

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

April 10, 2017

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Leightan Wishart, Chairperson of the Board of Education, at the School Board Office, Port Hardy, B.C. at 6:06 p.m. with the following in attendance:

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

WELCOME	Chairperson Wishart opened the meeting by acknowledging the traditional territories of the Kwakiutl First Nation and the Kwak'wala speaking peoples.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES 18/17	Manke/Hunter: That the minutes of the March 13, 2017 meeting be adopted. CARRIED
ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA	Student Achievement Booklets Capital Bylaw
ADOPTION OF AGENDA 19/17	Manke/Hunter: That the agenda be adopted as amended. CARRIED
CANADA 150 PRESENTATION	Heidi Zealand was unable to attend the meeting. Acting Director of Instruction Kathy Bedard informed trustees of activities planned to commemorate Canada's 150 th anniversary of Confederation. Port Hardy District would like to connect with schools to celebrate Canada 150.
CORRESPONDENCE	Acting Superintendent Carol Robertson shared correspondence from the Minister of Education thanking the school district for hosting the parent engagement meeting on January 24 th .
BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE 2017-2018 20/17	Skrlac/Manke That the 2017-2018 Board Meeting Schedule be approved. CARRIED
BAA COURSE OUTDOOR ED. 10 21/17	Field/Schmidt: That the BAA Course Outdoor Education 10 be approved. CARRIED

- AUSTRALIA VISIT** Ms. Robertson reported that a contingency of teachers and administrators from Queensland Australia recently came SD85 to witness and discuss good practice in inquiry and Aboriginal programs. The group visited Eagle View School and Eke Me-Xi Learning Centre and spend a morning in Alert Bay at U'mista and the Big House. Alert Bay students danced for the visitors in the Big House and hosted a traditional meal of salmon and bannock.
- ACHIEVEMENT BOOKLETS** Ms. Robertson shared the 2016-2017 Achievement Booklet developed as part of the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning. This is the third year that the District has published achievement booklets to support student learning.
- DISBURSEMENTS MARCH 2017**
22/17 Schmidt/Prescott:
That the March 2017 disbursement statements be approved.
CARRIED
- CAPITAL BYLAW** Secretary Treasurer John Martin presented the Capital Plan Bylaw that will provide funds necessary to upgrade the HVAC system at PHSS. It was unanimously agreed to by trustees that the bylaw receive all three readings at this time.
- 23/17** Schmidt/Hunter:
That the Capital Plan Bylaw CPSD85-01 receive 1st reading.
CARRIED
- 24/17** Schmidt/Hunter:
That the Capital Plan Bylaw CPSD85-01 receive 2nd reading.
CARRIED
- 25/17** Schmidt/Hunter:
That the Capital Plan Bylaw CPSD85-01 receive 3rd and final reading.
CARRIED
- AJ ELLIOTT FIELD TRIP – HANSON ISLAND**
26/17 Prescott/Field:
That the A. J. Elliott grade 7 field trip to Hanson Island planned for May 25, 2017 be approved.
CARRIED
- NISS/PHSS FIELD TRIP – HAKAI BEACH**
27/17 Field/Manke:
That PHSS and NISS Biology 11 field trip to Hanson Island planned for May 2, 2017- to June 1, 2017 be approved.
CARRIED
- FORESTRY ACADEMY FIELD TRIP – HANSON ISLAND**
28/17 Hunter/Manke:
That the Forestry Academy field trip to Hanson Island planned for May 17, 2017 be approved.
CARRIED

**POLICY COMMITTEE
REPORT**

PM 2-312 is a new policy drafted to address the process for recording student absences and recognize the rights of the student provided under the *Infants Act*.

29/17

Field/Hunter:

That PM 2-312 receive 1st reading and be circulated for feedback.

CARRIED

New policy PM 4-90 Employee-Student Relationships and Communications received 1st reading at the December 12 Board meeting and was circulated for feedback. Feedback was received and discussed and the policy was amended.

30/17

Field/Hunter:

That PM 4-90 be amended, receive 2nd reading and be circulated for feedback.

CARRIED

New policy PM 5-165 Employee and Visitor Identification received 2nd reading at the December 12 Board meeting and was circulated for feedback. Feedback was received and discussed.

31/17

Field/Hunter:

That PM 5-165 Employee and Visitor Identification receive 3rd and final reading.

CARRIED

PM 2-280 School Emergencies and/or Temporary Closures received significant revision to update protocols and to clarify roles and responsibilities of employees.

32/17

Field/ Hunter:

That PM 2-280 receive 1st reading and be circulated for feedback.

CARRIED

School Planning Councils are no longer required under the *School Act*.

33/17

Field/Hunter:

That PM 1-25 School Planning Councils be removed from SD85 Policy.

CARRIED

Three policies received housekeeping changes to ensure best practice and to prepare for upcoming changes to legislation.

34/17

Field/Hunter:

That amendments to the following policies be approved:

PM 2-150 Retention and Destruction of Records

PM 2-160 Students' Personal Records

PM 5-120 Smoke-free Environment

CARRIED

The policy committee discussed the development of two new policies: Budget Monitoring and Reporting, and Surplus. The Ministry requires that both policies be developed before June 30, 2018.

The Policy Committee also discussed the Fentanyl crisis. A presentation on the issue will be held at a date to be determined.

TRUSTEE SHARING

Trustee Manke enjoyed seeing how the students at Fort Rupert Elementary are engaged and happy. He stated how fantastic the difference at Eagle View is, in such a short time, and applauded the work being done to improve the school.

Trustee Field appreciated how Fort Rupert and Eagle View work with communities in their own way, recognizing that not one model fits all. He was a judge at the Fort Rupert Science Fair and enjoyed seeing how the new curriculum is being implemented.

Trustee Schmidt will be travelling with the PHSS and NISS Jr. Girls' soccer teams to Courtenay.

Trustee Hunter enjoyed visiting with the Australian group. He had a wonderful experience in the Big House, watching students perform. He felt that the Australians learned much about the social and emotional significance of the potlatch. He was impressed with the school visits at Fort Rupert and Eagle View and had a very nice day. He enjoyed visiting with Mr. Deacon and discussing the on-going social and emotional learning happening at the school.

Chairperson Wishart commented on the severe drought and the devastating flooding in Queensland recently. He commented on the positive atmosphere at Eagle View and on how the school has made a turnaround and realized great gains.

BCPSEA

Trustee Field had nothing new to report.

BCSTA

Trustee Schmidt reported that there are 37 motions being brought to the BCSTA AGM. She was pleased to announce that SD85 First Nations staff and students will be dancing at the the AGM. She also announced that Kaleb Child and Scott Benwell will be presenting their equity scan.

FNEC

There will be a FNEC meeting on Tuesday, April 11.

**DPAC
REPRESENTATIVE**

There was no DPAC report.

**VINTA
REPRESENTATIVE**

VINTA President Shawn Gough stated that he will have limited availability over the next few weeks as he has been recently elected to

the BCTF executive. Mr. Gough met with other local presidents to discuss the rollout of restored collective language. He stated that the Classroom Education Fund is based on predictions and should instead be based on restored language, regardless of cost. He also stated that the Ministry has not increased the percentage of funding allocated to education and asked the Board to write a letter to the Ministry demanding more funding.

Mr. Gough asked trustees if they were willing to join a non-partisan advertising campaign to make public education a vote determining issue. He stated his concern with the government's release of a new website for student achievement and with the public sharing of school data, specifically in the case of smaller schools.

**CUPE
REPRESENTATIVE**

There was no CUPE report.

**ADJOURNMENT
35/17**

Schmidt:
That the regular meeting of April 10, 2017 be adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

CARRIED

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer