

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

March 11, 2019

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Leightan Wishart, Chairperson of the Board of Education, at North Island Secondary School, Port McNeill, B.C. at 6:02 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Paul Cann, Trustee
Leanne Farrell, Trustee
Jeff Field, Trustee
Lawrie Garrett, Trustee
Eric Hunter, Trustee
Carol Prescott, Trustee

WELCOME

Chairperson Wishart opened the meeting by acknowledging the traditional territories of the Kwakiutl First Nation and the Kwak'wala speaking peoples.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
17/19**

Hunter/Garrett:
That the minutes of the February 11, 2019 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

**ADDITIONS TO THE
AGENDA**

1. Field Trip – Assistant Superintendent
2. National Science Fair: Travel Funding – Trustee Prescott

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA
18/19**

Cann/Hunter:
That the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

**FRAMEWORK FOR
ENHANCING STUDENT
LEARNING**

Ms. Carol Robertson, Superintendent advised that the Framework has been updated and will be going live on the SD85 Website after the March Break.

SPECIAL ED AUDIT

Superintendent Robertson informed everyone there were 189 Red Files reviewed by the auditors who were very complimentary of our district. Ms. Robertson noted that although nothing official has been received she is aware of 3 adjustments made to 3 different designations with only one affecting funding and that it will be appealed due to previous ministry documentation allowing the designation. She advised that the area to improve upon noted by the auditors would be to ensure that IEP goals are more relevant to the designation. Ms. Robertson stated that the hard work by our district over the past couple of years has resulted in an excellent audit as information was readily available and well catalogued.

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**DISBURSEMENTS –
FEBRUARY 2019
19/19**

Field/Prescott:
That February 2019 disbursements statement be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

FEBRUARY PRO-D DAY

Ms. Christina MacDonald, Assistant Superintendent reported that the February 2019 Pro-D Day was well attended and well organized with lots of positive feedback. This Pro-D Day puts us in compliance with Ministry guidelines.

CALENDAR

Ms. MacDonald made a motion to the Board to put the 2019 /2020 school calendar forward with the change to the placement of Spring Break.

20/19

Garrett/Farrell:
That the 2019/2020 School Calendar be approved with Spring Break now to begin on Monday March 16th and ending on Friday March 27th.

FIELD TRIP

Ms. MacDonald discussed the PHSS European Group Field Trip for April 2020 noting the concern regarding the current travel advisory in the area they will be travelling puts them in a high risk at this time. Ms. MacDonald advised she is not recommending the approval of the Field Trip as currently submitted.

21/19

Farrell/Cann:
That the PHSS European Group Field Trip for April 2020 not be approved as currently submitted

TRAVEL FUNDING

Trustee Prescott advised that the North Island has qualified to send three students to this year's science fair in Fredericton, New Brunswick. Trustee Prescott requested the Board sponsor SD85 student travel which will cost approximately \$1800 per student. Secretary Treasurer, John Martin advised that up to \$3000 can be covered for SD85 students.

22/19

Prescott/Hunter:
That the Board support this science fair by providing \$1000 for travel to SD85 students that qualify to attend up to \$3000.

CARRIED

TRUSTEE SHARING

Trustee Farrell felt the visit to Sunset and Cheslakees Elementary Schools was lovely and the projects the student showed that they were working on were quite interesting.

Trustee Prescott expressed how pleased the children seemed to show what they learned. She noted that there were a number of kindergartens that were very good at reading.

BCPSEA AGM

Trustee Hunter stated it was a very pleasant visit with very engaging projects including coding.

Trustee Garrett felt the Grade 7s did a great job of showing trustees around and that the presentation by the principal showed they are encompassing all learning and that their school is a safe place to go. Trustee Garrett stated he enjoyed it very much.

Chair Wishart enjoyed the visit. He found the children very engaging and noticed they were not afraid to talk.

**BCPSEA, FNEC, BCSTA –
MINISTERS PARTNER
MEETING**

Chair Wishart reported on BCSTA Ministers Partner Meeting on the 21st of February where they discussed several topics including additional funding for mental health improvements, 6-year completion rates, BCTEA (BC Tripartite Education Agreement), and expectation of Special Needs Students being too low. Chair Wishart also noted that bargaining was discussed and a contract is expected by June 30th.

Trustee Garrett spoke about the advantages of blended learning he saw when attending SD71.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Superintendent Robertson advised that the Ad Hoc Board Committee met to put together Thoughtexchange to be rolled out for the Strategic Plan March 14th to March 29th.

STUDENT TRUSTEE

Student Trustee Harder discussed the measles outbreak noting that there are lot of home schooled students who attend NISS for electives and he is wondering if there is a check for these students to ensure they have been vaccinated. Superintendent Robertson advised that there is no screening in place at the moment.

DPAC REPRESENTATIVE

DPAC Chair, Mr. Jason Lansdowne expressed the concern regarding Passive Consent stating that parents feel it is unethical and needs to be changed. Extensive discussion took place around the table concerning the personal information of students specifically for MDI. Superintendent Robertson recommended Mr. Lansdowne to put parent concerns in writing for the Board to forward these concerns on behalf of the parents to UBC who house the MDI research.

VINTA REPRESENTATIVE

VINTA President, Mr. Shawn Gough reported that bargaining is going well and language will be on the table for discussion by the end of this week. Mr. Gough noted he is looking forward to setting up some dates locally. Chair Wishart thanked Mr. Gough and his members for helping with the 2019/2020 school calendar.

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**CUPE
REPRESENTATIVE**

Ms. Jody Welch advised a letter requesting bargaining has been sent and they will find out tomorrow if it has been ratified.

QUESTION PERIOD

Trustee Field requested that MDI be added to the next board meeting agenda in order to provide further information on the survey.

**ADJOURNMENT
23/19**

Prescott:
That the regular meeting of March 11, 2019 be adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

CARRIED

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer