

Education Committee Meeting—Minutes

Tuesday, May 8, 2012

Highland Secondary School (Library)

750 Pritchard Road, Comox, BC

6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Members:

Committee Chair, Janice Caton, City of Courtenay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Board Chair, Tom Weber, Lazo North	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trustee, Paula Selby, Puntledge, Black Creek	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trustee, Sheila McDonnell, Baynes Sound (Denman/Hornby Islands)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trustee, Donna Gambacorta, City of Courtenay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trustee, Rick Grinham, Village of Cumberland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trustee, Peter Coleman, Town of Comox	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Superintendent, Sherry Elwood (Regrets)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assistant Superintendent, Sheila Shanahan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Director of Instruction (Elementary Curriculum) Allan Douglas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Director of Instruction (Student Services) Esther Shatz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

AGENDA

1. Presentation from Highland Secondary School

Charles Schilling gave an over view and introduction to the International Baccalaureate Program starting this Fall at Highland. There are currently 31 students registered to start in grade 11. The school is now officially an IB School, which means that being certified they are able to train teachers at Highland and attract students from all over. Currently there are two schools on the Island with Highland Secondary School the only public school.

Lyneita Swanson gave a presentation on how the school's time table was being created; how they were adjusting to smaller class sizes, and still being able to offer a wide variety of course options for students.

Wayne Friesen talked about the successful *International Film Festival* at Highland, highlighting the many films that were shown, how well it's been received, most of all, how well it has been attended by students. It is the schools hope to continue with the Festival with it eventually becoming a SD71 district school wide event.

2. Proposal for Improving the Instruction of Physical Education in SD 71

Bill Green, Ian Craigon, David Coats and Al Johnson gave a presentation for the support of physical education in the Comox Valley school district.

The presentation highlighted the goal of ensuring that the students of SD71 become physically educated, gaining the necessary knowledge, skills, and attitudes to ensure a life time of happiness and health. Included in the presentation were the facts that quality daily physical education programs contribute not only to a healthy positive school climate but also improved students ability to learn. Current research and studies suggest, as stated by the Canadian Medical Association, that this generation of children may not live longer than their parents and that we need to address these concerns.

3. International Student Program and Economic Impact

Rob Moore, District Principal, International Student Program gave the Board an update on the International Student Program and its continued success. When the program first started it was decided to go for quality over quantity and as a result we continue to have a successful program and attracting students from many different countries. One of the factors often over looked is the economic impact to the Valley that the International Student Program has. Students not only pay for their schooling and housing, but also have discretionary spending that brings an estimated 3 million dollars into the local economy.

Next Education Committee Meeting:



DATE: October 9, 2012

TIME: 6:30 pm

LOCATION: TBA