

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

December 11, 2023

3:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Field, Vice-Chair of the Board of Education, at North Island Secondary, Port McNeill, B.C. at 3:00 pm with the following in attendance:

Leightan Wishart, Chair
Jeff Field, Vice-Chair
Janet Deane, Trustee
Kat Tjepkema, Trustee
Lawrie Garrett, Trustee
Eric Hunter, Trustee
Carol Prescott, Trustee

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
85/23**

Hunter/Garrett:
That the minutes of the in-camera meeting of November 14, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF
PUBLIC MINUTES
86/23**

Hunter/Garrett:
That the public minutes of the in-camera meeting of November 14, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**ADDITIONS TO THE
AGENDA**

NISS Graduation Date/ Christina MacDonald
VINTA Joint Letter of Support/ Christina MacDonald
Completion Rates/Christina MacDonald
VISTA Conference/Trustee Field

**ADOPTION OF THE
AGENDA
87/23**

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

CARRIED

**EXCLUDED PRF
#9/23**

Nil report, no motion required.

**NISS GRADUATION
DATE**

Superintendent Christina MacDonald discussed a recent parent/student concern regarding the date of the NISS graduation ceremony.

VINTA LETTER OF SUPPORT	Superintendent Christina MacDonald shared the drafted VINTA letter of support that will be signed by SD85, VINTA and CUPE confirming the continued support of 2SLGBTQSI+ inclusivity in our district.
GRADUATION RATES	Superintendent Christina MacDonald shared and discussed 5 year and 6 year completion rates for the district.
CUPE PRF #9/23 88/23	Hunter/Deane: That the CUPE P.R.F. #9/23 be adopted as circulated. CARRIED
CUPE GRIEVANCE UPDATE	Secretary Treasurer John Martin reported no new grievances.
MATERNITY TOP-UP	Secretary Treasurer John Martin provided an update on maternity top-up based on information from the BCPSEA Director of Labour Relations.
VINTA PRF #9/23 89/23	Wishart/Prescott: That the VINTA P.R.F. #9/23 be adopted as circulated. CARRIED
VINTA GRIEVANCE UPDATE	Assistant Superintendent Rena Sweeney reported no new grievances.
STAFFING UPDATES	Assistant Superintendent Rena Sweeney reported 5.14 FTE vacancies over 8 postings.
FIELD TRIP	Assistant Superintendent Rena Sweeney brought forward one high risk field trip request. This request will be brought forward to the public meeting for approval.
MILEAGE FOR STUDENT TRUSTEES 90/23	Trustee Prescott brought forward that the Board should review the policy regarding Travel Expenses to include mileage for Student Trustees traveling to Board meetings when they are held outside of their community. Wishart/Prescott: That the Board approve a housekeeping amendment to the Travel Expense Policy to pay mileage to Student Trustees travelling to a board meeting out of their home community. CARRIED

**VISTA
CONFERENCE**

Trustee Field discussed the upcoming VISTA Conference. The District is a presenter on the current agenda, and he wanted to confirm that there is a plan for the two hour time slot VISTA has provided to the district.

Superintendent Christina MacDonald provided an update on the presentation the district has planned thus far, including staff and students joining the Board and senior leadership at the conference to perform some songs and dancing.

**ADJOURNMENT
91/23**

Wishart:
That the in-camera meeting of December 11, 2023 be adjourned (3:50pm).

CARRIED

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary Treasurer