

School District #47 (Powell River)

REGULAR MEETING

4:00 P.M., TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 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

PRESENTATIONS: Robert van der Zalm re: Student Forestry Program

- R. van der Zalm spoke to a Student Summer Program.
- 3 high school students and 1 college student.
- 6-week program.
- Work experience.

Outline of the Program:

Summer Jobs with the BC Forest Service

Are you?

- *Interested in the environment*
- *Willing to take on new things*
- *Someone who enjoys working with other people*

You'll be:

- *Learning about forests and forest management.*
- *Working on projects in the outdoors.*
- *Spending time with foresters learning about their jobs.*
- *Taking fire suppression training.*

This summer program is sponsored by School District 47 and the Sunshine Coast Forest District.

We want to provide young people with an exposure to natural resource management and to create an interest in pursuing a career in this field.

Are you interested? Your next step is to email a resume to dean.perrin@gov.bc.ca

For more information call the local Forest Service office at 604-485-0700.

QUESTION PERIOD:

There were no questions.

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS:

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

Grief Point Elementary School

Excerpt from Grief Point Newsletter's Front Page:

The International Space Station may have disappeared overhead, and the space dust may have just begun to settle, but the memory of what took place on Thursday, October 22, 2009, between 10:35 and 10:55 AM for the students of District No. 47, Powell River, will live on in the minds and hearts of everyone who was lucky enough to witness this once-in-a-lifetime ISS Downlink!!

Mr. Scott Fisher, vice-principal at Grief Point Elementary, blew everyone out of Earth's atmosphere, if you will, when he began his eloquent and now world-famous speech: "Well, if you got up early this morning, and the sky was clear over your house, you might have seen a bright, quickly-moving star in the sky. The students here in Powell River have been watching that star, and that star is the International Space Station—and on that International Space Station is Dr. Robert Thirsk, a man whom we hope to speak to today. My name is Scott Fisher, from Grief Point Elementary School, and it is my pleasure to be Master of Ceremonies at today's event."

The students who asked questions of the astronauts amazed everyone, including the CSA representatives, Ms. Marilyn Steinberg and Mr. Jason Clemont, as well as NASA's three astronauts, Dr. Robert Thirsk, Jeffrey Williams, and Frank DeWinne. Mr. Fisher went on to say, "Many years ago in a Powell River classroom, a young man was inspired to follow a dream. That student will talk to us from far above the Earth, as he fulfills that dream. He and other members of the ISS will answer questions from students, like he once was, and still is, and maybe inspire the next generation of Canadian space explorers."

James Thomson Elementary School – November 2009

Special thanks was given to Plutonic Power and Sliammon First Nation for their generous contribution of \$10,000 to the school PAC. Also acknowledged was Coles Books for selecting James Thomson for their Adopt a School (Love of Reading) program. All of their hard work has raised \$1,405 to be used for the purchase of books for the school library

Henderson Elementary School – November 3, 2009

D.E.A.R. Literacy Event – on October 26th at 12:45 pm the whole school Dropped Everything and Read for 30 minutes.

After School Club – numerous volunteers help make up the Townsite Intergenerational Program After School Club, which runs every Thursday from 3 to 4:30 pm in the community hall of St. David & St. Paul’s Anglican Church. Students sign up at the school’s office the week of and enjoy a healthy snack, arts and crafts, homework help and games. It is a wonderful program! One week the After School participants got an extra special treat as they were all invited to the movies! Ann Nelson of the Patricia Theatre generously offered students a free showing of Where the Wild Things Are.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

“THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

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

“THAT the Regular and Closed Minutes of October 20, 2009 and the Closed Minutes of November 10, 2009 be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

3. CORRESPONDENCE:

INCOMING:

- a) School District #8 re: Annual Facilities Grant
Received for information.
- b) School District #8 re: Education Funding, Future Planning & Sustainability
Received for information.
- c) School District #23,38,42,43, 45,46, 51,63,67,69 re: Select Standing Committee
Received for information.
- d) School District #68 re: Superintendent's Report on Organization of Classes
Received for information.
- e) School District #27, 45, 46, 78, 83 re: Funding
Received for information.
- f) School District #23 re: Partner Group Advocacy Letter
Received for information.
- g) School District #23 re: Funding Impact Statement
Received for information.
- h) School District #44 re: Smart Tool
Received for information.
- i) School District #20 re: Rossland Secondary School Project Identification Report
Received for information.
- j) School District #38, 44 re: Full-Day Kindergarten
Received for information.

k) School District #43 re: Needs Budget

Received for information.

l) School Plant Officials Association of BC re: Annual Facilities Grant

Received for information.

m) School District #73 re: Energy Consumption Report

Received for information.

It was

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

“THAT the correspondence be received and filed.”

CARRIED

OUTGOING:

a) School District #47 re: 2010 Budget Consultation Submission

S. Hopkins spoke to the cost pressures affecting the sector and specifically to what those are expected to amount to locally. Pressures include MSP increase, HST, salary increase and implementation of Smart Tool.

J. Yule spoke to the Board’s request to pilot all-day Kindergarten.

J. Yule also spoke further to the outgoing correspondence.

4. REPORTS:

a) Superintendent of Schools’ Report:

• 2009/2010 Student Intervention Plan

○ D. Fairbairn spoke to the 2009/10 Student Intervention Plan in place at various schools. The District Intervention Programs 2009-10 are:

- Pre-Kindergarten Screening
- Kindergarten Lady Bug Program
- Grade 1 – 2 Early Intervention
- School Level Intervention
- Wilson Reading Program
- Abracadabra Electronic Remedial Reading
- Summer Read and Rec.
- Grades 7 – 8 Summer School

- Grades 9 to 12 Summer School
- Enrolment – October 31, 2009
 - For information.
- Suspension Report – October 2009
 - For information.

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

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

CARRIED

b) Secretary-Treasurer’s Report:

- Financial Report – October 31, 2009
 - S. Hopkins reported that the Board had 78% of its operating budget remaining.

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

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

CARRIED

c) Committee Reports:

- Sustainable Schools Committee – Quarterly Report October 2009
 - Reviewed.
 - M. James spoke to the work of the Sustainable Schools Committee.

QUESTION PERIOD:

PRDTA – letter re School District #68 – organization of classes.

J. Scott – advocacy efforts through BCSTA

MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD:

No questions.

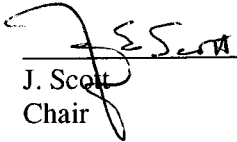
ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business –

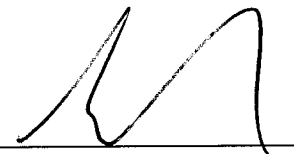
It was
MOVED by A. Reid; seconded by D. Skinner:

“THAT the Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

CARRIED



J. Scott
Chair



S. Hopkins
Secretary-Treasurer

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