

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

April 9, 2018

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 Kwak'wala speaking peoples.
MOMENT OF SILENCE	Trustee Skrlac led the Board in a moment of silence to acknowledge the victims and grieving families and communities of the recent tragedy in Humboldt, Saskatchewan.
STUDENT TRUSTEES	Chairperson Wishart welcomed and introduced student trustees Jalen Hartly, Patrick Miller and Haley Scow.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES 21/18	Hunter/Manke: That the minutes of the March 12, 2018 meeting be adopted. CARRIED
ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA	Trustee electoral areas
ADOPTION OF AGENDA 22/18	Schmidt/Hunter: That the agenda be adopted as amended. CARRIED
DISBURSEMENTS – MARCH 23/18	Field/Schmidt: That the March 2018 disbursement statements be approved. CARRIED
ABORIGINAL ENHANCEMENT AGREEMENT 24/18	Secretary-Treasurer John Martin explained that, after much consultation and consideration, FNEC has proposed revisions to the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement to include a fifth goal addressing language revitalization. Schmidt/Field: That proposed revisions to the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement be approved. CARRIED

**SEISMIC
MITIGATION**

Manager of Operations and Maintenance Darby Gildersleeve reported that the Ministry has engaged a team of engineers to undertake a mitigation study to determine if any SD 85 schools require seismic upgrades.

CAPITAL BYLAW

Mr. Martin and Mr. Gildersleeve presented the 2018-2019 Capital Plan Bylaw to approve continued upgrades to the PHSS HVAC system, improvements to building exteriors at PHSS and Sunset, and the purchase of two new school buses.

It was unanimously agreed to by all trustees that the bylaw receive all three readings at this time.

25/18

Field/Schmidt:
That Capital Bylaw No. 2018/19-CPSD85-01 receive 1st reading.
CARRIED

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Field/Schmidt:
That Capital Bylaw No. 2018/19-CPSD85-01 receive 2nd reading.
CARRIED

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Field/Schmidt:
That Capital Bylaw No. 2018/19-CPSD85-01 receive 3rd and final reading.
CARRIED

**HANSON ISLAND
FIELD TRIP
28/18**

Field/Prescott:
That the day trip to Hanson Island for grade 10, 11 and 12 Forestry Academy students, planned for April 24, 2018, be approved.
CARRIED

**CALVERT ISLAND
FIELD TRIP
29/18**

Field/Schmidt:
That the Calvert Island and the Hakai Institute field trip for PHSS and NISS Biology 11 students, planned for May 28 to 31, 2018, be approved.
CARRIED

**NISS WILDPLAY
FIELD TRIP
30/18**

Field/Schmidt:
That the NISS Outdoor Leadership 12 field trip to Nanaimo and WildPlay Park rope course activities, planned for April 24, 2018, be approved.
CARRIED

**PARENT SURVEY
UPDATE**

Director of Instruction Christina MacDonald reported that spring break parent surveys have been sent home to families of students in Kindergarten to grade 10 as well as to families with Kindergarten students registered for September.

ELECTORAL AREAS

Trustee Schmidt reminded the Board of its decision to review electoral areas in the Spring of 2018. Mr. Martin stated that population by area

has remained relatively stable and the current allocations for representation are fair.

TRUSTEE SHARING

Trustee Manke enjoyed the school visit to PHSS and to Eke Me-Xi. He saw students engaged in their learning and stated that the education students are receiving in SD85 is as good as anywhere in the province.

Trustee Eric had a wonderful day. He stated that Eke Me-Xi is always a pleasure to visit. He appreciated learning about land literacy.

Trustee Field enjoyed both school visits. He appreciated learning about field trip opportunities for students such as visits to indigenous homelands and to Hakai Institute. He attended the Fort Rupert science fair.

Trustee Prescott apologized for missing the school visits as she was at work.

Trustee Schmidt appreciated the art on the bulletin boards and the Culture Club at PHSS. She attended the DPAC meeting and enjoyed connecting with parents.

BCPSEA

Trustee Field had nothing new to report.

BCSTA

Trustee Schmidt reported changes to the AGM schedule that will see business concluding on the Saturday.

FNEC

The next FNEC meeting is scheduled for April 19th.

STUDENT TRUSTEES

Student trustees had nothing to share.

**DPAC
REPRESENTATIVE**

DPAC Chair Coral Emms offered to post a spring break survey reminder to parents on the DPAC Facebook page. She reported that DPAC is looking into offering a Safer Schools program for interested parents.

**CUPE
REPRESENTATIVE**

There was no CUPE report.

**VINTA
REPRESENTATIVE**

VINTA President Shawn Gough was pleased to donate, on behalf of VINTA, a copy of *On the Line: A BC Labour History* to PHSS and NISS. He attended a social justice conference in Surrey and appreciated the keynote address on reclaiming common ground.

Mr. Gough reported that VINTA has distributed its own survey to members regarding spring break and is hoping to have results by VINTA's AGM in May.

Mr. Gough shared his concerns regarding the Ministry's funding model review discussion paper.

ADJOURNMENT
31/18

Schmidt:
That the regular meeting of April 9, 2018 be adjourned at 7:11 p.m.
CARRIED

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer