

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

February 14, 2017

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by John Martin, Secretary-Treasurer, at the School Board Office School, Port Hardy, 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
Leightan Wishart, Trustee

Absent: Lyn Skrlac, Trustee

WELCOME

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

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
01/17**

Manke/Schmidt:
That the minutes of the December 12, 2016 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

**ADDITIONS TO THE
AGENDA**

BAA Course Approvals (x3)
Rotary Request

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA
02/17**

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

CARRIED

**SCHOOL CALENDAR
PRESENTATION**

Tanya Spafford, a parent at Sea View School, spoke to the Board requesting a formal policy to improve communication between the Board of Education and parents. She requested that VINTA and CUPE be asked to consider a two-week spring break.

VINTA President Shawn Gough confirmed that the VINTA membership has been canvassed and the majority of members are not currently in favour of making the change to a two-week spring break.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
SAVINGS RECOVERY**

Correspondence was shared regarding administrative savings recovery.

**PARENT
ENGAGEMENT
MEETING JAN. 24**

Acting Superintendent Carol Robertson reported that the January 24th parent engagement meeting was well attended. 49 parents, community members and staff met at North Island Secondary School to discuss student reporting and offer feedback to the Ministry.

**FRAMEWORK FOR
ENHANCING
STUDENT LEARNING**

Ms. Robertson shared the draft Framework for Enhancing Student Learning. The Framework will be shared with DPAC, FNEC and

principals for input. The final Framework will be shared with schools and stakeholder groups and posted on the District website.

**2019-2020 SCHOOL
CALENDAR**

Feedback was shared regarding the 2019-2020 draft school calendar. Alternates dates were considered for professional development days that could align with statutory holidays.

**VIOLENCE THREAT
RISK ASSESSMENT**

Ms. Robertson informed the Board that the District will be holding Level II Violence Risk Threat Assessment training on February 23 and 24. Theresa Campbell will be facilitating training. Upwards of 80 people are expected to attend. Partner groups and independent schools have been invited to participate.

**DISBURSEMENTS
DECEMBER 2016,
JANUARY 2017
03/17**

Field/Manke:
That the December 2016 and January 2017 disbursement statements be approved.

CARRIED

**AMENDED BUDGET
BYLAW**

Secretary Treasurer John Martin presented the 2016-2017 Amended Budget Bylaw for approval. Trustees unanimously agreed that the bylaw would receive all three readings at this time.

04/17

Manke/Schmidt:
That the 2016-2017 Amended Budget Bylaw receive 1st reading.

CARRIED

05/17

Manke/Schmidt:
That the 2016-2017 Amended Budget Bylaw receive 2nd reading.

CARRIED

06/17

Manke/Schmidt:
That the 2016-2017 Amended Budget Bylaw receive 3rd and final reading.

CARRIED

COMPLIANCE AUDIT

Mr. Martin reported that adjustments were made to the adult learner count at both North Island Secondary School and Eke Me-Xi Learning Centre during a compliance audit of their September 1701 data. He stated that the audit team was complementary of the quality of the education programs provided to students at both schools and the connections with community.

**RECOGNITION OF
SERVICE
07/17**

Prescott/Field:
That the gift provided to employees upon retirement be increased to \$200, and that gifts of clocks be presented to 15 and 30-year non-teaching employees and bells be presented to 15 and 30-year teaching employees.

CARRIED

BOARD COMMITTEES

A list of 2017 Board Committees was circulated.

**BAA COURSES (X3)
08/17**

Prescott/Manke:
That BAA courses North Island Forestry 11a, 11b, and 12a be approved.

CARRIED

**ROTARY REQUEST
09/17**

Field/Schmidt:
That the request from the Port McNeil Rotary Club, to waive Board policy so that alcohol may be served in the NISS gymnasium at the April 22, 2017 climbing wall celebration and fundraiser, be approved

CARRIED

BCPSEA

Trustee Field reported on the BCSTA AGM. He stated that Boards are being asked to begin considering bargaining objectives for 2019.

BCSTA

Trustee Schmidt will be attending the upcoming Provincial Council meeting. She will send trustees issue questions that will be discussed at the meeting.

FNEC

A FNEC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 16.

TRUSTEE SHARING

Trustee Prescott enjoyed the school visits to Eke Me-Xi and PHSS. She liked how students were self-assessing at Eke-Me-Xi and seeing how the smokehouse works. She also enjoyed the elective block rotation at PHSS.

Trustee Manke was pleased to see the changes at PHSS. He appreciated the ‘buddying’ program between PHSS and Eagle View that shows PHSS as a good place to attend high school. He also enjoyed the smoked fish and student self-assessment at Eke Me-Xi and wished that more time could have been spent at the school.

Trustee Schmidt stayed for lunch at Eke Me-Xi and enjoyed conversations with students about some of the projects they are working on. She also felt a positive atmosphere at PHSS and enjoyed seeing the learning taking place.

Trustee Hunter shared similar views as his fellow trustees and appreciated how staff engaged students. At both schools, he saw a focus on student engagement and achievement.

Chairperson Wishart did not attend the school visits, but had lunch the previous week at Eke Me-Xi where he met a linguist who has been working closely with the school. Chairperson Wishart has been working with Port Hardy council on finding a way to repair the field watering system and reduce overall water usage at the school. He has noticed that staff and student moral are much improved.

**DPAC
REPRESENTATIVE**

DPAC Chair Miranda Berry reported that DPAC has gained a new member and that DPAC has adjusted its meeting days to Tuesdays to

accommodate members. She is looking forward to attending the BCCPAC Education Conference in Vancouver.

**VINTA
REPRESENTATIVE**

VINTA President Shawn Gough recognized the Board for being open in discussions around restoration of old language. He stated his appreciation for both a good working relationship and a solid process during discussions. He stated that there remains disagreement provincially around class composition, but that the process at the provincial table is working well, if slowly. He also stated that the BCTF hopes that things will be wrapped up before the provincial budget is released. Mr. Gough agreed that class size and composition will be a negotiated item in 2019.

**CUPE
REPRESENTATIVE**

No CUPE representative.

**ADJOURNMENT
10/17**

Schmidt:
That the regular meeting of February 14, 2017 be adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

CARRIED

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer