

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

April 11, 2022

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
Paul Cann, Trustee
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
15/22**

Hunter/Farrell:
That the regular meeting minutes of the March 14, 2022 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**ADDITIONS TO THE
AGENDA**

Assistant Superintendent/High Risk Field Trip

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA
16/22**

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

CARRIED

PRESENTATION

No presentations.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Programs Communication

17/22

Field/Farrell:
That a community school user group's request to waive the rental fees for their event held at NISS in the gymnasium be waived.

CARRIED

DISTRICT REPORTS:

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT Superintendent Christina MacDonald reported the following:

The Ministry of Education announced that the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation will be observed on September 30, 2022 for next school year and the minutes of instruction identified in the School Act will not be reduced.

On April 1st the Ministry of Education had a name change and they are now known as The Ministry of Education and Child Care.

The declaration on the rights of Indigenous Peoples Act action plan was recently released.

Over the break there was a release of the proposed 2022-23 School Food Guidelines changes by the Ministry of Health. They are seeking feedback specifically from the education sector on how the changes might impact schools. The survey link will be added on SD85 website and will be shared at the upcoming DPAC meeting.

The most recent COVID-19 Provincial Guidelines updates were reviewed.

In March the District Principal and Superintendent attended the unveiling of Sunset Elementary School mural.

The Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent along with a group of Administrators met with a representative from Safer Schools to offer support to our district and our partner groups and communities.

Prior to the break the Superintendent and the local VINTA President met to discuss various concerns and they have committed to meet monthly.

In April the provincial initiative for Changing Results for Young Learners announced that the program will continue next school year.

NISS is in the process of having people certified for its climbing wall. The district is able to provide some additional funding to help support that training.

A small group of educators attended the BCSSA Annual Spring Forum this month.

The District Principal has offered to help organize a land based activity as one of the choices for the upcoming Pro-D Day.

DISBURSMENTS 18/22	Field/Farrell: That the March 2022 disbursement statements be approved as circulated.	CARRIED
ANNUAL PROGRAMS FUNDING AGREEMENT 2022/23 19/22	Secretary Treasurer John Martin presented the 2022/23 Annual Programs Funding Agreement for approval, relating to upcoming capital projects funded by the provincial government. Prescott/Farrell: That the Annual Programs Funding Agreement be approved as circulated.	CARRIED
CAPITAL PLAN BYLAW NO. 2022/23-CPSD85-01	Secretary Treasurer John Martin presented the 2022/23 Capital Plan Bylaw for approval. It was unanimously agreed to by all trustees that the bylaw receive all three readings at this time.	
20/22	Prescott/Garrett: That Capital Bylaw No. 2022/23-CPSD85-01 receive 1st reading.	CARRIED
21/22	Prescott/Garrett: That Capital Bylaw No. 2022/23-CPSD85-01 receive 2nd reading.	CARRIED
22/22	Prescott/Garrett: That Capital Bylaw No. 2022/23-CPSD85-01 receive 3 rd and final reading.	CARRIED
ENROLLMENT UPDATE	Assistant Superintendent Rena Sweeney reported as of March 2022 district enrollment is currently at 1,276 which is up from the start of the school year.	
STAFFING UPDATE	Assistant Superintendent Rena Sweeney reported that we are in the process of reviewing staffing for the 2022-23 school year. We have 10 teacher candidates from UBC that will be joining us in May and June for their placements.	
AMENDED SCHOOL CALENDAR 2022/23 23/22	Assistant Superintendent Rena Sweeney brought forward the 2022-23 amended school calendar. The Ministry of Education and Child Care has confirmed the National Truth and Reconciliation Day as an observed Federal Statutory Holiday which will be held on Friday, September 30 th .	

Prescott/Hunter:

That the 2022-2023 Amended School Calendar be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**HIGH RISK FIELD TRIP
24/22**

Assistant Superintendent Rena Sweeney brought forward a high risk field trip for approval.

Garrett/Farrell:

That the high risk field trip to Link River Campground for Sunset Elementary School grade 6 and 7 students be approved.

CARRIED

**COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE: BUDGET**

Superintendent Christina MacDonald and Secretary Treasurer John Martin shared information regarding the draft 2022-23 budget report.

BUSINESS ARISING

A Letter to the Minister was shared for information purposes regarding Student Loan Forgiveness for teachers. Trustee Field shared some research information regarding the loan program outlined in the letter and how it could be changed to meet the requirements in our communities.

TRUSTEE SHARING:

Trustees shared information regarding today's board visits to Port Hardy Secondary School and Eke Me-Xi Learning Centre.

Trustee Field shared an article for information purposes.

BCPSEA

Vice-Chair Field has nothing new to report.

FNEC

Trustee Hunter shared information regarding the last FNEC meeting.

BCSTA

Trustee Hunter shared information regarding the upcoming BCSTA AGM scheduled for April 21-24, 2022.

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.

CUPE

Teresa MacKenzie spoke about the upcoming round of collective bargaining.

QUESTION PERIOD

No questions presented to the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT
25/22**

Prescott:
That the regular meeting of April 11, 2022 be adjourned (6:40 pm)

CARRIED

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary Treasurer