

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

March 14, 2022
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Leightan Wishart, Chairperson of the Board of Education, at North Island Secondary School, Port McNeill 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
11/22** Hunter/Field:
That the regular meeting minutes of February 14, 2022 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**ADDITIONS TO THE
AGENDA** No additions to the agenda.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA
12/22** Hunter/Field:
That the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

PRESENTATION No presentations.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chair Wishart shared a letter from the Deputy Minister for information purposes only.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT Superintendent Christina MacDonald reported on staffing, training opportunities and Provincial updates as follows:

Rapid test kits for students have been distributed to most of our schools. There is no requirement for families to accept the test kits.

In February and March the Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent visited Sea View Elementary Junior Secondary School and Eagle View Elementary School. They also reviewed Fort Rupert Elementary School website regarding engaging student learning in Geocaching on the North Island.

Nawalakw Culture Camp in Bond Sound has delayed student visits until mid-late June.

In-service and professional development opportunities have included the Provincial Changing Results for Young Learner’s initiative.

SD85 will participate in a Ministry-led Cohort to learn about the requirements for the FESL (Framework for Enhancing Student Learning).

The Principal of A.J. Elliott Elementary School shared the school Indigenous math inquiry project provincially with other educators.

On March 4 the Ministry of Education announced the implementation of the new Indigenous graduation requirement. We learned this month that the Ministry of Education has deferred the implementation of the new K-12 reporting policy.

After spring break there will be some changes to our K-12 COVID protocols. This was announced on March 10.

We are currently hosting discussions with local nations to raise the totem pole and are reviewing dates when this can happen.

**DISBURSMENTS
13/22**

Field/Prescott:
That the February 2022 disbursement statements be approved as circulated.
CARRIED

HIGH SCHOOL SURVEY

Assistant Superintendent Rena Sweeney reported that secondary schools created a survey to go to parents, students and staff to look at feedback on using the semester or quarter system next school year. The survey has closed and administration is working on the results, which should be available before spring break.

CAPITAL UPDATE

Darby Gildersleeve provided an update on three of the capital projects currently occurring in the school district.

TRUSTEE SHARING:

Trustees discussed today’s school visits at Sunset Elementary School and Cheslakees Elementary School.

Chair Wishart shared the Deputy Minister’s announcement regarding the Indigenous graduation course requirements and attending various PAC meetings.

BCPSEA Vice-Chair Field had nothing new to report.

FNEC Trustee Hunter had nothing new to report.

BCSTA Trustee Hunter reported on the upcoming BCSTA AGM and noted the Association will be electing a new president.

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 reported on his brief that outlined some concerns around the survey that was sent out, staff leaves and retirement, workload comparison around the semester and quarter system, recruitment and retention and budgets.

CUPE No CUPE representative to report.

**QUESTION PERIOD
(10 MINUTES MAXIMUM)** A guest asked a question regarding the budget plan for funding new and replacement school equipment.

Secretary Treasurer John Martin replied and noted that there is a budget set aside for school equipment. We work in consultation with our partners to ensure what we fund is the best investment.

A guest asked a question regarding the regular meeting agenda with a request to make it available to the public. The agenda will be posted on SD85 website prior to each monthly meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT
14/22** Prescott:
That the regular meeting of March 14, 2022 be adjourned (6:42 pm)

CARRIED

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary Treasurer