

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

November 14, 2016

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
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 87/16	Manke/Prescott: That the minutes of the October 17, 2016 meeting be adopted. CARRIED
88/16	Skrlac/Prescott: That Carol Robertson temporarily assume the role of Secretary-Treasurer for the purpose of conducting business during this November 14 th Regular Meeting of the Board. CARRIED
ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA	Security
ADOPTION OF AGENDA 89/16	Schmidt/Hunter: That the agenda be adopted with additions. CARRIED
DISBURSEMENTS OCTOBER 2016 90/16	Field/Schmidt: That the October 2016 disbursement statements be approved. CARRIED
POWER OUTAGE	Acting Superintendent Carol Robertson reported on the recent school closure due to a prolonged power outage. She thanked staff for their assistance and support that day.
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY	Acting Director of Instruction Deb Peters reported on the non-instructional day at NISS that focused on curriculum. Chief Arthur Dick gave a moving welcome followed by panel talks and facilitated sessions on math, mentorship, numeracy and self-reporting.

SD69 MOTION

Trustee Field reported that the Board no longer need to consider writing a letter of support for the SD69 motion regarding the old FSA, as the motion was passed at Provincial Council.

SECURITY

Trustee Hunter spoke on the recent tragedy that occurred in Abbotsford and asked about security measures in place at SD85 schools.

Ms. Robertson reported that the District recently updated its critical incidence protocols and that schools regularly practice lockdown procedure drills. She reminded trustees that all schools have sign ins/outs for visitors and that policy is being developed around photo ID for staff. She also informed trustees that both high schools currently have video surveillance on premises.

Ms. Peters informed trustees that staff have all been trained in critical incident protocols. Additional critical incident protocols training is being offered in February.

TRUSTEE SHARING

Trustee Field visited the Sunset music room during last month's trustee school visit. He enjoyed listening to students playing the spoons and commented how similar the music was to a recent performance by a Metis musician at the Fall VISTA Conference.

Trustee Manke was thrilled to hear of the BCTF victory in the Supreme Court of Canada and stated that the effect will be a very positive one for the District.

Trustee Hunter attended the Salmon Feast at Alert Bay Elementary. He enjoyed the evening and appreciated the children serving the meal and the singing and drumming at the end of the public fun dance.

Trustee Prescott enjoyed the student-led Remembrance Day Ceremony at Sea View. She attended the District Cross Country Meet and commented that the event was extremely successful and well attended. She was happy to see NISS students participate in the event.

BCPSEA

Trustee Field joined a BCPSEA conference call regarding the Supreme Court ruling. The messaging he received was that the decision will have great legal significance across the country and that there is nothing to be done at the local level. Matters will be settled at the provincial table.

BCSTA

Trustee Schmidt recently attended Provincial Council, where the Deputy Assistant Minister presented on K to 12 reporting. Conversations focused on predictable and sustainable funding and the lack of funding for employee wage increases. Districts were asked how they are aligning financial planning with strategic plans. Trustee

Schmidt reported that all motions were passed at the meeting except one that was tabled regarding homelessness on school district properties.

FNEC

The FNEC meeting is scheduled for Thursday.

**DPAC
REPRESENTATIVE**

DPAC Chair Miranda Berry was pleased to report that DPAC is up and running again this year and will be sending a representative to the BCCPAC Summit in Richmond.

**VINTA
REPRESENTATIVE**

VINTA President Shawn Gough expressed his pleasure and feelings of vindication over the Supreme Court ruling in favour of the BCTF. He stated that SD85 has done well keeping class sizes down and that the decision should ensure increased financial support from the Province. He recognized the process as fluid, with matters to be settled at the Provincial table.

Mr. Gough stated how pleased he was that two trustees attended the non-instructional day at NISS. He reminded everyone that the January 9 school-based in-service day will allow further opportunity for teachers to collaborate on curriculum.

**CUPE
REPRESENTATIVE**

There was no CUPE representative.

**ADJOURNMENT
91/16**

Schmidt:
That the regular meeting of November 14, 2016 be adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

CARRIED

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer