

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

December 12, 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
Janet Deane, Trustee
Lawrie Garrett, Trustee
Eric Hunter, Trustee

Regrets: Carol Prescott, Trustee
Kat Tjepkema, Trustee

Owen Vanlerberg, Student Trustee

WELCOME

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

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
56/22**

Deane / Hunter:
That the Inaugural meeting minutes of the November 14, 2022 meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**ADDITIONS TO THE
AGENDA**

Field Trips/Rena Sweeney/Public Meeting

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA
57/22**

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

CARRIED

PRESENTATION

No presentations.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

**SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT**

Superintendent Christina MacDonald reported on events happening around the district such as Christmas Concerts. The district had the first snow day of the year and the process in making that call was discussed. Minster Whiteside has previously met with students to gather information around the importance of consent. This information was shared back to the Superintendents in BC and then back to schools. It will be included in the curriculum.

**DISBURSEMENTS
58/22**

Field / Deane:
That the November 2022 disbursement report be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**ENROLLMENT REPORT
2022-23**

Assistant Superintendent Rena Sweeney reported on enrollment numbers and noted the district is up five learners from September.

**DRAFT SCHOOL
CALENDAR
2023/2024**

Assistant Superintendent Rena Sweeney presented the draft calendar which will be circulated for feedback in January. There is a place-holder noted on September 29, 2023, for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation as we wait for confirmation of this day. Two more things to note are Spring Break will fall earlier next year and the last Friday in June falls late in the month, so we are looking at schools closing later than usual. Finally, we have provided a new layout and will bring this forward for feedback as well.

**IN-SERVICE DAY
JANUARY 3, 2023**

Assistant Superintendent Rena Sweeney presented the plans for the upcoming In-Service day. Indigenous education is the focus of this day and there will be a few ceremonies, guest speakers, and workshops which staff have selected themselves. The district has arranged transportation to and from Port McNeill and Port Hardy plus shuttles between the Fort Rupert Big House and Fort Rupert Elementary.

**FIELD TRIP - PHSS
59/22**

Assistant Superintendent Rena Sweeney brought forward a previously approved-in-principal field trip request from PHSS to bring a class to the Maritimes over Spring break in 2023. After receiving feedback from parents, the school would like to move the trip to Spring Break 2024 to allow for more time

for families to prepare. They would also like to go to Japan rather than the Maritimes.

Garrett / Deane:

That the PHSS 2024 Japan field trip approved in principle.

CARRIED

**FIELD TRIP - ABES
60/22**

Assistant Superintendent Rena Sweeney brought forward an application from Alert Bay Elementary to attend Nawalakw with a grade 6/7 class.

Hunter/Field:

That the trip be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**COMMITTEE
REPORT – POLICY**

The Policy Committee Chair Jeff Field reported on the four items discussed at the Policy Committee and noted the three policy changes brought forward for Board approval. He noted that the Service Animal policy will stand as is.

**POLICY 3-40
PURCHASING
61/22**

Hunter / Garrett:

That Policy 3-40 Purchasing be amended to increase the purchasing card transaction limit from \$500 to \$2,000.

CARRIED

**POLICY 4-42
STANDARDS OF
CONDUCT
62/22**

Hunter / Garrett:

That Policy 4-42 Standards of Conduct for Employees be updated to reflect recent changes to the BC Human Rights Code protected grounds.

CARRIED

**POLICY 2-340
STUDENT
TRANSPORTATION
63/22**

Hunter / Garrett;

That Policy 2-340 Student Transportation be amended to allow additional modes of non-scheduled transportation, including water taxi, ferry, public transit, airline, special vehicle or other means of transportation approved by the Superintendent.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
64/22**

The Board Meeting Schedule was reviewed.

Deane / Garrett:

That the Board Meeting schedule be approved as presented.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING	The draft listing of committees and representatives was confirmed by the Chair.
NEW BUSINESS	No new business.
TRUSTEE SHARING:	
BCPSEA	Vice-Chair Field discussed teacher bargaining and noted it was a more positive process this round. He stated he would be attending the BCPSEA AGM in January 2023.
FNEC	Trustee Hunter discussed the upcoming FNEC meeting in January 2023.
TRUSTEE TOURS	Chair Wishart discussed recent trustee school tours.
HEARING OF DELEGATES	
STUDENT TRUSTEES	Student Trustee Owen Vanlerberg shared how the students want to have direct communication with the trustees. They highly value the interpersonal relationship between the student body and Board.
DPAC	No DPAC Representative
VINTA	VINTA President Jason Voth discussed his recent letter to the Board and his upcoming meeting with the Superintendent to discuss it further. He expressed concerns for the lack of TTOC's but noted the recent hires.
CUPE	CUPE President Jody Welch reported the need for dialog with the district and confirmed there is a meeting booked with John Martin regarding job evaluation. More discussion can take place during this meeting.
QUESTION PERIOD (10 MINUTES MAXIMUM)	Kevin McGhee, Ricki-Lyn McCrae and Leasa Campbell spoke about mental health concerns and workplace stress, and their concerns for the well-being of both students and their colleagues.

ADJOURNMENT
65/22

Deane:
That the regular meeting of December 12, 2022, be
adjourned (6:45 pm)

CARRIED

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary Treasurer