

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

December 14, 2020

6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Leightan Wishart, Chairperson of the Board of Education, via ZOOM Video Conference at 6:00 pm with the following in attendance:

Leightan Wishart, Chair
Jeff Field, Vice-Chair
Leanne Farrell, Trustee
Carol Prescott, Trustee
Eric Hunter, Trustee
Lawrie Garrett, Trustee
Ella Barrett, NISS Student Trustee

WELCOME

Chair Wishart opened the meeting by acknowledging the traditional territories of the Kwakwaka'wakw.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
61/20**

Hunter/Farrell:
That the regular minutes of the November 15, 2020 meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**ADDITIONS TO THE
AGENDA**

Umista Donation/Superintendent/Public Agenda

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA
AS AMMENDED
62/20**

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

CARRIED

PRESENTATION

No presentations.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chair Wishart shared a document about building seamless child care.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION LATEST UPDATES Superintendent, Carol Robertson reported that we have a new Minister of Education and discussed the platform going forward.

UMISTA DONTATION Superintendent, Carol Robertson shared information regarding Umista art donation for our dance programs.

DISBURSMENTS 63/20 Field/Garrett:
That the November disbursement statement be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

HEALTH & SAFETY (DARBY/RAY) Secretary-Treasurer, Ray McDonald discussed recent updates provided for K-12 guidance and that we are incorporating those guidelines.

Darby Gildersleeve discussed that we have an adequate supply of PPE. We are sending reminders regarding daily health checks for staff and students.

SCHOOL BUSES Secretary-Treasurer, Ray McDonald and Darby Gildersleeve reported that we received the first of two new school buses. The bus is complete with 12 rows of three point seatbelts.

ENROLLMENT REPORT Assistant Superintendent, Christina MacDonald reported that the District is maintaining enrollment numbers from September through November.

COMPASSIONATE SYSTEMS LEADERSHP COURSE Assistant Superintendent, Christina MacDonald discussed attending a 4 day learning seminar on compassionate leadership systems.

PRO-D DAY Assistant Superintendent, Christina MacDonald provided updates regarding the District Professional Development Day held on Friday, November 20th.

DRAFT 2021-2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR Assistant Superintendent, Christina MacDonald shared the draft 2021-2022 school calendar for review. The calendar will be put out to schools and partner groups for feedback. It will come back to the February Committee of the Whole meeting with any feedback before we take it for approval going forward.

BUSINESS ARISING No new business arising.

NEW BUSINESS: Regional Representation, Trustee Field

**REGIONAL
REPRESENTATION**

Trustee Field

**POLICY COMMITTEE
REPORT
64/20**

The Policy Committee Report, approved as circulated.

Field/Hunter:

The draft Policy Trustee Code of Conduct received its 1st reading.**CARRIED****ELECTION OF BCSTA
PROVINCIAL COUNCIL
AND ALTERNATE**

Chair Wishart called for nominations for the BCSTA Provincial Council and Alternate. Vice-Chair, Jeff Field nominated Trustee Hunter who stated a willingness to accept the position if elected. Chair Wishart called for nominations for a 2nd and 3rd time for BCSTA Provincial Council. No other nominations were brought forth. Trustee Hunter was acclaimed as BCSTA Provincial Councillor.

Trustee Prescott nominated Chair Wishart for the BCSTA Provincial Council Alternate who stated a willingness to accept the position if elected. Chair Wishart called for nominations for a 2nd and 3rd time for BCSTA Provincial Council Alternate. No other nominations were brought forth. Chair Wishart was acclaimed as BCSTA Provincial Council Alternate.

**ELECTION OF BCPSEA
REPRESENTATIVE AND
ALTERNATE**

Chairperson Wishart called for nominations for BCPSEA Representative and Alternate. Trustee Hunter nominated Vice-Chair Field who stated a willingness to accept the position if elected. Chair Wishart called for nominations for a 2nd and 3rd time for BCPSEA Representative. No other nominations were brought forth. Vice-Chair Field was acclaimed as BCPSEA Representative.

No nominations were made for BCPSEA Alternate. Trustee Farrell volunteered as BCPSEA Alternate, who stated a willingness to accept the position if elected. Chair Wishart called for nominations for a 2nd and 3rd time for BCPSEA Alternate. No other nominations were brought forth. Trustee Farrell was acclaimed as BCPSEA Alternate.

**ELECTION OF FNEC
REPRESENTATIVES**

Chairperson Wishart called for nominations for two FNEC Representatives and one FNEC Alternate. Vice-Chair Field nominated Trustee Prescott and Trustee Hunter as FNEC Representatives, who stated a willingness to accept the positions if elected. Chair Wishart called for nominations for a 2nd and 3rd time for FNEC Representatives. There were no further nominations. Trustee Prescott and Trustee Hunter were acclaimed as FNEC Representatives.

Trustee Prescott nominated Trustee Garrett as FNEC Alternate, who stated a willingness to accept the position if elected. Chair Wishart called for nominations for a 2nd and 3rd time for FNEC Alternate. There were no further nominations. Trustee Garrett was acclaimed as FNEC Alternate.

ENROLLMENT UPDATE	<p>Vice-Chair Field received the information he was inquiring about from the Assistant Superintendent's enrollment report.</p> <p>The Committee discussed enrollment and attendance updates.</p>
TTOCs	<p>Vice-Chair Field asked for an update regarding hiring of TTOCs. An update was provided from the Assistant Superintendent, Christina MacDonald.</p>
PLANNING FOR SEPTEMBER 2021	<p>Trustee Garrett questioned how we see schools evolving next September. Superintendent, Carol Robertson responded that we are directed by the Ministry of Education and Public Health Office in regards to school plans.</p>
BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE	<p>Trustee Garrett discussed issues around the lack of before and after school care.</p>
TRUSTEE SHARING:	<p>Trustee Farrell discussed her attendance at School PAC meetings, who were successful with their Purdy's fundraising.</p> <p>Trustee Hunter discussed that the Virtual Academy was excellently run this year.</p> <p>Chair Wishart, discussed attending a few PAC meetings by Zoom.</p>
BCPSEA	<p>Vice-Chair Field discussed the Annual General Meeting scheduled at the end of January 2021.</p> <p>Vice-Chair Field suggested reviewing an article in the current Teacher's Magazine that referred to Section 88/Labour Relations.</p> <p>Vice-Chair Field discussed attending a school PAC meeting by Zoom. They had a record fundraising sale online.</p>
FNEC	<p>Trustee Hunter shared information regarding the recent FNEC meeting and that it was well attended.</p>
BCSTA	<p>Trustee Prescott, nothing to report.</p>
HEARING OF DELEGATES	<p>No hearing of delegates.</p>
STUDENT TRUSTEES	<p>Student Trustee Barrett asked a few questions around COVID-19 cases, PPE policies and BC Ferries/NISS schedules.</p>

VINTA VINTA President, Jason Voth discussed staff stresses during this time of year and that the winter break may help.

CUPE CUPE President, Jody Welch, nothing to report.

DPAC No representative available to report.

**QUESTION PERIOD
(10 MINUTES MAXIMUM)** No questions presented to the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT
65/20** Field:
That the regular meeting of December 14, 2020 be adjourned (7:20 pm)

CARRIED

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary- Treasurer