

Education Committee Meeting—Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 10, 2013
Location: School Board Office, Board Room
Address: 607 Cumberland Road
7 pm

Members:

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| Committee Chair, Janice Caton, City of Courtenay | ✓ |
| Board Chair, Tom Weber, Lazo North | x |
| Trustee, Paula Selby, Puntledge, Black Creek | ✓ |
| Trustee, Sheila McDonnell, Baynes Sound (Denman/Hornby Islands) | ✓ |
| Trustee, Donna Gambacorta, City of Courtenay | x |
| Trustee, Rick Grinham, Village of Cumberland | ✓ |
| Trustee, Peter Coleman, Town of Comox | ✓ |
| Superintendent, Sherry Elwood | x |
| Assistant Superintendent, Tom Demeo | ✓ |
| Director of Instruction (Elementary Curriculum) Allan Douglas | ✓ |
| Director of Instruction (Student Services) Esther Shatz | ✓ |


Assistant Superintendent Tom Demeo gave an overview of a presentation given by the Ministry of Education at the Superintendents Summer Institute. Highlights included:

- A. Ongoing Curriculum redesign at both the k-9 and 10-12 levels. A draft of the new k-9 curriculum will be made available for review and feedback by the end of the month. Our District is one of nine districts working at developing cross-curricular competencies. These competencies will be part of the new curriculum.
- B. The review of the Graduation program continues this fall with additional field sessions focusing on re-defining directions occurring throughout the province. March 2014 is the target for the recommended changes to the grad program.
- C. There is also a change to the Provincial Awards program, Passport to Education are being phased out while there will be an increase to District/Authority Awards.
- D. Continuation with the training in the ERASE Bullying program
- E. Increased focus on the Trades Program. One of the goals is to increase the number of Grads proceeding directly from High School to a trades or technical program.

Director of Instruction Alan Douglas along with Carol Walters, Lead Literacy Teacher presented an overview of the “Changing Results for Young Readers” program. A few of the many successes from the past school year were highlighted. This year Aspen Park, Arden, and Miracle Beach Elementary will be participating in the program.

Director of Student Services Esther Shatz presented a summary of the Educational Assistant Summer Institute. The Roles and Responsibilities of Educational Assistants was presented as well as a case study which was used in training.

Next Education Committee Meeting:

 **DATE:** Tuesday, October 8, 2013
TIME: 6:30 pm
LOCATION: TBA