

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

October 17, 2016

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Leightan Wishart, Chairperson of the Board of Education, at North Island Secondary, Port McNeill, B.C. at 6:10 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
77/16**

Manke/Hunter:
That the minutes of the September 12, 2016 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

Chairperson Wishart led the Board in taking a few minutes to honour the passing of former SD85 Trustee and teacher, Victor Tracy.

**ADDITIONS TO THE
AGENDA**

Board & Trustee Evaluations
Policy Committee Report
Two Correspondences

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA
78/16**

Schmidt/Manke:
That the agenda be adopted with additions.

CARRIED

**POLICY COMMITTEE
MEETING**

Draft policy PM 5-165 Employee and Visitor Identification Badges was discussed at the policy committee meeting and many amendments were recommended.

PM 5-160 LGBTQ+ Non-discrimination received significant revision in order to comply with Ministry regulations. A more inclusive definition of the term 'gay' was also recommended.

Trustee Skrlac left the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

79/16

Schmidt/Prescott:
That both PM 5-165 Employee and Visitor Identification Badges and PM 5-160 LGBTQ+ Non-discrimination be amended, receive 1st reading, and be circulated for feedback.

CARRIED

A number of policies received amendments:

- PM 4-20 Hiring was amended to reflect best practice. A further amendment was recommended to include ‘current references’ in the review of applications regulations;
- PM 2-42 Code of Conduct – Students was revised to comply with Ministry regulations;
- PM 2-220 Protection of Students and Maintenance of Order was revised to conform with Ministry Guidelines. The word ‘pupil’ was replaced with ‘student’;
- PM 2-00 & 5-00 Safe Schools was amended to include additional references to relevant policies; and
- PM 2-160 Student Records and PM 2-150 were amended to replace references to ‘red files’ with ‘student services files’. The retention period of student services files as also amended to seven years after student leaves school or student’s 26th birthday (whichever comes last).

80/16

Schmidt/Prescott:

That the following policies be amended and approved:

PM 4-20 Hiring;

PM 2-42 Code of Conduct-Students;

PM 2-220 Protection of Students and Maintenance of Order;

PM 2-00 & 5-00 Safe Schools;

PM 2-160 Students’ Personal Records; and

PM 2-150 Retention and Destruction of Records.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairperson Wishart shared correspondence with the Board from the BCSTA asking for BC Boards of Education to consider writing a letter to the Ministry regarding the Ministry’s decision to replace the Vancouver School Board with an appointed trustee.

81/16

Schmidt/Field:

That the board write a letter to the Minister of Education addressing concerns regarding the replacement of the Vancouver School Board with a Ministry appointed trustee.

CARRIED

Chairperson Wishart shared a poster signed by NISS students thanking Trustees for the recent renovation of the school’s foods room.

**2016-2017 SCHOOL
PLAN APPROVALS**

The 2016-2017 school plans were shared with the Board for approval. Individual school plans will be presented throughout the year during scheduled Trustee school visits.

82/16

Field/Manke:

That all of the 2016-2017 school plans be approved.

CARRIED

**MINISTRY OF
EDUCATION
CONSULTATION
MEETING**

Acting Superintendent Carol Robertson reported that SD85 will be hosting one of ten regional engagement meetings to allow parents and community the opportunity to share thoughts on student reporting. The District plans to host the event at NISS January 24, starting at 4:00 p.m..

FSA

Ms. Robertson shared the District's 2016 FSA results and reported that SD85 has seen consistent improvements with extremely high participation rates. She stated that there is still work to be done for improvements for students not yet meeting expectations.

**FORESTRY INDUSTRY
PARTNERSHIP**

Ms. Robertson shared a proposal from the Regional District of Mount Waddington and a request for support of its Rural Dividend Fund application.

83/16

Field/Manke:

That the board support the Regional District of Mount Waddington's application for Rural Dividend Funding.

CARRIED

**DISBURSEMENTS
AUGUST 2016
84/16**

Schmidt/Field:

That the August 2016 disbursement statements be approved.

CARRIED

**DISBURSEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 2016
85/16**

Filed/Schmidt:

That the September 2016 disbursement statements be approved.

CARRIED

**TRANSPORTATION
FUND**

Secretary Treasurer John Martin was pleased to announce that the Ministry has approved SD85's Transportation Fund proposal.

**NEW EMPLOYEE
ORIENTATION**

Ms. Robertson informed trustees that the District will be hosting New Employee Orientation at the U'mista Cultural Centre in Alert Bay on Tuesday. She welcomed Trustees to attend.

ENROLMENT REPORT

Ms. Robertson reported that District enrolment was up from projections. Mr. Martin reported that staffing adjustments were made at four schools to accommodate increased enrolment and need.

**DEPUTY MINISTER OF
EARLY LEARNING**

Ms. Robertson reported that the Deputy Minister of Early Learning will be visiting the District on October 25 and 26. The Deputy Minister will be accompanied by the Director of Aboriginal early Education and the Superintendent of Early Education. While on the North Island, the team plans to visit the School Board Office, Alert Bay Schools and Early Learning Center, as well as Cheslakees School.

- SD69 MOTION - FSA** Trustees discussed the merits of petitioning the Ministry regarding the old FSA.
- 85/16** Field/Manke:
That the Board write a letter supporting SD69 motion to petition the Minister of Education to exempt all districts from administering the February 2017 FSA.
- Withdrawn*
- The item will be brought back to the November board meeting.
- TRUSTEE EVALUATIONS** Trustee Hunter stated that he shares BCSTA President Teresa Rezansoff’s sentiments regarding the dismissal of the Vancouver School Board and that, as elected officials, trustees should not be subjected to evaluation.
- BCPSEA** Trustee Field will be attending the BCPSEA Symposium with Ms. Robertson and Mr. Martin. Sessions will include: affecting change, mental health, treating people with respect, and labour law. He reported that the Supreme Court of Canada will be hearing the BCTF case against the Province in November. He also stated that, although this will be a landmark case, the ruling may not offer a remedy to the dispute.
- BCSTA** Trustee Schmidt will be attending next week’s Provincial Council meeting. She reminded trustees to read the motions and to send her their feedback.
- FNEC** Trustee Schmidt reported that a date has not yet been set for a FNEC meeting.
- DPAC REPRESENTATIVE** There was no DPAC representative.
- VINTA REPRESENTATIVE** There was no VINTA representative.
- CUPE REPRESENTATIVE** There was no CUPE representative.
- ADJOURNMENT** Schmidt:
86/16 That the regular meeting of October 17, 2016 be adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

CARRIED