

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

**December 11, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by John Martin, Secretary-Treasurer, 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

Absent: Lyn Skrlac, Trustee

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**WELCOME**

Secretary-Treasurer John Martin opened the meeting by acknowledging the traditional territories of the Kwakiutl First Nation and the Kwak'waka speaking peoples.

**ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR**

Mr. Martin called for nominations for the position of Board Chair for 2018. Trustee Prescott nominated Trustee Schmidt. Trustee Field nominated trustee Wishart. Ballots were counted resulting in a tie. It was decided that elections would be suspended and that a special meeting of the Board will be called in January when all trustees are available.

**72/17**

Schmidt/Wishart:

That the ballots for elections of Board Chair for 2018 be destroyed.

**CARRIED**

Trustees unanimously agreed that Trustee Wishart should resume duties as Chair until the January meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**73/17**

Hunter/Field:

That the minutes of the November 15, 2017 meeting be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

U'mista Cultural Centre  
Board of Education Performance Review

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**74/17**

Schmidt/Hunter:

That the agenda be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

**AB. ED.  
ENHANCEMENT  
AGREEMENT  
PRESENTATION –  
IRENE ISAAC**

District Principal Irene Isaac presented the draft Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement. Ms. Isaac explained, that through an extensive consultation process that included students, staff, and community, a need for more culture and language in schools was identified. Consultations also revealed generalized concerns for mental health support and awareness. Ms. Isaac informed the Board

that FNEC is looking to finalize the goals of the Enhancement Agreement at the next FNEC meeting.

**NEW SOUTH WALES VISIT**

Superintendent Carol Robertson informed the Board that a group of educators from New South Wales, Australia is planning to visit SD85 in September as part of a week-long visit to British Columbia to learn more about Aboriginal education practices.

**BCSSA FALL CONFERENCE**

Ms. Robertson attended the BCSSA conference with a team of administrators. Keynote speakers addressed innovations in education and challenged educators to take risks in Aboriginal education. The conference provided an opportunity for team networking and delivered high-quality professional learning.

**BAA COURSES**

Ms. Robertson informed the Board that all Board Authority Authorized Courses will need to be revised to ensure that they are consistent with the revised curriculum. Revisions to grade 10 level courses must be approved by July 2018, and grade 11 and 12 level courses approved by July 2019.

**ILC**

Ms. Robertson informed the Board that the Island Chapter of BCSSA is looking to reinstate the Island Leadership Coalition. Ms. Robertson explained that although SD85 has opted out of the December meeting, she plans to send at least one team of educators in the Spring.

**U'MISTA CULTURAL CENTRE**

Ms. Robertson shared an opportunity, offered through U'Mista Cultural Centre, for adults to learn Kwak'wala. Vera Newman will be facilitating the two-day workshop on January 28 and 29.

**DISBURSEMENTS - NOVEMBER 2017 75/17**

Field/Schmidt:  
That the November 2017 disbursement statements be approved.  
**CARRIED**

**DUCKS UNLIMITED**

Secretary Treasurer John Martin shared a request from the Ducks Unlimited North Island Chapter asking that policy be waived to allow alcohol to be served at the annual Ducks Unlimited dinner and auction planned for February 24, 2018 at Sunset School.

**76/17**

Hunter/Manke:  
That the policy be waived to permit the serving of alcohol at the Ducks Unlimited dinner and auction to be held in the Sunset gymnasium on February 24, 2018.  
**CARRIED**

**BULLYING AND HARASSMENT TRAINING**

Director of Instruction Christina MacDonald attended an intensive three day training session on investigations. She found the session to be informative.

**SECONDARY P/VP MEETING**

Ms. MacDonald reported on the recent secondary principal and vice-principal meeting that was held to discuss changes to curriculum, the

graduation program, and assessment practices. She explained that the District will be ready to deliver the new provincial numeracy assessment in April.

**NOVEMBER PRO-D DAY**

Ms. MacDonald stated that the November Pro-D Day was a wonderful day of learning. Shelley Moore delivered a keynote address and two working sessions on inclusive learning. Secretaries participated in their own professional development at NISS where they worked on issues in MyEd BC and received Naloxone training.

**POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT**

PM 5-135 Suicide and Intervention was amended to include a section on suicide completion.

77/17

Field/Schmidt:

That PM 5-135 Suicide and Intervention be amended, receive 1<sup>st</sup> reading, and be circulated for feedback.

**CARRIED**

Although the draft Sanctuary School policy received 1<sup>st</sup> reading at the October meeting, it has not yet been circulated for feedback. The policy, as drafted, presents possible legal ramifications and it was noted that there is no immediate need within district for such a policy. The draft policy has been tabled indefinitely by the Policy Committee.

There is still no new information available to assist with the development of policies for budget monitoring and reporting, and operating fund surplus.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION PERFORMANCE REVIEW**

78/17

Trustee Hunter spoke to the BCSTA Professional Learning guide that was discussed at the Trustee Academy and asked the Board to consider undergoing a performance evaluation.

Hunter/Field:

That the Board institute the review process as supported by the BCSTA and to complete the process before September 2018.

**CARRIED**

**BCSTA**

Trustee Schmidt reminded trustees that motions for Provincial Council are due January 12. She enjoyed the guest speakers at the Trustee Academy and found the movie night showing of *We Were Children* to be extremely powerful.

**BCPSEA**

Trustee Field will be attending the AGM in January.

**FNEC**

The next FNEC meeting is scheduled for December 14, with a pre-meeting to discuss the Enhancement Agreement goals.

**TRUSTEE SHARING**

Trustee Schmidt is looking forward to the Eagle View Christmas Concert. It will be the last elementary school Christmas concert she attends as a parent. She announced that North Island College has

moved into the Thunderbird mall and invited trustees to attend the Open House on January 18.

Chair Wishart stated that this year's BCSTA Academy was the best he has ever attended. He enjoyed hearing from SD46 and their work with student trustees.

Trustee Manke enjoyed the NISS school visit. He appreciated the emphasis on student learning and community involvement. He felt a sense of pride from staff and students, and was pleased to hear administration credit staff, student, parent and community for the school's success.

Trustee Hunter enjoyed a wonderful school visit. He was pleased at the success of the Alert Bay Seniors' Health Forum which he helped to organize.

Trustee Field also enjoyed the school visit. He appreciated the high degree of individualization keeping kids in school, and was pleased to see the growth in new programs being offered.

Trustee Prescott stated that the Trustee Academy was the most amazing she had ever been to. She wished that the showing of *We Were Children* had been offered during the day so that all trustees had the opportunity to watch such an extremely powerful film. She will be attending the A. J. Elliott Christmas concert during the day of the 20<sup>th</sup> followed by the Sea View coffee house that same evening.

**DPAC  
REPRESENTATIVE**

DPAC Chair Coral Emms attended the BCCPAC Summit and appreciated that the Ministry asked for feedback regarding funding for playgrounds. She also enjoyed the SOGI presentation and stated that everyone needs to feel safe at school.

**CUPE  
REPRESENTATIVE**

There was no CUPE report.

**VINTA  
REPRESENTATIVE**

VINTA President Shawn Gough shared a report on education outcomes for children in care, titled "Room for Improvement". He stated that the BCTF Leadership Institute was the best he had ever attended and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**ADJOURNMENT  
79/17**

Schmidt:  
That the regular meeting of December 11, 2017 be adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

**CARRIED**