

PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE IN-CAMERA MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 85 (VANCOUVER ISLAND NORTH)

November 8, 2021
4:15 pm

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 4:15 pm with the following in attendance:

Leightan Wishart, Chair
Jeff Field, Vice-Chair
Paul Cann, Trustee
Leanne Farrell, Trustee
Lawrie Garrett, Trustee
Eric Hunter, Trustee
Carol Prescott, Trustee

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
68/21**

Hunter/Prescott:
That the minutes of the in-camera meeting of October 18, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF PUBLIC
MINUTES
69/21**

Hunter/Prescott:
That the public minutes of the in-camera meeting of October 18, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**ADDITIONS TO THE
AGENDA**

No additions to the agenda.

**ADOPTION OF THE
AGENDA
70/21**

Hunter/Farrell:
That the in-camera agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

COVID Guidelines/Email Communication
SD85 FRM Survey Response Letter
MCFD Response/Chair Wishart

**COVID
GUIDELINES/EMAIL
COMMUNICATIONS**

Superintendent Christina MacDonald reported the final version of the Ministry K-12 Guidelines for Vaccination Policy were put out on Friday, November 12th.

A discussion was held with the board around a potential vaccination policy and on the board's next steps.

Acting Secretary Treasurer John Martin clarified information around external packages that were distributed to SD85 Trustees.

**SD85 FRM SURVEY
RESPONSE LETTER**

Chair Wishart shared FRM survey results and noted that there is no fraud risk according to the Auditor General of British Columbia.

MCFD RESPONSE Chair Wishart received a response from MCFD Acting Director of Operations. An explanation was provided to Chair Wishart regarding the process and circumstances of this notice.

**EXCLUDED PRF #10/21
71/21** Prescott/Hunter:
That the Excluded P.R.F. #10/21 be adopted as circulated. **CARRIED**

GRANT UPDATES Superintendent Christina MacDonald provided an update regarding the status of the COVID-19 Recovery Plan and Early Actions Initiative Grants previously reported in September and the consultation piece that is currently taking place with community partners.

SCHOOL PHOTOS Superintendent Christina MacDonald reported discussions that have taken place around issues with our current school photography company. The superintendent and assistant superintendent have met with representatives from our current photography company and another photography company. Discussions were also held at SD85 Principal/Vice-Principal meetings. We are working with both companies to see which one will best service the needs of our schools.

**CUPE PRF #10/21
72/21** Hunter/Farrell:
That the CUPE P.R.F. #10/21 be adopted as circulated. **CARRIED**

**CUPE GRIEVANCE
UPDATE** Acting Secretary Treasurer, John Martin reported one new grievance at this time.

**VINTA PRF #10/21
73/21** Hunter/Garrett:
That the VINTA P.R.F. #10/21 be adopted as circulated. **CARRIED**

GRIEVANCE UPDATES Assistant Superintendent Rena Sweeney reported no new grievances at this time.

STAFFING UPDATES Assistant Superintendent Rena Sweeney reported that staffing has been reviewed for our district. We currently have seven VINTA postings that close this week and we have qualified applicants for the two of the positions.

**LOCAL BARGAINING
UPDATE** Assistant Superintendent Rena Sweeney reported that we are currently working on setting up dates for local bargaining meetings with partner groups.

**ADJOURNMENT
74/21** Prescott:
That the public in-camera meeting of November 8, 2021 be adjourned (5:15 pm). **CARRIED**