

School District #47 (Powell River)
REGULAR MEETING
4:00 P.M., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2009
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICES

MINUTES

Present: M. James, A. Reid, J. Scott (chair), D. Skinner
Also in attendance: J. Yule, S. Hopkins, D. Fairbairn (part-time)
Regrets: D. Lewis

ELECTIONS:

D. Lewis – acclaimed as Chairperson
J. Scott – acclaimed as Vice-Chair

QUESTION PERIOD:

There were no questions.

CHAIRPERSON’S REMARKS:

Vice-Chairperson, J. Scott, spoke to several events taking place throughout the school district:

Grief Point Elementary School

The school has been very fortunate to have 3 Paper Kings visit the school every Monday – Jason Yee, Jordan Grant and Steve Axford, who are all from Vancouver Island. This is the first time that a Paper Kings player has spent time in a Grade 7 classroom, so as you can well imagine, the Grade 7 students were very happy about this!

Edgehill Elementary School

Hockey continues to be a popular lunchtime activity. Edgehill School is looking for donations of spare hockey sticks. Plastic blades are put on the wooden sticks and are used outside at recess and lunch.

Destination Conservation – Edgehill’s Green Squad have been hard at work preparing a “Lights Out” Campaign. They are encouraging classes to turn out their lights at lunch, when they leave the room or when it is

sunny outside. Power usage at the end of the year will be compared to last year's to see if there is a difference.

Henderson Elementary School –December 1, 2009

Once again, Henderson is collecting donations for the Local Food Bank. Mural at the Mall – The mall arranged a contest for all schools. Two classes from Henderson School worked on the murals. The mural is finished and ready to be judged. The winning school wins \$300. The students have painted during class and on their own time as well. If the students are successful, the money will support field trips. Next time you are at the mall, sit in a chair and cozy up to our fire (painted)! RONA was thanked for donating plywood to Division 1 to make String Art pieces which have been on display at the School Board Office (Board Room).

James Thomson Elementary School – December 2009

Thank you for Powell River Kings! Kings players Craig Eisenhut and Mike Garteig have generously donated their Mondays by visiting James Thomson to read with students before hitting the courts for some hockey action.

Other

Spoke to trustees' attendance at the Provincial Academy.

Referenced high school musical, as well as school concerts.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

It was
MOVED by A. Reid; seconded by D. Skinner:

“THAT the Agenda be approved as amended
-field trip letter.”

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

It was
MOVED by A. Reid; Seconded by D. Skinner:

“THAT the Regular and Closed Minutes of November 17, 2009 and the
Closed Minutes of December 8, 2009 be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

3. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

INCOMING:

- a) School District #52 re: BC School Sports Funding Cuts
For information.
- b) Government of Canada re: Olympic Torch Relay Grant
For information.
- c) School District #68 re: FSA-Privacy
For information.
- d) Nicholas Simons re: Budget Cut to School District 47
For information.
- e) School District #39 re: Funding Changes
For information.
- f) BC Association of School Business Officials re: HST letter
For information.
- g) Minister of Education re: Neighbourhoods of Learning Centre proposal
For information.
- h) School District #69 re: Funding Reductions
For information.
- i) Harris & Company re: Education Law Services 2010
For information.

It was
MOVED by A. Reid; Seconded by D. Skinner:

“THAT the correspondence be received and filed.”

CARRIED

4. REPORTS:

a) Superintendent of Schools' Report:

- Superintendent's Annual Report on Student Achievement

- J. Yule spoke to the annual report to be adopted each December.

It was

MOVED by D. Skinner; seconded by A. Reid:

“THAT the Superintendent's Annual Report on Student Achievement for 2009-10 be approved for submission to the Ministry of Education.”

CARRIED

- BAA Course approvals (offered September 2010): Video Game Design and Development 11/12 & Psychology 12

- J. Yule spoke to two proposed Board approved courses to be offered at Brooks Secondary School.

It was

MOVED by M. James; Seconded by D. Skinner:

“THAT BAA Courses: Video Game Design and Development 11/12 and Psychologist 12 be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

- Approval in Principle for Brooks Band Trip to Cuba 2011 Spring Break and (added) Brooks Trip to England/France 2011

It was

MOVED by M. James; Seconded by D. Skinner:

“THAT the Brooks Band Trip to Cuba in 2011 and Brooks Trip to England/France in 2011 be approved in principle, with detailed itineraries to follow.”

CARRIED

- Enrolment – November 2009
 - Reviewed for information.

- Suspension Report – November 2009
 - Review for information.

It was
MOVED by M. James; seconded by D. Skinner:

“THAT the Superintendent of Schools’ Report be received as presented.”

CARRIED

b) Secretary-Treasurer’s Report:

- Community Track Project - oral
 - S. Hopkins spoke briefly to a prospective joint government project to explore the building of a new athletic track & field facility.

- Financial Report – November 2009
 - S. Hopkins reported that approximately 68% of the operating budget was remaining for the year, which is consistent with years past.

It was
MOVED by D. Skinner; seconded by A. Reid:

“THAT the Secretary-Treasurer’s Report be received as presented.”

CARRIED

QUESTION PERIOD:

No questions.

MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD:

No questions.

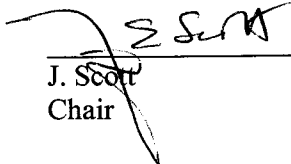
ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business –

It was
MOVED by A. Reid; seconded by D. Skinner:

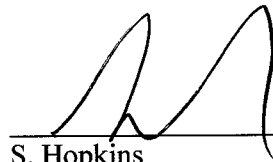
“THAT the Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

CARRIED



J. Scott
Chair

SH/jg



S. Hopkins
Secretary-Treasurer