

School District #47 (Powell River)

REGULAR MEETING, 4:00 P.M., TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2009  
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE

MINUTES

Present: M. James, D. Lewis, A. Reid, J. Scott, D. Skinner  
Also in attendance: S. Hopkins, J. Yule

PRESENTATIONS:

Ryan Barfoot and Karin Westland: Update on Outdoor and Environmental Education and the Sustainable Schools Committee

- Mr. Barfoot and Ms. Westland each spoke to a number of programs taking place throughout the 2008/09 school year.
  - Run for One Planet;
  - Trash Bash;
  - Destination Conservation;
  - A number of school-based presentations;
  - Sustainable Schools Pro-D;
  - Looking for Board representation to fill the vacancy created by M. James stepping aside.
  - Summer programs;
  - Grade 7 camps;
  - BOATT Program.

Andrew Shostak re: School District Camps for Students

- Mr. Shostak presented a brief video presentation of his class participation in the district grade 7 experiential camp.
- He also presented a brief summary of the technology initiatives introduced at Kelly Creek School.

QUESTION PERIOD:

There were no questions.

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS:

Chairperson, Debby Lewis, spoke to events taking place throughout the School District:

The Board wished the outgoing grade 12's a fond farewell.

Edgehill Elementary School – June 4, 2009

- A Strawberry Tea was held on June 5<sup>th</sup> to thank parents for supporting the school and volunteering their time.

James Thomson Elementary School – June 2, 2009

- Math Success – excellent improvement. The school goal for the last three years has been to improve students’ ability to solve word problems.
- Reading Success – a 20% improvement over the last several years. Well done staff & students!
- June 19 – Aboriginal Day at Sliammon.

Grief Point Elementary School – May 26, 2009

- June 17 – the Senior Choir will not only be visiting Olive Devaud (as part of their social responsibility goal), but will also be performing an open-air concert together with the Grade 7 Band at Willingdon Beach the same day at 1:30 to 2:30 pm. This will be open to the public, and all parents and friends are welcome to attend.
- June 24 – Grade 7 Farewell from 1 to 2:30 pm (Grade 6 attends).

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

It was  
MOVED by J. Scott; Seconded by A. Reid:

“THAT the Agenda be approved as amended  
- Brooks Exchange to Germany.”

CARRIED

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

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

“THAT the Regular and Closed Minutes of May 19, 2009 and Closed Minutes of June 9, 2009 be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

**3. CORRESPONDENCE:**

*INCOMING*

- a) Ombudsman re: Early Resolution Process  
For information.
- b) School District #68 re: Funding – Music Classrooms  
For information.  
  
S. Hopkins confirmed that music classrooms are not eligible as funded space for new capital projects.
- c) School District #38 re: Operating Budget  
For information.
- d) School District #39 re: Physical Punishment of Children & Youth  
For information.
- e) Powell River Transit Supervisor re: 2008/09 School Year Review  
D. Lewis spoke to thank you letter received.

*OUTGOING*

- a) Thanks to the Liquor Distribution Branch  
For information.
- b) Congratulations to Henderson re: Grant  
For information.

**4. REPORTS:**

- a) Superintendent of Schools' Report
  - Replacement of Grief Point Elementary School – Open House
    - o J. Yule spoke to plans for an open house for the following Tuesday regarding concept plans for the new elementary school.
    - o It will be a brief presentation.
    - o Trustees, administrators and consultants will be available to answer questions.

2009/10 Early Learning Agreement

- J. Yule spoke to the 2009/10 Early Learning Agreement with the Ministry of Education.
- As well, J. Yule spoke briefly to the extensive early learning programs in place in Powell River.

Brooks Exchange to Germany (handout)

J. Yule spoke to the students' itinerary.

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

2009/2010 Preliminary Budget

- S. Hopkins presented the 2009/2010 budget.

It was  
MOVED by J. Scott; Seconded by D. Skinner:

“THAT the 2009/2010 Budget be endorsed (unanimous).”

CARRIED

It was  
MOVED by M. James; Seconded by A. Reid:

“THAT the Secretary-Treasurer's report be received as presented.”

CARRIED

**5. OTHER INFORMATION ITEMS:**

Enrolment – May 2009

For information.

Suspension – May 2009

For information.

6. **QUESTION PERIOD:**

No questions.

7. **MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD:**

No questions.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business –  
It was

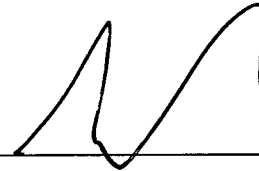
MOVED by D. Skinner; Seconded by A. Reid:

“THAT the Regular meeting be adjourned at 4:50 p.m.”

CARRIED



D. Lewis  
Chair



S. Hopkins  
Secretary-Treasurer

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