

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 78 (FRASER-CASCADE)
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Mar. 7, 2017**

PRESENT:

Board Representatives:

Ron Johnstone	Committee Chair
Linda Kerr	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
Donna Barner	District Coordinator of Student Support Services
Rod Peters	District Aboriginal Education Coordinator
Debbie McKinney	Executive Secretary

REGRETS:

Heather Stewin	Trustee	
Debra Devine	Principal	FCPVPA
Megan Kempenaar	Teacher	FCTA
Tina Wenman		AEC
Heaven Regnier		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

Addition:

- District & Native Ed ProD Day

IZAWA / NAZARCHUCK

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

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

THAT the minutes of the Education Committee meeting held on Jan. 24, 2017 be approved, as presented.

Carried

4. NITEP

The superintendent reported that 17 students need to be registered (by April 30th) for the NITEP program to be operative. There are currently 6 enrolled. The committee is working on recruitment strategies including participating in career fairs.

The district aboriginal education coordinator stated that he accompanied a NITEP rep to schools throughout the district to meet with the principals and students.

5. District & Native Ed ProD Day

The superintendent reported that attendance records have once again been broken. There were many positive comments about the lunch supplied by Hope Secondary and the variety and quality of the speakers. A follow-up meeting will be on April 5, 2017 to debrief and discuss plans for 2018.

6. District Student Forum (Review)

The superintendent shared a video from the district student forum that was held in the fall and asked the breakout groups the following question:

Why are student forums important?

- Good to get students together from different parts of the district
- Empowering & validating students
- Students are the consumers – listen to your customer
- Assists in planning for the future
- Opportunity for students to share their views / opportunity to ‘speak’

The superintendent then shared the Personalized Learning video from the regional student forum and asked the breakout groups the following questions:

What does personalized learning mean to you?

- To have experience in general
- To be passionate towards learning
- Relevancy / Connectedness / Engagement / Vision
- Utilizing students strengths
- Teachers relating and helping individual students – getting to know them
- Give students the opportunity to be responsible for their own learning

What can we continue to do to implement 'Personalized Learning' in the district?

- Student forums
- Career Fairs

Other areas of discussion from the regional forum included:

1. Academic Sub Topic
 - i. Exams in grade 8/9 – why are we doing exams?
 - ii. Concern that students are getting too much homework
2. Transportation Barriers
 - i. Transportation for extracurricular activities
 - ii. Sometimes students can't participate in field trips if transportation not available after returning
 - iii. Sometimes students can't get home if they are sick
 - iv. Driving courses available at some schools
3. Student / Teacher collaboration
 - i. Online opportunities available
 - ii. Collaborating with colleagues – ProD days
 - iii. Classroom sharing to allow collaboration
4. Extra-curricular
 - i. Hope Outdoors
 - ii. ACE/Kent time – role modeling
 - iii. ACE BBQ
 - iv. High caliber in achievements ie: basketball – different for each school
 - v. Fundraising for schools

7. Framework for Enhancing Student Learning – Regional Forum

The superintendent reported that reps from each of SD78's partner groups attended the forum. The superintendent did a presentation on the culture of inclusiveness in SD78.

A suggestion was brought forward by the committee to include graphics in the District Growth Plan instead of lists of data.

8. Special Ed Update

Moved forward to next meeting – May 9, 2017

9. Student Learning Grant

The superintendent reported that the Ministry has announced one-time funding of approximately \$50 per student to assist with costs to parents with regards to the new curriculum. SD78 is currently awaiting the district's allocation amount. The superintendent requested input from each of the educational partner groups regarding how the funds could be spent.

