

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

November 8, 2021
6:00 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 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

WELCOME

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
55/21**

Hunter/Farrell:
That the regular meeting minutes of October 18, 2021 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**ADDITIONS TO THE
AGENDA**

No additions to the agenda.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA
56/21**

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

CARRIED

PRESENTATION

No presentations.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Christina MacDonald reported the following items that are happening around the school district:

- Some schools have started incorporating volunteers in schools for programs such as breakfast club or the one-to-one reading program. We are taking it very slowly on a scheduled basis.

- Some of our school teams have attended regional competitions such as NISS and PHSS volleyball competitions. All COVID protocols were followed.
- On October 26th the superintendent visited Alert Bay Elementary School.
- On October 28th and 29th the superintendent, the district principal of indigenous education, two FNEC members and some SD85 trustees attended the virtual JCAM (Jointly Convened Annual Meeting).
- Later this month SD85 is providing non-violent intervention crisis training/CPI for some of our bus drivers and maintenance staff.
- On November 4th and 5th a small team from SD85 attended the BCPSEA Fall Symposium.
- This week schools will recognize Remembrance Day on November 11th and will hold their ceremonies on November 10th. Schools will also recognize and celebrate November 8th which is National Indigenous Veterans Day.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Superintendent Christina MacDonald provided an update on inclement weather and that our procedures and policies that are in place.

**DISBURSMENTS
57/21**

Garrett/Farrell:

That the November 2021 disbursement statements be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT
DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS
(FSD&A)**

Acting Secretary Treasurer John Martin shared a document titled Financial Statement Discussion and Analysis for the year ending June 30, 2021. This is a new document for our school district which has not previously been published. The Ministry will require this to be published next year. In summary the report explains the financial statement in a simpler to read format.

TTOC REPORT

Assistant Superintendent Rena Sweeney reported that there have been no significant changes since the last report. There are currently 19 TTOCs available for full time work and 8 TTOCs available for part time work. The TTOC posting is still active and closes at the end of November.

PRO-D DAY

Assistant Superintendent Rena Sweeney reported the Provincial Pro-D was on October 22nd. Due to the Pro-D being Provincial, the workshops were offered online. For the upcoming district Pro-D, VINTA has arranged for a virtual keynote speaker, to be followed by a number of virtual workshops.

**NEW EMPLOYEE
ORIENTATION**

Assistant Superintendent Rena Sweeney reported the new employee orientation was successful and held virtually this year.

TRUSTEE SHARING:

Vice-Chair Field noted the trustee school visit to Eagle View Elementary School was very successful. Trustee Hunter commented that the presentation was well introduced. Trustees had a discussion on the visit.

Trustees discussed their attendance at various PAC meetings.

BCPSEA

Vice-Chair Field reported attending BCPSEA symposium that was delivered virtually. Some of the presenters included recruitment and retention speakers who provided some useful information on recruitment competition and communication with education students.

FNEC

Trustee Hunter reported that on October 19th the FNEC meeting was well attended.

BCSTA

Trustee Hunter attended the Provincial Council and provided a brief of the meeting.

HEARING OF DELEGATES

No hearing of delegates.

STUDENT TRUSTEES

No student trustees to report.

DPAC

No DPAC representative to report.

VINTA

VINTA President Jason Voth reviewed his brief which outlined staffing shortages, recruitment, TTOC banked time and proposed local bargaining dates.

CUPE

No CUPE representative to report.

**QUESTION PERIOD
(10 MINUTES MAXIMUM)**

No questions presented to the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT
58/21**

Prescott:
That the regular meeting of November 8, 2021 be adjourned (6:40 pm)

CARRIED

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary Treasurer