

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

**November 14, 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 6:00 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

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**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  
67/17**

Schmidt/Manke:  
That the minutes of the October 16, 2017 meeting be adopted.  
**CARRIED**

**ADDITIONS TO THE  
AGENDA**

Robert Scott Elementary School Gym  
Correspondence

**ADOPTION OF  
AGENDA  
68/17**

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

**CARRIED**

**FIRST NATIONS  
ROOM  
PRESENTATION –  
MAGGIE  
SEDGEMORE**

Maggie Sedgemore presented on the importance of having a First Nations room at PHSS for Aboriginal and all students. Ms. Sedgemore spoke of her past experience at PHSS as the Aboriginal Youth Counsellor and the work she did connecting with families and communities to make the school a more inviting space. Although she appreciated the ceremony to rename the First Nations room, she noted that words without action have no meaning. She addressed the need for open discussion around suicide and memorials, and asked the Board to have an open mind and an open heart.

**NOII – D'ARCY  
DEACON**

D'Arcy Deacon presented on his trip to Australia to attend the Queensland Network of Inquiry and Innovation Symposium. Mr. Deacon was invited as a keynote speaker and facilitated two breakout sessions.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter was shared from the Board to Minister Fleming requesting the appropriate use of student data.

<b>DISTRICT CLASS SIZE AVERAGES</b>	Acting Superintendent Carol Robertson shared the District's class size averages taken from the October 15 snapshot.
<b>PHSS ROOM RENAMING</b>	Ms. Robertson attended the renaming ceremony for the First Nation's room at PHSS. The room was given a Kwak'wala name meaning 'Gathering Place'. She stated that Chief Robert Joseph delivered a moving and inspiring welcome.
<b>DISBURSEMENTS 69/17</b>	Field/Hunter: That the October 2017 disbursement statements be approved. <b>CARRIED</b>
<b>NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION</b>	Acting Director of Instruction Christina MacDonald reported that New Employee Orientation was a success and feedback has been positive. Attendees appreciated learning from elders about the local culture and history.
<b>FSA</b>	Ms. MacDonald reported that FSAs are complete and have been marked. Booklets will be mailed out soon to schools and parents.
<b>ROBERT SCOTT GYM 70/17</b>	Secretary Treasurer John Martin informed the Board that First Choice Fitness will be moving to a new location. He has received a request from StrongStart to relocate to the gym as it provides more space and is wheelchair accessible.  Schmidt/Hunter: That the SD85 StrongStart Program be relocated to the Robert Scott Elementary School gymnasium. <b>CARRIED</b>
<b>BCPSEA</b>	Trustee Field attended the BCPSEA Symposium and stated that it was one of the best symposiums he has attended. He reported that SD85 was identified as an example of positive culture and is being recognize provincially and internationally.
<b>BCSTA</b>	Trustee Schmidt attended the Provincial Council meeting and will email a synopsis to trustees. She invited trustees to attend a movie night at the Trustee Academy that will be hosted by the Aboriginal Education Committee.
<b>FNEC</b>	There is a FNEC meeting scheduled for December 14. Trustee Hunter has been attending the Mount Waddington Health Network meetings and will be helping to coordinate a key issues evening in Alert Bay.
<b>TRUSTEE SHARING</b>	Chairperson Wishart attended the annual liaison meeting and the BCSTA Board Chairs meeting. He attended the Fort Rupert PAC meeting and the room renaming ceremony at PHSS. He enjoyed the school visit at Eagle View and learning about the use of morning meetings to start each day.

Trustee Schmidt also attended the renaming ceremony and was impressed by the young singers and drummers. She shared a conversation she had at VISTA about the possibility that Port Hardy will not be considered as a venue for hosting a VISTA conference next year.

Trustee Field enjoyed the classroom visits at Eagle View and seeing primary students engaged in their work and the integration of First Nations curriculum. He appreciated the food that was prepared and served by students as part of the self-regulation program.

Trustee Manke observed positive change at Eagle View and how the school is using morning meetings to start the day. He observed staff and students and could sense the change and good things to come.

**DPAC  
REPRESENTATIVE**

DPAC Chair Coral Emms is excited to be one of two DPAC representatives who will be attending the BCCPAC Conference.

**CUPE  
REPRESENTATIVE**

There was no CUPE report.

**VINTA  
REPRESENTATIVE  
ADJOURNMENT  
71/17**

There was no VINTA report.

Schmidt:

That the regular meeting of November 14, 2017 be adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Chairperson of the Board

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Secretary-Treasurer