goal Setting
5. Technology

Each school has a different focus:

1. Hope Secondary ----- Culture of Collaboration
2. Two Rivers Education Centre ----- Student Engagement / Emotional Well-Being
3. Agassiz Elem-Secondary----- Engagement / Academic Goals
4. Agassiz Centre for Education ----- Student Engagement
5. Kent Elementary----- Literacy
6. Silver Creek Elementary ----- Literacy / Outdoor Education
7. Coquihalla Elementary ----- Relationships / Literacy
8. Harrison Hot Springs Elementary----- Ecology / Student Engagement
9. Boston Bar Elem-Secondary----- Inquiry

The Superintendent also shared the many celebrations in the district including:

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| - Innovative Practices | - Choices Program |
| - Connecting seniors with students | - LID |
| - Collaboration Time | - Sports Programs |
| - Student Forums / Conference | - Hope Mountain Center |
| - Dual Credit Coursers | - Trades Programs |
| - Technology | - Effective relationships |
| - Band Programs | - NITEP |
| - Spirals of Inquiry | - Aboriginal Education |
| - International Program | - Maker Day |
| - Minister of Education Visit | - Strong academic performance |
| - Social/emotional well-being | |
| - Skills & abilities to enter the world in an area they are passionate about | |

The Assistant Superintendent played a video that was created to focus on inclusion. This was well received at the BC Superintendent's Summer Academy.

7. NITEP

The Superintendent reported that the NITEP program needs 17 more students to enroll before April 30, 2017 or the field centre at Seabird may have to close as it will not be financially feasible to operate.

8. District Student Forum

The Superintendent stated that due to time constraints this item will be moved forward to the next meeting and placed first on the agenda.

