

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 78 (FRASER-CASCADE)
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Jan. 24, 2017**

PRESENT:

Board Representatives:

John Koopman	Trustee / Acting Committee Chair
Linda Kerr	Trustee
Heather Stewin	Trustee

Committee Representatives:

Wendy Clark	Parent	DPAC
Lori Izawa	Parent	DPAC
Tammy Nazarchuk	Vice-Principal	FCPVPA
Heaven Regnier		AEC

Staff:

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

REGRETS:

Ron Johnstone	Trustee / Committee Chair	
Debra Devine	Principal	FCPVPA
Kristen Peters	Teacher	FCTA
Megan Kempenaar	Teacher	FCTA
Tina Wenman		AEC
TBA		CMAW
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1. Call To Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Correction:

KERR / IZAWA

THAT the agenda show that the minutes to be approved are from Nov. 22, 2016.

Carried

KERR / CLARK

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

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

THAT the minutes of the Education Committee meeting held on Nov. 22, 2016 be approved, as presented.

Carried

4. District Student Forum (review/activity)

The group took time to review student comments from the previous forum in 2015. The following comments were noted:

- Impressed with number of items from students' feedback that have been addressed
- More positive comments than negative
- Good representation of students from around the district – not all leadership
- Some tools that students learn (which are good) – but they don't use immediately. Ie: mortgage & taxes.
- Teacher/student relationships. If 2 adults outside the home believe in students, the greater chance of success
- Students that provide input need to know that their feedback is being heard. Important statement to take back to leadership teachers.
- Need to encourage student representation on Education Committee (they are invited at the start of each school year).

The Superintendent reported that the next District Student Forum is scheduled for May 2nd.

5. Framework for Enhancing Student Learning

The Superintendent reported that another Regional Forum will be taking place on March 1st in Abbotsford. Looking for input on how we will showcase our District Growth Plan and Planning Process. A suggestion is to focus on the overarching goal of inclusiveness as it is “essential for some and beneficial for all”.

All the essential elements that build up the framework could be pieced together like a jigsaw puzzle including:

- Framework (strategic plan in centre)
- District Growth Plan (with goals)
- Aboriginal Education
- Strategic Plan
- Enhancement Agreement
- School Growth Plans (with individual inquiry questions)

The Ministry would like data included that we think is important. Such as:

- Students connecting with adults (percentage of students who believe this)
- Percentage of special education students that graduate with dogwoods
- EDI and MOI data
- AEC goals & data
- Transitions rates

- Partnerships (DPAC, AEC, FCTA, Support Staff, Pro-D, Teachers Assoc., Trustees, etc.)
- Trades & certificate programs

6. Min. of Education Community Meeting re: New Curriculum

The superintendent shared an exercise that the Ministry had people participate in at the community meeting in Abbotsford last week. The following are results from this activity:

Question #1

What matters most about your child's learning?

- Do you know your child
- What their participation is like
- Know your child and what they are capable of
- Do you know my child / do you like my child / how is my child doing
- Feeling valued / Loving to learn
- Feeling disciplined

Question #2

How (as a parent) would you like the teacher to report to you?

- Reporting should be personalized
- Students should self-assess
- Corroboration of soft skills
- Do you know my child (ongoing day to day)

The superintendent will summarize these thoughts and forward to Ministry (see attached). Individuals can also be given on the Ministry's website until Feb. 28.

7. NITEP

The superintendent reported that the next NITEP information session will be held on Feb. 9th at Seabird Island College. Need 17 additional people registered by April 30th. The Aboriginal Education Coordinator has sessions throughout the district encouraging students to apply.

8. District & Native Ed Pro-D

The superintendent stated that registration is open for the District & Native Ed Pro-D. It is being held on Feb. 24th at Hope Secondary. Pat Miranda is the key-note speaker on the Thursday night. She will be speaking on inclusiveness. Sessions are filling up quickly. Over 130 have already registered.

9. Rural Education Regional Meeting

The superintendent reported that the Minister will be in attendance at the Rural Education Regional Meeting in Chilliwack on Jan. 26.

