Education Committee Minutes

Thursday, March 10, 2011, 11:00 a.m.
Board Room, Administration Office

Present: M. Sefton (Chairperson), P. Bartlette, P. Bowslaugh, Dr. D. Michaels.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Education Committee Meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. by the Committee Chairperson, Trustee Sefton.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Education Committee agenda was approved as circulated.

3. REVIEW OF MINUTES

A) Review of Committee Minutes – February 17, 2011

The Committee reviewed the minutes of February 17, 2011 highlighting discussions regarding the Empower Reading program. The work of the Student Assessment Steering Committee with respect to Policy 4052 was also discussed with Trustees inquiring about the possibility of sitting in on this Steering Committee's meetings as an observer.

4. COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE GOAL ITEMS

5. OTHER COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE MATTERS

A) Possible Presentation by Sexuality Education Resource Centre (SERC)

Trustee Sefton noted he had met with Pam McKay of SERC who expressed concern about students and staff who have contacted her regarding their sexuality and how they may be perceived by their peers, parents and colleagues in the schools. She had inquired about the possibility of SERC making a presentation to the Division at a future Professional Development Session. Trustee Sefton suggested she make her presentation to the Education Committee first before moving forward. He asked that this matter be placed on the agenda to determine how the Committee felt about a timed presentation on this topic at a future Committee meeting. Discussions were held regarding the gay/straight alliance; the previous Board's work in this area and the resulting change in the Harassment Policy No. 5026; and the need for the Committee to be educated in this area before moving forward. It was agreed the Committee would hear from representatives of SERC as a timed item at a future Committee meeting and then determine where the matter would go from there.

6. BRIEFINGS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN EDUCATION

NIL

7. OPERATIONS INFORMATION

NIL

8. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, April 21, 2011, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Board Room.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Sefton, Chair	P. Bartlette
P. Bowslaugh	K. Sumner (Alternate)