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. <u>Call To Order</u>

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. <u>Approval of Minutes</u>

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 helps 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 learnings 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.

Michael is the first non-American to be presented with the Cathleen Lyle Murray award at the 68th annual American Academy of Cerebral Palsy and Development Medicine Conference. This award is given to people who advocate on behalf of people with disabilities throughout the USA. His next presentation on anti-bulling will be to educators in South Carolina. Michael is currently working on his third book.

7. Education Committee Mandate & Committee Schedule

The Chair reminded the members to refresh themselves with the mandate of the committee and mark the upcoming meeting dates in their calendars.

8. MOE Updates & The Road Ahead

The Superintendent would like to recommend that these 2 items be moved forward to the next committee meeting due to time constraints.

IZAWA/KERR

THAT the agenda items: MOE Update and The Road Ahead be forwarded to the next committee meeting on Nov. 22, 2016

Carried

9. <u>Early Childhood Education</u>

The Superintendent reported that the ECE Committee has worked together to secure funding for a joint initiative between Yale First Nation, Hope Community Services, and Success by Six to support transportation for First Nation families to attend Family Place, Mother Goose and Strong Start. This program is to provide transportation for isolated First Nations families living within Hope and area (Peter's Band to Yale First Nation).

The Superintendent also reported that the Board has approved the development of an Early Learning Policy as per direction from the Ministry. A seamless transition process to kindergarten will also be noted in the BOE Strategic Plan.

10. Community Education Forum

The Assistant Superintendent updated the committee on the district forum that will take place on Sept. 29, 2016 at AESS at 6:30pm. Childcare is available with preregistration.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:50pm.

Next Meeting: Nov. 22, 2016

4:30pm

District Education Office