

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

October 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
Lawrie Garrett, Trustee
Eric Hunter, Trustee
Carol Prescott, Trustee

WELCOME

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
46/22**

Hunter/Farrell:
That the regular meeting minutes of the September 20, 2022 meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**ADDITIONS TO THE
AGENDA**

Superintendent: School Calendar
Cann: Seamless Daycare

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA
47/22**

Prescott/Farrell:
That the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

PRESENTATION

No presentations.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Superintendent Christina MacDonald reported the following updates:

1. This past week, it was a pleasure to visit EVES and witness the unveiling of an Orange Shirt and Red Dress carved by Jason Hunt, Kwagu't artist and parent of an Eagle View Elementary School student.
2. Students at PHSS have created a stunning Art Project to recognize Truth and Reconciliation Week, as well we have seen many photos of classes taking advantage of the nice fall weather by participating in learning on the land activities.
3. The school district Galtam Canoe was taken out by Eke Me-Xi students last week. Students engaged in learning opportunities over on Deer Island.
4. There will be a short salmon feast at Alert Bay School on Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022 at 12:00 (noon) for those that would like to participate. Lunch will be served, usually followed by a dance and a song.
5. Oct. 21 is a Provincial professional development day for teachers and support staff. Many of our teachers take this day to participate in professional learning offered by provincial specialist associations outside of the North Island. The School District is hosting First Aid classes and there is a morning technology workshop being offered as well.
6. Work is underway to arrange regional professional development sessions for educators regarding courses relevant to the new Indigenous Graduation requirement. Once we have more details, we will share out the information with our principals and teachers.
7. The Port Hardy Truth and Reconciliation walk that took place on Sept. 30 was well attended with many SD85 staff participating as well.
8. I attended the Vancouver Island Regional Library Strategic Plan consultation meeting on Monday, Oct. 3 from 6 to 8 pm. The Library is working on re-envisioning their services and spaces and are hosting open community consultation meetings in all regions of Vancouver island.
9. I also attended the North Island Crisis and Counselling Centre's AGM on Oct. 5 and learned about the variety of services and programs they now have in place that range from Infant development to Adult support. NICCC is one of the partner groups the SD refers to when families are looking for outside supports in various areas.

10. This month, schools will participate once again in the Provincial Great Shakeout on Thursday, Oct. 20 at 10:20am.

I would like to take this time to recognize our trustees for all their work over the past 4 years. In particular, I would like to express my sincerest gratitude and thanks to Trustee Leanne Farrell, for her support of SD85 students and learners.

SCHOOL CALENDAR AMENDMENT

Superintendent Christina MacDonald noted that some instructional hours were lost due to the recent Day of Mourning and the Ministry is asking Boards to change the calendar with a simple motion.

48/22

Prescott/Field

That the reduction of five hours in the 2022-2023 School Calendar be approved.

CARRIED

DISBURSEMENTS REPORT 49/22

Field/Cann:

That the September 2022 disbursement report be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

MINOR CAPITAL PLAN SUBMISSION 2023-24

The Board reviewed the list of projects in the 2023-24 Minor Capital Plan Submission totaling \$7,929,250.

50/22

Field/Hunter:

That the 2023-24 Minor Capital Plan Submission be approved.

CARRIED

NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION

The Assistant Superintendent reported on the recent New Employee Orientation.

ENROLLMENT REPORT

The Assistant Superintendent reported on the September 29, 2022 enrollment of 1,286 students, up 36 students over projections.

BUSINESS ARISING

No business arising.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Cann noted that seamless daycare was raised at the Port McNeill all-candidates meeting and he asked what is happening at CES regarding Huckleberry House. Superintendent MacDonald stated that staff are not aware of any further updates. A

community daycare scan will be one of the duties of the new district principal position funded by the Ministry.

TRUSTEE SHARING

Trustee Field mentioned an enjoyable afternoon he spent at Sunset School with grade 7 students. He noted the good discussion on daycare at Fort Rupert PAC, and the good attendance at both the FRES and the EVES PAC meetings.

Trustee Cann noted the positive meeting at PHSS with Art students.

Trustee Farrell thanked everyone for the wonderful experiences she enjoyed during her term as a trustee. Trustee Cann also thanked the Board members and stated that he hoped to be back.

BCPSEA

Vice-Chair Field shared that the BCPSEA Symposium will occur next month. The agenda will include topics related to truth and reconciliation and bargaining updates.

FNEC

Trustee Hunter shared that the first FNEC meeting is scheduled for October 13th. The final agenda will be sent out tomorrow morning.

BCSTA PC

Trustee Hunter shared that the BCSTA HUB has details on the Trustee Academy which is occurring on December 1-3, 2022. The Chair has notified potential new trustees of the dates.

HEARING OF DELEGATES

No hearing of delegates.

STUDENT TRUSTEES

No student Trustees to report.

DPAC

No DPAC representative to report.

VINTA

The VINTA President reported on the mindset of staff, the lack of TTOCs, unfilled postings and the potential health and morale issues for the people who are still working.

CUPE

CUPE representative Jody Welch shared that the Provincial Framework Agreement was ratified. She stated that her members are expressing the same concerns as VINTA regarding staffing.

**QUESTION PERIOD
(10 MINUTES
MAXIMUM)**

No questions were presented to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT
51/22

Farrell:
That the regular meeting of October 11, 2022 be adjourned (6:36
pm)

CARRIED

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary Treasurer