

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

December 13, 2021

6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by John Martin, Acting Secretary Treasurer of the Board of Education, at North Island Secondary School, Port McNeill, B.C. at 6:00 pm with the following in attendance:

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

ELECTION OF THE CHAIR

Acting Secretary Treasurer John Martin opened the meeting by acknowledging the traditional territories of the Kwakwaka'wakw and called for nominations for the position of Board Chair for 2022.

Trustee Farrell and Trustee Prescott nominated Trustee Wishart for Board Chair, and he stated a willingness to accept the position if elected. There were no further nominations. Trustee Wishart was acclaimed as Chairperson of the Board for 2022.

WELCOME

Chair Wishart acknowledged the traditional territories of the Kwakwaka'wakw.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
59/21**

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

CARRIED

**ADDITIONS TO THE
AGENDA**

No additions to the agenda.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA
60/21**

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

CARRIED

**ELECTION OF THE VICE-
CHAIR**

Chairperson Wishart called for nominations for Board Vice-Chair. Trustee Hunter nominated Trustee Field, and he stated a willingness to accept the position if elected. There were no further nominations. Trustee Field was acclaimed as Board Vice-Chair for 2022.

**ELECTION OF BCSTA
PROVINCIAL COUNCIL
AND ALTERNATE**

Chair Wishart called for nominations for the BCSTA Provincial Council and Alternate. Vice-Chair Field nominated Trustee Hunter who stated a willingness to accept the position if elected. There were no other nominations and Trustee Hunter was acclaimed as BCSTA Provincial Councilor for 2022.

Trustee Prescott nominated Chair Wishart for the BCSTA Provincial Council Alternate and he stated a willingness to accept the position if elected. There were no other nominations and Chair Wishart was acclaimed as BCSTA Provincial Council Alternate for 2022.

**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. There were no other nominations and Vice-Chair Field was acclaimed as BCPSEA Representative for 2022.

Trustee Prescott nominated Trustee Farrell for the BCPSEA Alternate who stated a willingness to accept the position if elected. There were no other nominations and Trustee Farrell was acclaimed as BCPSEA Alternate for 2022.

**ELECTION OF FNEC
REPRESENTATIVES**

Chairperson Wishart called for nominations for two FNEC Representatives and one FNEC Alternate. Trustee Garrett nominated Trustee Hunter as FNEC Representative, who stated a willingness to accept the position if elected. Trustee Farrell nominated Trustee Prescott as FNEC Representative, who stated a willingness to accept the position if elected. There were no further nominations and Trustee Hunter and Trustee Prescott were acclaimed as FNEC Representatives for 2022.

Trustee Prescott nominated Chair Wishart as FNEC Alternate, who stated a willingness to accept the position if elected. There were no further nominations. Chair Wishart was acclaimed as FNEC Alternate for 2022.

PRESENTATION

No presentations.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Christina MacDonald shared her report as follows:

November 7th - The superintendent and assistant superintendent visited Sunset Elementary, Cheslakees Elementary and North Island Secondary.

Travel restrictions were revised to allow field and sporting trips to be permitted. December 14th is the date when a new announcement will be made around travel restrictions.

Recognition to the administrator from Cheslakees Elementary school for stepping in to help support Sea View Elementary Junior Secondary School

during the transition of the Principal position. The new administrator at SVEJSS started on December 6th.

November 18 and 19 - A team of SD85 Principals, Vice-Principals, Aboriginal District Principal, Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent virtually attended the BCSSA Fall Symposium.

Nov 23 – Superintendent met virtually with the Executive Director of Vancouver Island Regional Library.

Nov 24 – Superintendent attended the Deputy Minister's meeting virtually. Information was provided regarding what is happening with the devastation with districts in the Province around the flooding.

Nov 24 – Our district Health Officers presented at the last SD85 Principal's/Vice-Principal's meeting.

Nov 26 – Superintendent attended another school district meeting virtually around their path to equity and anti-racism.

Nov 24 – Superintendent attended DPAC and provided a brief report.

Nov 29 – Changing Results for Young Children session happened virtually with Kindergarten teachers, daycare leaders and facilitators. This is the 3rd year of the Provincial initiative for increasing early learning connections and interventions.

Nov 29 – Superintendent attended a meeting virtually to provide information from school district's perspective on the poverty reduction initiative that is taking place locally.

SD85 announced a school closure on December 6 due to power outages and road conditions.

December 9 – Superintendent and Aboriginal District Principal met with the FNEC subcommittee to review "How are we Doing Report" regarding indigenous students in SD85.

December 9 – Wonderful photos of students with gingerbread houses were posted on school's social media sites. Christmas activities are alive and happening in schools.

Jan 3, 2022 – SD85 District In-service day will be focused on indigenous education with the theme of Truth and Reconciliation. Presenters will attend virtually. Staff will be together in-person.

**DISBURSMENTS
61/21**

Field/Hunter:

That the November 2021 disbursement statements be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**PHOTOCOPIER
REPLACEMENT
62/21**

Acting Secretary Treasurer John Martin reported that our photocopiers in schools and district facilities were last replaced in 2014 and are now showing their age with excessive time waiting for repairs. He recommended that the Board consider replacement as These are multifunction devices and they are essential for the smooth operation of our system.

Hunter/Field:

That the multipurpose photocopiers in schools and district facilities be approved for replacement.

CARRIED

ENROLLMENT REPORT

Assistant Superintendent Rena Sweeney provided an enrollment update as of November 2021. There has been an increase in enrollment.

**DRAFT SCHOOL
CALENDAR 2022-23**

Assistant Superintendent Rena Sweeney reviewed the draft 2022-23 school calendar. The calendar will be sent out to public for feedback and will be brought back to the February 2022 board meeting.

**POLICY COMMITTEE
REPORT**

Committee of the Whole: Policy Report/Vice-Chair Field

63/21

Wishart/Hunter:

That PM 5-80 Interviews, Interrogations or Searches receive 3rd and final reading.

CARRIED

64/21

Wishart/Hunter:

That PM 4-43 Public Interest Disclosure receive 2nd and 3rd and final reading.

CARRIED

65/21

Wishart/Hunter:

That PM 6-80 Use of Board Property for Child Care receive 2nd and 3rd and final reading.

CARRIED

66/21

Wishart/Hunter:

That PM 3-80 Boarding Allowance be approved for housekeeping changes.

CARRIED

TRUSTEE SHARING:

Trustee Field shared feedback from PAC meetings regarding parents' concerns and frustrations around COVID-19 exposure notices in schools.

Trustee Farrell shared that she attended the BCSTA Trustee Academy, enjoyed the presentations, and noted the science fair presentation was very well done.

BCPSEA

Vice-Chair Field discussed the upcoming BCPSEA AGM which is scheduled for the end of January 2022 and is currently scheduled to be in person. Trustee Field is registered to attend.

- FNEC** Trustee Hunter attended the last FNEC meeting on October 19th. The next meeting will be in the new year.
- BCSTA** Trustee Hunter shared information regarding BCSTA Trustee Academy and that the conference and presenters were excellent.
- 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 discussed his brief. The brief included recruitment and retention, reduction in staff anxiety around increased recruitment, funding programs, remedy and quarter system feedback.
- CUPE** No CUPE President to report.
- QUESTION PERIOD
(10 MINUTES MAXIMUM)** No questions were presented to the Board.
- ADJOURNMENT
67/21** Prescott:
That the regular meeting of December 13, 2021 be adjourned (6:38 pm)
CARRIED

Chairperson of the Board

Acting Secretary Treasurer