

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 85 (VANCOUVER ISLAND NORTH)**

March 12, 2018

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Leighton Wishart, Chairperson of the Board of Education, at North Island Secondary School, Port McNeill, B.C. at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Jeff Field, Trustee
Eric Hunter, Trustee
Werner Manke, Trustee
Carol Prescott, Trustee
Danita Schmidt, Trustee
Lyn Skrlac, Trustee

WELCOME

Chairperson Wishart opened the meeting by acknowledging the traditional territories of the Kwak'waka speaking peoples.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
14/18**

Skrlac/Hunter:
That the minutes of the February 20, 2018 meeting be adopted.
CARRIED

**ADDITIONS TO THE
AGENDA**

Playground equipment program
Field trip request
Correspondence

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA
15/18**

Schmidt/Manke:
That the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary-Treasurer John Martin announced that the District received 100% successful PEN differentials for the September 1701 data collection and credited the good work of school secretaries.

Board Chair Wishart shared the letter of resignation for Superintendent Scott Benwell effective July 31, 2018

**K-20
COLLABORATION**

Superintendent Carol Robertson and Director of Instruction Christina MacDonald attended a meeting in Nanaimo with representatives from Vancouver Island University and North Island College. The group plans to explore possibilities for ongoing collaboration with a shared vision for all learners, K to 20.

**STRATEGIC PLAN
2013-2018**

Ms. Robertson reminded the Board that its Strategic Plan is up for renewal. She recommended that the current Strategic Plan be extended to 2019 to align the renewal process with a newly elected Board and that policy 1-02 be amended accordingly.

16/18

Schmidt/Prescott:

That Board policy PM 1-02 be amended to extend the current Strategic Plan another year to 2019.

CARRIED

**APRIL 3 NON-
INSTRUCTIONAL
DAY**

Ms. Robertson shared a draft agenda for the April 3 non-instructional Day at PHSS. Kaleb Child and Scott Benwell will be presenting on student equity, Gordon Li on coding in schools, and Irene Isaac on lesson planning with indigenous content.

**DISBURSEMENTS –
FEBRUARY
17/18**

Field/Hunter:
That the December 2018 disbursement statements be approved.

CARRIED

**SCHOOL
CALENDARS**

Mr. Martin shared a draft survey for parents regarding the possible change to a two-week spring break. DPAC and VINTA have already seen and supported the draft survey.

18/18

Schmidt/Hunter:
That the Board approve the parent survey regarding spring break and that it be circulated to families.

CARRIED

**PLAYGROUND
EQUIPMENT**

Mr. Martin shared an announcement regarding provincial funding for playground equipment. It is unlikely that the district will qualify for the funding, but each school's playgrounds will be assessed accordingly.

**KWAK'WALA
LANGUAGE CAMPS**

Director of Instruction Christina MacDonald reported that Irene Isaac and the T'sasala Culture Group were successful in their grant application to host four Kwak'wala language camps in partnership with the school district.

EARLY LEARNING

Ms. MacDonald reported that Cheslakees school had been invited by the Ministry of Education to participate in a Changing Results for Young Learners initiative.

**EKE ME-XI FIELD
TRIP
19/18**

Field/Prescott:
That the grade 11 and 12 Eke Me-Xi field trip to Blunden Harbour on April 6, 2018 be approved.

CARRIED

**BOARD
COMMITTEES**

Chairperson Wishart asked trustees if they had concerns with the 2018 Board Committees as proposed. No recommendations for change were heard.

BCPSEA

Trustee Field had nothing new to report.

BCSTA

Trustee Schmidt had nothing new to report.

FNEC

Trustee Hunter reported that FNEC did not have quorum at its last scheduled meeting.

TRUSTEE SHARING Trustee Field enjoyed a five-star meal catered by the Esquimalt High School culinary arts program at the VISTA conference. He reported that VISTA is not be hosting a Fall conference this year. He enjoyed the school visits and acknowledged the wonderful music opportunities for students at Sunset School.

Trustee Prescott appreciated Victoria School District's implementation of an equity model for school funding and their SOGI policy that helps ensure all students feel comfortable in school.

Trustee Schmidt noted that Victoria School District has removed the gender indicator fields from many of their registration and reporting forms. She appreciated the Superintendent's use of the words strong and resilient in lieu of vulnerable when referencing students at risk.

Trustee Hunter had a wonderful visit at Cheslakees with its theme of placing the child first.

Trustee Manke found the VISTA conference interesting. He stated that SD85 also has incredible programs including a climbing wall and an early learning centre. He too appreciated the music program at Sunset.

Chair Wishart met with NISS students before the Board meeting to discuss and answer questions about the position of student trustee representative.

STUDENT TRUSTEES Student trustees Clayton Harder and Micah Estlin had nothing to share.

DPAC REPRESENTATIVE There was no DPAC report

CUPE REPRESENTATIVE There was no CUPE report.

VINTA REPRESENTATIVE VINTA President Shawn Gough is looking forward to the block funding announcement from the Ministry. He appreciated hearing trustees' express interest in music programs in the district.

ADJOURNMENT 20/18 Schmidt:
That the regular meeting of March 12, 2018 be adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

CARRIED

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer