

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

March 13, 2017

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Leightan 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
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'waka speaking peoples.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES 11/17	Hunter/Manke: That the minutes of the February 14, 2017 meeting be adopted. CARRIED
ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA	Letters of Thanks (x2) AJES and SVEJS Field Trip – tabled until next meeting
ADOPTION OF AGENDA 12/17	Manke/Hunter: That the agenda be adopted as amended. CARRIED
CONNECTED CLASSROOMS PRESENTATION	Jay Dixon and Rena Sweeney reported on the success of Physics 12 being offered at Port Hardy Secondary School via connected classroom technology that has enabled a North Island Secondary School student to participate in the class remotely. Mr. Dixon and Ms. Sweeney provided trustees with a tour of the video conferencing room during a brief recess from 6:10 pm to 6:20 pm.
CORRESPONDENCE	Chairperson Wishart shared two thank you letters: one from NISS graduate Ryan Benwell, and a second from retired teacher Sandra Walther. He also shared a letter from the Deputy Minister regarding substance overdose prevention.
DISTRICT PRO-D DAY	Acting Superintendent Carol Robertson reported on the joint pro-d day on February 24 th .

- SCHOOL CALENDAR** Trustees discussed the merits of a two-year calendar and the idea of moving the May professional development day to coincide with the Victoria Day statutory holiday.
- 13/17** Schmidt/Hunter:
That the 2019-2020 school calendar be tabled until next year and that the Board maintain a two-year calendar moving forward.
CARRIED
- DISBURSEMENTS
FEBRUARY 2017
14/17** Field/Skrlac:
That the February 2017 disbursement statements be approved.
CARRIED
- 2017-2018 BUDGET** Secretary Treasurer John Martin reported that Ministry funding for the 2017-2018 school year will be announced on March 15th. It was decided that the Board would hold a public meeting to discuss the budget on April 3rd at 5:30 pm when more information is available.
- COMMUNITY
REQUEST
15/17** Prescott/Field:
That the Board approve the request from a community member to waive Board policy so that alcohol may be served in the Sunset gymnasium at a wedding reception planned for July 29, 2017.
CARRIED
- VICTORIA FIELD TRIP
16/17** Filed/Skrlac:
That the Sunset, A. J. Elliott and Sea View grade 7 field trip to Victoria and WildPlay Park zip line activities planned for June 19 to 23, 2017 be approved.
CARRIED
- VTRA** Acting Director of Instruction Kathy Bedard reported on the Level 2 Violent Threat Risk Assessment training that occurred on February 23 and 24. The training was well attended; 52 participants including district staff, RCMP, Community Services, as well as staff from SD72 and Avalon school will be receiving certification.
- BCPSEA** Trustee Field is optimistic about the Memorandum of Agreement with the BCTF and hopes that other issues can be attended to during the 2019 negotiation process.
- Chairperson Wishart attended a technical session in Richmond on Friday that provided support for implementing the MOE and the restoration of collective agreement language.
- BCSTA** Trustee Schmidt attended the BCSTA AGM. She reported that all motions were carried and that Scott Benwell and Kaleb Child presented their Equity Scan. She stated that the BCSTA is working to bring public education to the forefront of the provincial election and shared promotional materials with trustees.

FNEC

Trustee Hunter reported on the February 16th FNEC meeting. He stated that Ms. Robertson presented the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning and Mr. Martin presented the budget. There was also a presentation on suicide prevention.

TRUSTEE SHARING

Trustee Field will be attending the Fort Rupert science fair. He attended the Rural Education Conference in Courtenay.

Trustee Prescott enjoyed the A. J. Elliott school visit and seeing how teachers are using Fresh Grade to regularly report to parents. She particularly enjoyed seeing videos of students taking ownership of their learning. Trustee Prescott attended the Sea View PAC meeting and reported on a number of initiatives taking place at the school including one community member who is teaching students to cook and a grant that will provide students with the opportunity to view and study an active beehive.

Trustee Manke saw a wonderful connection with community during the A. J. Elliott school visit. He enjoyed reading the students' short stories that the school publishes regularly.

Trustee Schmidt announced that North Island College will be offering free art classes for students during Spring Break and stated that seating is limited.

Trustee Hunter attended the February pro-d day. He enjoyed Andre Cote's session on transgender self-identification. He also enjoyed the school visit and hopes that the students' self-assessment videos can be shared for others to appreciate.

Trustee Skrlac thanked trustees and staff for the flowers and well wishes.

Trustee Wishart apologized for not making the school visit as he was traveling back from the BCPSEA meeting in Richmond.

**DPAC
REPRESENTATIVE**

There was no DPAC representative.

**VINTA
REPRESENTATIVE**

VINTA President Shawn Gough congratulated Christina MacDonald on her appointment as Acting Director of Instruction and looks forward to working with her. He enjoyed the connected classrooms presentation and is glad to see it working. He stated that VINTA would be in favour of amending the date of the May pro-d day for the 2018-2019 calendar.

Mr. Gough thanked trustees for bringing the issue of retention and recruitment forward. He stated that the BCTF recognizes that

recruitment and retention are areas that need to be attended to and that the BCTF has sent a letter to the Minister requesting a meeting about this.

Mr. Gough reported that the BC Public Education Conference was well attended. At the conference, he met with presenter Ivan Coyote and discussed the possibility of Ivan presenting on transphobia at the social justice fair at NISS.

Mr. Gough invited trustees to Sunset on Thursday where Megan Hanacek will be presenting to students about her time on the TV show “Alone”. Mr. Gough announced that he will be attending the BCTF next week and plans to run for the position of Member at Large.

**CUPE
REPRESENTATIVE**

There was no CUPE report.

**ADJOURNMENT
17/17**

Schmidt:
That the regular meeting of March 13, 2017 be adjourned at 7:23 p.m.
CARRIED

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer