

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

April 12, 2021

6:02 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Leighton 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
Ella Barrett, NISS Student Trustee
Jimmy Dawson, PHSS Student Trustee
Aaliyah Stewart, PHSS Student Trustee

WELCOME	Chair Wishart opened the meeting by acknowledging the traditional territories of the Kwakwaka'wakw.	
APPROVAL OF MINUTES 14/21	Field/Hunter: That the regular meeting minutes of the March 8, 2021 be approved as circulated.	CARRIED
ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA	Field/Garrett: Condolences/Superintendent/Regular Meeting Sunset Elementary School Incident/Superintendent/Regular Meeting FSA Markings/Assistant Superintendent/Regular Meeting	
ADOPTION OF AGENDA AS AMMENDED 15/21	Field/Garrett: That the agenda be adopted/ as amended.	CARRIED
PRESENTATION	No presentations.	

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

MINISTRY UPDATES Superintendent Carol Robertson reported no updates since the changes to mask wearing.

CONDOLENCES: Superintendent Carol Robertson announced on the behalf of senior staff and the Board of Education that they extend their condolences to the family and friends of a grade 12 student who sadly passed away on March 28th.

SUNSET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INCIDENT: Superintendent Carol Robertson reported a fire at Sunset School that was contained in the furnace room but did have a bit of an impact on some area of the school.

Darby Gildersleeve provided the full details of the incident. School protection was contacted who provided advice on the electrical part that caused the fire. The part did not malfunction it did what it was designed to do. There was no major damage to the building.

DISBURSMENTS 16/21 Field/Hunter: That the March 2021 disbursement statements be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

CAPITAL PLAN UPDATE Secretary Treasurer Ray McDonald called on Darby Gildersleeve to give an update regarding School District No. 85 ongoing Capital.

Mr. Gildersleeve provided updates on the North Island Secondary School science room project and the new electric bus. The science room will be ready for use soon and the electric bus is due to arrive in approximately 2-3 weeks.

Secretary Treasurer McDonald reported that we received approval for two projects to commence work. The first is the interior renovation at Port Hardy Secondary school and the second is LED lighting upgrade at North Island Secondary School.

NEW K-12 SAFETY PLAN UPDATE Secretary Treasurer Ray McDonald reviewed the most recent K-12 safety plan updated March 30th. The only update was putting in the temporary increase in mask guidelines. The guidelines will be reviewed again on April 19th.

ENROLLMENT REPORT 2020-2021 Assistant Superintendent Christina MacDonald reviewed 2020-2021 enrollment updates. We are maintaining our current enrollment and have remained steady in our enrollment.

TTOC Updates	Assistant Superintendent Christina MacDonald reported that TTOCs remain the same as reported out at the last meeting. We currently have 38 teachers on the TTOC list, 27 of those are available for full or part time work. Our TTOC posting is still active for recruitment.
FSA MARKINGS:	Assistant Superintendent Christina MacDonald reported that FSA marking took place at the end of March at School District No. 85. We are in compliance with the Ministry and all marks were entered. Our participation rates continue to be high.
STAFFING:	Trustee Field inquired about the status of staffing for next school year. Assistant Superintendent Christina MacDonald reported that we have met with the union for staffing. We are working through the process and will see postings come out within the next couple of weeks.
GOOD NEWS STORIES:	<p>Assistant Superintendent Christina MacDonald shared that she came across a post on our social media platforms a project “we shall never go hungry” received funding to tackle anti-indigenous racism. This is good news and look forward to seeing this project roll out.</p> <p>Assistant Superintendent MacDonald also shared information on an article that came out in the Gazette that recognized 2 North Island Secondary students who are practicing kindness by giving gifts to seniors who live in the North Island amongst COVID-19 times. This was organized through their Child and Youth Worker.</p>
BUSINESS ARISING:	No business arising.
NEW BUSINESS:	No new business.
TRUSTEE SHARING:	No Trustee sharing.
BCPSEA	Vice-Chair Field no updates to share.
FNEC	Trustee Hunter reported that the final FNEC meeting will be next month.
BCSTA	Trustee Hunter discussed BCSTA procedural motions.
HEARING OF DELEGATES	No hearing of delegates.
STUDENT TRUSTEES	No student trustee to report.
DPAC	No DPAC representative to report.

VINTA VINTA President Jason Voth reviewed the brief he provided to the Board of Education and senior leadership staff. He reported questions and concerns around recruitment and next school year's plan/student cohorts/porter system.

CUPE CUPE President Jody Welch nothing to report.

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

**ADJOURNMENT
17/21** Prescott:
That the regular meeting of April 12, 2021 be adjourned (6:43 pm)

CARRIED

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary- Treasurer