

# Education Committee Meeting—Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday, March 4, 2014

**Location:** Valley View Elementary School

**Address:** 2300 Valley View Drive, Courtenay, BC

6:30 pm

## Members:

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| Committee Chair, Janice Caton, City of Courtenay                | ✓ |
| Board Chair, Peter Coleman, Town of Comox                       | ✓ |
| Trustee, Paula Selby, Puntledge, Black Creek                    | ✓ |
| Trustee, Sheila McDonnell, Baynes Sound (Denman/Hornby Islands) | ✓ |
| Trustee, Donna Gambacorta, City of Courtenay                    | ✓ |
| Trustee, Tom Weber, Lazo North                                  | ✓ |
| Trustee, Rick Grinham, 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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## AGENDA

### 1. Valley View Elementary School Update

Valley View Elementary gave a quick update on the many wonderful things happening at their school... of particular note was the intergenerational project. This successful partnership between Valley View Elementary School, the School District and Berwick Retirement Communities is going to be used as a template for the other Berwick centers on the Island.

Erika Black spoke about the school goals highlighting the Valley View *Writing* continuum and the focus on communication, critical thinking, collaboration skills and the positive feedback to students. The writing continuum enables students to have a greater role in co-creating criteria for their writing, gives students more ownership of their writing and builds a school community by having common language throughout the school for writing. The school is also revisiting their code of conduct which will focus on more positive goals and statements.

### 2. PLC ---a district-wide perspective

Kevin Reimer, Leah Taylor, Gary Aylward, Kim Marks, Katy Doran gave a brief update to the Board on the PLC work to date. The focus is about improving student learning, achievement and engagement. As a community of learners we have diverse individuals who share common values and work collaboratively towards a common vision. Schools and teachers are engaged, excited about having time to collaborate, share and have district wide learning.

### Next Education Committee Meeting:



**DATE:** Tuesday, April 8, 2014

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

**LOCATION:** Huband Park Elementary School, 5120 Mottishaw Road, Courtenay, BC