

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

May 14, 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'wala speaking peoples.
STUDENT TRUSTEES	Chairperson Wishart welcomed and introduced student trustees Patrick Miller and Megan Griffith.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES 32/18	Hunter/Manke: That the minutes of the April 9, 2018 meeting be adopted. CARRIED
ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA	Cheslakees grant Fort Rupert field trip
ADOPTION OF AGENDA 33/18	Field/Prescott: That the agenda be adopted as amended. CARRIED
DRAFT BOARD SCHEDULE 2018-19 34/18	Prescott/Manke: That the Board meeting schedule for 2018-2019 be approved. CARRIED
GENERATIVE DIALOGUE	Superintendent Carol Robertson brought a team to the Generative Dialogue Summit in Victoria. SD85 has been invited to pilot generative dialogue with its administrative team next year. The goal of the initiative is to facilitate the building of trusting and respectful relationships, while linking professional development to school inquiry plans.
EA SIGNING AND POLE RAISING	Ms. Robertson encouraged trustees to attend the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement signing and pole raising ceremony. The events will take place at NISS, beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 17.
GRAD REMINDERS	Ms. Robertson reminded trustees that PHSS and NISS graduation ceremonies take place on June 9. She informed trustees that Eke Me-Xi staff will be hosting an intimate celebration for their graduate on June 23.

**DISBURSEMENTS –
APRIL
35/18**

Field/Schmidt:
That the April 2018 disbursement statements be approved.
CARRIED

**DRAFT 2018-2019
BUDGET**

Secretary-Treasurer John Martin shared the 2018-2019 draft budget. The budget will be brought to the June meeting for approval. Mr. Martin reported that the district is officially out of funding protection.

**2018 TRUSTEE
ELECTIONS
UPDATE**

Mr. Martin informed trustees that the Regional District recently underwent area changes. The Board will need to amend its bylaw to reflect these changes. The changes do not effect trustee electoral areas and are simply housekeeping amendments to wording. Mr. Martin recommended that amendments receive three readings at the June meeting.

**RDMW COST
SHARING
AGREEMENT
36/18**

Mr. Martin informed trustees that the Regional District conducts local elections on SD85's behalf at a considerable cost saving.

Prescott/Schmidt:
That the 2018 election cost sharing agreement with the Regional District of Mount Waddington be approved.

CARRIED

**PLAYGROUND
EQUIPMENT
PROGRAM**

Mr. Martin was pleased to report that \$105,000 in unexpected funding has been granted from the Ministry to purchase and install accessible playground equipment at Fort Rupert Elementary School. Additional funding for other schools is expected.

37/18

Manke/Field:
That the annual program funding agreement amendment for the provision of universally accessible playground equipment at Fort Rupert Elementary School be approved.

CARRIED

B.C. CASE

Director of Instruction Christina MacDonald reported that a District team attended the B.C. Council of Administrators for Special Education conference. Presentations focused on trauma informed practice and student diversity.

**PARENT SURVEY
UPDATE**

Ms. MacDonald shared the results of the spring break survey of parents. Nearly 72% of families voted in favour of a two-week spring break and 17% offered no preference. Only 20% of families and less than 10% of CUPE members stated a preference for a one-week break.

38/18

Prescott/Hunter:
That the Board enter into discussions with the Vancouver Island Teachers' Association to negotiate a two-week spring break.

CARRIED

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

Ms. MacDonald shared a poster recognizing long-term service and retiring employees. Trustees will be informed when schools plan to celebrate with staff, so that trustees may attend on behalf of the Board.

CHESLAKEES GRANT

Ms. MacDonald announced that Cheslakees has been granted \$7000 from Island Health and Community Wellness to support a school Garden to Table program.

FRES FIELD TRIP

Ms. MacDonald informed trustees that the grade 4/5/6 class at Fort Rupert Elementary are planning to paddle in the Galtam canoe to Deer Island for an overnight field trip on June 25. All safety measures are in place and the trip is weather dependent.

TRUSTEE SHARING

Trustee Skrlac appreciated that the tragedy in Humboldt Saskatchewan was acknowledged in the April meeting minutes.

Trustee Schmidt attended the Junior Girls Island Soccer Championships. The team from PHSS qualified to attend the provincials in Penticton.

Trustee Prescott enjoyed the school visit to Alert Bay school and the classroom presentations. She invited trustees to attend the Honey Bee Fair at Sea View on May 29 and recognized an A. J. Elliott student travelling to Ottawa to participate in the Canada-wide Science Fair.

Trustee Field also enjoyed the school visit to Alert Bay and was impressed by how eloquent and self-confident the students were. He observed that the on-site portables, repurposed from PHSS, have served the students well.

Trustee Hunter noted the significance of Alert Bay Elementary and T'lisalagi'lakw School students partnering together for the upcoming pole raising ceremony.

Trustee Manke observed at the school visit to Alert Bay that positive thinking can be taught. He appreciated the school's focus on student well-being and positive attitude to improve learning outcomes.

Board Chair Wishart attended the STEM challenge hosted by Eagle View school and spoke with several Gold River students who were excited to have been invited. He reported that the District of Port Hardy now has an early warning system and that he had attended the Fort Rupert PAC meeting. He also enjoyed the visit to Alert Bay.

BCPSEA

Trustee Field had nothing new to report.

BCSTA

Trustee Schmidt had nothing new to report.

FNEC

Trustee Hunter reported that the FNEC meeting was well attended and that students and staff at NISS have been busy preparing for the pole

raising ceremony. He also reported that FNEC has begun working on its Terms of Reference.

STUDENT TRUSTEES NISS student trustee, Megan Griffith, stated that it is a privilege to have the opportunity to greet elders and serve lunch at the pole raising ceremony.

DPAC REPRESENTATIVE DPAC Chair Coral Emms announced that Safer Schools will be coming to the district to present on November 23rd.

CUPE REPRESENTATIVE There was no CUPE report.

VINTA REPRESENTATIVE VINTA President Shawn Gough is hopeful collective bargaining will begin early. He thanked the Board for its motion to open discussions on a two-week spring break.

Mr. Gough was disappointed that the provincial government will no longer provide funding for the new teacher mentorship program and hopes to work with senior administration on ways to keep the program running. There has been no comment yet on recruitment and retention funding although the item is still on the BCTF's agenda. He stated that input on the funding formula review is still being accepted online.

Mr. Gough was pleased that SD85 has not had remedy issues and that process for remedy is a solid one compared to other districts.

POLE RAISING Mr. Jay Dixon invited trustees to the 'Namwiyut pole raising on May 17 for a day of fun, dance and celebration.

ADJOURNMENT Schmidt:
39/18 That the regular meeting of May 14, 2018 be adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

CARRIED

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer