

PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE IN-CAMERA MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 85 (VANCOUVER ISLAND NORTH)

December 12, 2022

3:00 pm

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by, Leighton Wishart, Chairperson of the Board of Education, at North Island Secondary School, Port McNeill, B.C. at 3:00 pm with the following in attendance:

Leighton Wishart, Chair  
Jeff Field, Vice-Chair  
Janet Deane, Trustee  
Lawrie Garrett, Trustee  
Eric Hunter, Trustee

Regrets: Carol Prescott, Trustee  
Kat Tjepkema, Trustee

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**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES  
79/22**

Hunter/Deane:  
That the minutes of the in-camera meeting of November 14, 2022, be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF  
PUBLIC MINUTES  
80/22**

Hunter/Deane:  
That the public minutes of the in-camera meeting of November 14, 2022, be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**ADDITIONS TO THE  
AGENDA**

School Closure/Lawrie Garrett/In-Camera Meeting

**ADOPTION OF THE  
AGENDA  
81/22**

Deane/Garrett  
That the in-camera agenda be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

**EXCLUDED PRF  
#12/22  
82/22**

Field/Deane:  
That the Excluded P.R.F. #12/22 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**HUMAN  
RESOURCES**

Superintendent Christina MacDonald reported on upcoming temporary staffing changes at a school.

The Superintendent discussed her concerns regarding some issues at a school. An external investigation will occur in January.

Staffing difficulties continue with illness and unfilled job vacancies. We are trying to find solutions as we need to ensure schools stay open and remain a safe space for our learners. We will continue to work with VINTA to come up with a plan to fill vacancies.

**CUPE PRF #12/22  
83/22**

Field/Hunter:  
That the CUPE P.R.F. #12/22 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**CUPE GRIEVANCE  
UPDATE**

Secretary Treasurer John Martin reported that there were no new CUPE grievances.

**VINTA PRF #12/22  
84/22**

Field/Deane:  
That the VINTA P.R.F. #12/22 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**GRIEVANCE  
UPDATES**

Assistant Superintendent Rena Sweeney reported one new VINTA grievance since the last Board meeting.

**STAFFING UPDATES**

Assistant Superintendent Rena Sweeney reported new hires for our TOC list. We are working with Make A Future to update our platform.

**FIELD TRIP**

The Assistant Superintendent reviewed two high risk field trips.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Lawrie Garrett discussed the district's recent weather closure. He suggested that we might look at partial district closures rather than closing all schools. The Superintendent spoke to all of the considerations that are taken into account during these special weather events.

**ADJOURNMENT  
85/22**

Deane:  
That the in-camera meeting of December 12, 2022, be adjourned (4:04 pm).

**CARRIED**

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Chairperson of the Board

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Secretary Treasurer