

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

**October 16, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Leightan Wishart, Chairperson of the Board of Education, at the 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

Absent: Lyn Skrlac, Trustee

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<b>WELCOME</b>	Chairperson Wishart opened the meeting by acknowledging the traditional territories of the Kwakiutl First Nation and the Kwak'wala speaking peoples.
<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b> <b>57/17</b>	Hunter/Prescott: That the minutes of the September 11, 2017 meeting be adopted. <b>CARRIED</b>
<b>ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA</b>	FSA
<b>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</b> <b>58/17</b>	Schmidt/Skrlac: That the agenda be adopted as amended. <b>CARRIED</b>
<b>FENTANYL AND NALOXONE PRESENTATION – DR. ENNS</b>	Dr. Charmaine Enns, the North Island Medical Health Officer, presented on the fentanyl crisis and its impact on the North Island. She discussed the importance of building capacity, maintaining open dialogue and equipping students in order to help keep them safe. Dr. Enns shared the iMinds webpage from the University of Victoria Centre of Addictions website with resources consistent with the BC K-12 curriculum.
<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	A letter was shared from VINTA regarding the appropriate use of student assessments including the FSA.
<b>SCHOOL PLAN APPROVALS 2017-2018</b> <b>59/17</b>	The 2017-2018 school plans were shared with the Board for approval. Individual school plans will be presented throughout the year during scheduled Trustee school visits.  Prescott/Hunter: That all of the 2017-2018 school plans be approved <b>CARRIED</b>

<b>SOGI</b>	Acting Superintendent Carol Robertson reported that District Principal Irene Isaac has taken the district lead as part of the B.C. Educator Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) network which will include representation from each SD85 school. The network has generated support from both the BCSSA and the BCTF.
<b>GREAT BC SHAKEOUT</b>	Ms. Robertson reported that the district will again be participating in the Great B.C. Shakeout. The province-wide drill is set to take place October 19 at 10:19 a.m.
<b>NON-SEXIST ENVIRONMENT</b>	Ms. Robertson shared the non-sexist environment agreement between SD 85 and VINTA. The agreement reaffirms a joint commitment to a workplace free of harassment.
<b>DISBURSEMENTS 60/17</b>	Schmidt/Manke: That the September 2017 disbursement statements be approved. <b>CARRIED</b>
<b>TRUSTEE ELECTORAL AREAS UPDATE</b>	Secretary Treasurer John Martin reported that the Ministry is supportive of the proposed changes to the trustee electoral areas. Changes will the area around Port McNeill included in the South Zone and Quatsino included in the North Zone.
<b>NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION</b>	Acting Director of Instruction Christina MacDonald informed the board that New Employee Orientation will take place on October 31 at the U'mista Cultural Centre in Alert Bay. She is expecting 37 new employees to attend.
<b>ENROLMENT/ STAFFING</b>	Ms. MacDonald was pleased to inform the Board that accurate student enrolment projections had been made for the 2017-2018 school year and that approximately 1360 FTE students are currently enrolled in the District.
<b>FSA  61/17</b>	Trustees discussed the letter from VINTA regarding the FSA.  Field/Hunter: That the Board write a letter to the Minister requesting that any provincial assessment system should promote the appropriate and ethical use of the data it generates. <b>CARRIED</b>
<b>POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT  62/17</b>	PM 2-312 Student Attendance is a new policy that received 1 <sup>st</sup> reading at the April 10, 2017 board meeting and was circulated for feedback.  Field/Prescott: That PM 2-312 Student Attendance receive 3 <sup>rd</sup> and final reading. <b>CARRIED</b>

PM 4-90 Employee-Student Relationships and Communications received 2<sup>nd</sup> reading at the April 10, 2017 Board meeting and was circulated for feedback.

**62/17**

Field/Prescott:

That PM 4-90 Employee-Student Relationships and Communications receive 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading.

**CARRIED**

PM 2-280 School Emergencies and/or Temporary Closures was revised, received 1<sup>st</sup> reading at the April 10, 2017 meeting, and circulated for feedback. Housekeeping changes were recommended to reflect ocean as well as road conditions.

**63/17**

Field/Prescott:

That PM 2-280 School Emergencies and/or Temporary Closures be amended and receive 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading.

**CARRIED**

The District Health and Safety Committee recommended that the Student Suspension policy be amended so that transportation be notified when a bus student is suspended from school.

**64/17**

Field/Prescott:

That PM 2-330 Student Suspensions be amended and approved.

**CARRIED**

A new policy was proposed related to sanctuary schools.

**65/17**

Field/Prescott:

That the draft Sanctuary Schools policy receive 1<sup>st</sup> reading and be circulated for feedback.

**CARRIED**

Budget Monitoring and Reporting Budget Surplus policies will be tabled until the December policy committee meeting.

**TRUSTEE SHARING**

Trustee Hunter enjoyed his visit to A. J. Elliott.

Trustee Manke appreciated the emphases that was placed on all students at the school.

Trustee Prescott appreciated how the staff identified and set up strategies for young students not yet meeting expectations. She was pleased to share that a sponsored refugee family from Russia will be arriving soon with students to attend A. J. Elliott.

Trustee Field enjoyed the school visit and learning about the local field trip opportunities for students.

- BCPSEA** Trustee Field shared information regarding the revamping of the BCPSEA Board of Directors. He will be attending the Symposium in November.
- BCSTA** Trustee Schmidt will be attending the Provincial Council meeting next week.
- FNEC** Trustee Hunter reported that the last FNEC meeting was well-attended. Discussion at the meeting centered on the Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement and connecting the goals of the agreement with specific examples.
- DPAC REPRESENTATIVE** DPAC Chair Coral Emms reported on the recent DPAC elections. DPAC is looking into funding for kindergarten to grade two students who need support but who are not yet designated.
- CUPE REPRESENTATIVE** There was no CUPE report.  
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- VINTA REPRESENTATIVE** VINTA President Shawn Gough thanked the Board for its support of the appropriate use of student data. He is happy to see the return of an elected Board of Directors of BCPSEA. He also stated that the arrival of a refugee family to Sointula is an exciting opportunity for the school and the community.
- Mr. Gough was pleased with staffing to date but stated that there is still a shortage of TTOCs. He asked the Board to consider lowering its standards for appointment, as well as possible solutions such as hiring full-time TTOCs to increase recruitment and retention.
- ADJOURNMENT** Prescott:  
**66/17** That the regular meeting of October 16, 2017 be adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Chairperson of the Board

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Secretary-Treasurer