

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

March 8, 2021

6:02 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Leightan Wishart, Chairperson of the Board of Education, via ZOOM Video Conference at 6:02 pm with the following in attendance:

Jeff Field, Vice-Chair
Paul Cann, Trustee
Leanne Farrell, Trustee
Carol Prescott, Trustee
Eric Hunter, Trustee
Lawrie Garrett, Trustee
Xandry Frost, NISS Student Trustee

WELCOME

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

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR
MINUTES
10/21**

Field/Hunter:
That the regular meeting minutes of the February 8, 2021 meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**ADDITIONS TO THE
AGENDA**

Condolences/Superintendent/Regular Meeting
Counsellor Staffing and Ratio Data/Secretary-Treasurer/Regular Meeting
Funding Protection/Secretary-Treasurer/Regular Meeting
Remove High Risk Field Trip/Assistant Superintendent/Regular Meeting

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA
AS AMMENDED
11/21**

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

CARRIED

PRESENTATION

No presentations.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Ministry of Education Response Letter/Chair Wishart

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
RESPONSE LETTER** Chair Wishart shared a letter from Ministry for information only.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
UPDATES** Superintendent, Carol Robertson shared updates from Friday, March 5th Deputy Minister's Meeting.

**SAFER SCHOOLS
TOGETHER** Superintendent, Carol Robertson shared an information piece regarding SD85 staff attending Safer Schools Together two day conference.

CONDOLENCES Superintendent, Carol Robertson spoke on the behalf of School District No. 85 staff who would like to give their condolences to the family and friends of one of our Grade 11 student who sadly passed away last Monday. Our hearts go out to everyone that knew him.

**DISBURSMENTS
12/21** Field/Hunter:
That the February 2021 disbursement statements be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**COUNSELLOR STAFFING
AND RATIO DATA** Secretary-Treasurer, Ray McDonald shared counsellor staffing and ratio data spreadsheet. The data provided information around what School District No. 85 staffing counsellor time, which included data comparison to other school districts.

FUNDING PROTECTION Secretary-Treasurer, Ray McDonald explained funding protection calculations are public information and are accessible on the Ministry of Education Funding website. He discussed the different factors/models around funding protection.

**ENROLLMENT UPDATE -
2020/2021** Assistant Superintendent, Christina MacDonald reviewed 2020-2021 enrollment updates. We are maintaining our current enrollment and have remained steady in our enrollment compared to September.

TTOC UPDATE Assistant Superintendent, Christina MacDonald reviewed updates on TTOCs.

PRO-D DAY Assistant Superintendent, Christina MacDonald discussed the last Pro-D Day held on Friday, February 26th which was a Vancouver Island North Teacher's Association directed school based professional day.

School District No. 85 has purchased licenses for Read and Write; an assistive technology resource that assists students with reading. Training will happen this week for our Learning Assistant Resource Teachers as well as for our Principals and Vice-Principals on how to maximize the use of this new technology app.

BUSINESS ARISING: No business arising.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

TRUSTEE SHARING: Chair Wishart commented on Secretary-Treasurer, Ray McDonald sharing photographs of the new science wing completion at NISS, and that the maintenance staff have done a tremendous job on this project.

Vice-Chair field attending recent PAC meetings and shared the discussions involved.

Chair Wishart attended recent PAC meetings.

Trustee Prescott attended recent PAC meetings and shared the discussions involved.

BCPSEA Vice-Chair Field reported BCPSEA and BCTF are currently in negotiations under Section 53 which is facilitated by the BC Labour Relations Board. What is happening at the table is very respectful and they are making progress.

FNEC Trustee Hunter, nothing to report.

BCSTA Trustee Hunter discussed the recent Provincial Council Meeting and the voting platform.

Trustee Prescott added how smoothly and quickly the Provincial Council Meeting went.

Chair Wishart noted that he attended and observed the Provincial Council Meeting.

HEARING OF DELEGATES:

STUDENT TRUSTEES Student Trustee Xandry Frost, nothing to report.

VINTA VINTA President, Jason Voth responded to the correspondence from Chair Wishart. Topics included funding protection, counselling time and ratio data. Jason Voth also discussed the intent of his brief.

CUPE CUPE President, Jody Welch, nothing reported.

DPAC DPAC Representative, Leslie Dyck reported DPAC is organizing a workshop to bring to parents. Leslie Dyck also reported concerns that were brought forward from PAC meetings regarding mental health supports for students in the schools.

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

**ADJOURNMENT
13/21** Field:
That the regular meeting of March 8, 2021 be adjourned (7:02 pm)

CARRIED

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary- Treasurer