

Education Committee Meeting—Agenda

Date: Tuesday, February 12, 2013
Location: Arden Elementary School
Address: 3040 Lake Trail Road, Courtenay, BC
6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Members:

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| Committee Chair, Janice Caton, City of Courtenay | ✓ |
| Board Chair, Tom Weber, Lazo North | ✓ |
| Trustee, Paula Selby, Puntledge, Black Creek | ✓ |
| Trustee, Sheila McDonnell, Baynes Sound (Denman/Hornby Islands) | ✓ |
| Trustee, Donna Gambacorta, City of Courtenay | ☐ |
| Trustee, Rick Grinham, Village of Cumberland | ✓ |
| Trustee, Peter Coleman, Town of Comox | ✓ |
| 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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Trustees, Parents and Staff were treated to a joint presentation around the topic of Professional Learning Communities (PLC). Mr. Steve Stanley, President, CDTA, presented a research based perspective on PLC's and their effectiveness with regards to student achievement and teacher and student engagement. Mr. Geoff Manning, Principal, Arden Elementary School presented a historical perspective of PLC's in our district.


Teachers, Lance Lloyd from Lake Trail, Chris Lamont, Colleen Devlin, Leah Lloyd from Arden Elementary, and Andrew Ferneyhough, Kara Dawson, Karen Reimer, Colleen Reimer, Brian Carmichael, Celine Gummer, Katrina Douglas and Deborah Fullerton from Valley View Elementary School presented examples of the PLC collaborative projects that are occurring in their respective schools. Their enthusiasm and passion around their work was clearly evident to everyone in the room.

Charlie Schellinck, Principal, G.P. Vanier Secondary School, Lyneita Swanson, Principal, Highland Secondary School, Rob Grantham, Vice Principal, and Greg Kochanuk, Acting Vice-Principal, Highland Secondary School explained some of the PLC work and projects at the secondary level. Highland, who most recently implemented a hybrid PLC/x-block model shared the process the school took in developing and implementing their model.

Parents David Gillis and Tonia Frawley shared a parent's perspective to PLC's, as well as to the consultations that occurred in implementing the model.

All presentations were very informative and interesting. Thank you very much to all those teachers and administrators who attended and shared their stories.

Next Education Committee Meeting:

 **DATE:** March 12, 2013
TIME: 6:30 pm
LOCATION: Cumberland Elementary / Cumberland Junior

