

# Education Committee Meeting—Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday, February 10, 2015  
**Location:** Glacier View Secondary Centre  
**Address:** 241 Beecher Place, Courtenay, BC  
6:30 pm

## Members:

Committee Chair, Janice Caton, City of Courtenay	✓
Board Chair, Tom Weber, Area B/Lazo North	✓
Trustee, Ian Hargreaves, Puntledge, Black Creek	
Trustee, Sheila McDonnell, Baynes Sound (Denman/Hornby Islands)	✓
Trustee, Clifford Boldt, City of Courtenay	✓
Trustee, Peter Coleman, Town of Comox	✓
Trustee, Vickey Brown, Village of Cumberland	✓
Superintendent, Sherry Elwood	✓
Assistant Superintendent, Tom Demeo	✓
Director of Instruction (Elementary Curriculum) Allan Douglas	✓
Director of Instruction (Student Services) Esther Shatz	✓

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## MINUTES

1. **Alan Douglas, Director of Instruction (Elementary Curriculum)** - gave an overview of the LRC and its functions within our district.
2. **Joan Pierce, District Librarian** - gave an overview of her role in our district, highlights which included:
  - select learning resources for schools including supporting teachers through selecting appropriate resources for their classroom
  - helping teacher use and discover resources as well as help them develop projects
  - manage all electronic records and Library management system
  - support elementary Library clerks, leading their PLC groups
  - presenting at pro-d events
  - work with Aboriginal Education around resource selection
3. **Carol Walters, Debbie Nelson, Doug David, Curriculum Support Teachers** - gave an overview of their role in our district, highlights included:
  - making sure there is alignment between Curriculum, Research and Assessment
  - strive to create a common language in the field (assessment for learning strategies)
  - common Assessment Practices DART / DMA / First Steps in Math
  - developing Core Competencies
  - developing Heart Mind Well being, working with students around compassion and gratitude
  - design for change - Feel imagine and Do
  - creating Kits for Elementary classrooms - the kits go out as fast as they are made
  - maintain/research, Numeracy and Literacy websites for a variety of resources

- support and manage Changing Results for Young Readers - look at vulnerable children, the child becomes a case study and the experts work with that child to improve their reading
  - inter-generational project - 2 classes from Valley View and Berwick Lodge - great success
  - part of the Vancouver Island Networks in Early years / Literacy / and Numeracy
  - discussed the elementary science program and the kits approach
  - full function print shop
4. **Jen Riley, Fine Arts Lead Teacher** - discussed her areas of responsibility, which included:
- support mechanism for all fine arts teachers
  - maintain equipment / pianos etc, schedules district equipment use
  - create Professional Development for teachers ex. high school specialist teachers providing sessions for elementary teachers
  - fostered a collaboration effort amongst Theatre teachers - last year created a play with Dr. Claire/RCMP. This year, ArtStarts program grant, a play being written and will be produced with all three schools for grade 8 girls around resilience
  - Band in the Round March 23 at 6:30 at Isfeld
  - putting our art student on display in the community
  - host festivals - Fall and Early Spring
5. **Murray McRae, Principal, Glacier View Secondary Centre** - prior to giving a tour of the school, gave a highlight of the programs offered at Glacier View:
- offers alternate programs 7-12
  - Bridgeway 7-9 behavior based
  - Key 7-9 1/2 days
  - Sr Alt 1/2 days
  - Connection - 5 day program
  - a large number of students here are dealing with anxiety issues usually register about 100 students after start up
  - PLC alive an functioning - modified student group / info tech, ways to lower student anxiety that are working on and with Tech / anxiety and resiliency
  - the school has a PAC with the help of Tonia Frawley and Sherry Elwood, new chair / treasurer / secretary - exciting and innovative programs being created to meet individual student needs.

**Next Education Committee Meeting:**



**DATE:** Tuesday, March 10, 2015

**TIME:** 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

**LOCATION:** Aspen Park Elementary School