



MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION – SCHOOL DISTRICT #64 (GULF ISLANDS)
HELD WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2012 AT GULF ISLANDS SECONDARY SCHOOL

Present:	May McKenzie	Chairperson
	Bonnie MacGillivray	Vice Chairperson
	Rob Pingle	Trustee
	Katharine Byers	Trustee
	Pete Williams	Trustee
	Susanne Middleditch	Trustee
	Kathy Page	Trustee
	Jeff Hopkins	Superintendent of Schools
	Rod Scotvold	Secretary Treasurer
	Linda Underwood	Director of Human Resources
	Lisa Halstead	Director of Instruction
	Dawne Fennell	Executive Assistant
	Jack Braak	GITA President
Kelda Logan	GIPVPA Representative (arrived at 1:30 p.m.)	
Lauren Utter	GISS Student Representative	
Elizabeth Nolan	Driftwood Representative	
Regrets:	Andy McNish	CUPE President
	Eva Olynyk	GISS Student Representative
	Shelley Lawson	DPAC Representative

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2012 01 11, be adopted with the following additions:

- 8 (e) Field Trip #51
- 10 (a) (ii) Policy 960 – Notice of Motion

CARRIED 01/12

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2011 12 07, be approved as presented.

CARRIED 02/12

3. BUSINESS ARISING

4. DELEGATIONS

5. TRUSTEE'S SCHOOL REPORTS

➤ ***Fernwood Elementary School***

Pizza day; hot dog days; pool nights; music programs; enrollment increase; basketball starting; students raised lots of money for UNICEF, Terry Fox run, and through the book fair, popcorn sales

➤ ***Fulford Community Elementary School***

Afternoon Christmas concert, "Nutcracker, the Musical" was held on Dec. 14; Michael Mitchell, singer, songwriter and storyteller will visit the school Jan. 26; Mother Goose program starting up on Jan. 12 for 10 sessions

➤ ***Galiano Community School***

Phoenix Elementary students visiting next Wednesday, students will break into 4 groups and activities – drama, art, getting to know you, then lunch for 80, followed by music activity and basketball tournament; Math – mental math, doubles, had to tell how they arrived at answer

- ***Gulf Islands Secondary School***
Dance and play performances; lots of exams; students very busy; job action has some impact; fine tuning of work zones; retirement of Ms. Laing; Phoenix Place – no internet at present; PAC – parents are concerned about work zones and how much time is being spent on educational issues; spelling bee to raise money for athletics program, trustees are invited to enter a team, happens January 27; Student Representative Lauren Utter: 6 students invited to talk to Dr. Axworthy – right to protect movement; work on student advocacy almost complete
- ***Mayne Elementary/Jr. Secondary School***
Christmas concert and all school potluck, Gr. 4-8 class performed a *Charlie Brown Christmas* as a video project, directed by a student, filmed indoors and outdoors, student in charge of costumes, showed all the bloopers at the end; pods meet for 75 minutes twice a week, the individual pods are involved in: creating giant life size puppets, making outdoor Adirondack chairs, studying fruit flies, sewing; students visited from Phoenix Elementary yesterday; bottle drive; students join Otter swim club on Fridays
- ***Pender Islands Elem./Sec. School***
Christmas concert in the afternoon, oldest group hosted concert, intermediate class was involved with animation; school garden club met Jan. 4; winter carnival Feb. 1; Kids Club every Tuesday; basketball; tennis classes; Otter swim club; skating on Fridays
- ***Phoenix Elementary School***
Students are happy, busy; PAC meeting; artist in the class on insects; field trips to Mayne and Galiano; garden project – need more cardboard
- ***Saltspring Island Middle School***
New enrollments; basketball; SWOVA's Respectful Relationships program for Gr. 7 and 8 students this month; make over of student computer centre; PAC – concerns regards safe drop off zone, developing website, emergency preparedness discussions; hot lunch starting again; annual talent show in May
- ***Salt Spring Elementary School***
Christmas performance in afternoon, whole school event; basketball starting, looking for lunch time coaches; Holly Arntzen and Kevin Wright will be performing at Lion's Hall, Feb. 11, profits will go to support SSI Conservancy
- ***Saturna Elementary School/SEEC***
Elementary: 2 new arrivals – twins; each student looking for an area of Saturna they want to learn about and then will present their findings to other students; working on transition – younger students saying goodbye to SEEC students – there will be a pancake breakfast and individual cards from SEEC students to their buddies
SEEC: open house on Wednesday, winding down this semester; new group (13 students) arriving on February 6, students coming from all over including Germany; heating system working better
- ***Windsor House School***
Lots of meetings this month; updating drug policy; trip to Strathcona; redesigning the high school meeting; Kid's Café – 8 and 9 year olds. Students buy, make, market, and sell the food – learning about small business operations

6. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) **Letter from Minister George Abbott**

A letter addressed to all Board Chairs was received from the Minister of Education, George Abbott December 9, 2011. Following recommendations from school districts regards the funding formula, the Minister announced government will be introducing changes to the funding formula effective 2012/2013. Four areas of change are:

1. additional funding will go towards districts with growing vulnerable student populations through CommunityLINK
2. a new allocation, which will be incorporated into the Supplement for Unique Geographic Factors will provide support to districts for transporting special needs students
3. rural and remote elementary schools will receive additional funding

4. funding will be added to provide support to small districts with low enrollment

The changes in the funding formula may result in an increase of approximately \$275,000 in funding for the district for the 2012/2013 school year.

7. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

(a) Board Committee Structure

Chair McKenzie informed everyone the Board Committee Structure has been revised. It will be shared with all partner groups and school secretaries.

(b) Windsor House Visit with Minister of Education

The Minister visited Windsor House School on December 8 along with Chair McKenzie, Superintendent Hopkins and Principal Steve Dunsmuir. Principal Meghan Carrico led the tour of the school and answered many questions Minister Abbott had regards the programs, how teachers are deployed in the school, student governance. The visit was very positive. Minister Abbott expressed his wish to visit Salt Spring Island perhaps early February.

(c) Ombudsperson Annual Report 2010/2011

The Ombudsperson's report has been received and is available to anyone to peruse.

8. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

(a) Superintendent's Report on Achievement

This report is a legislative requirement that follows the Achievement Contract and is a "snapshot" of the progress towards the goals that were identified in the Achievement Contract submitted in July 2011. This report is to be submitted to the Ministry by January 31 and will become a public document on February 1. Trustees reviewed the document this morning. Mr. Hopkins will make the requested amendments and it will be brought forward for Board approval on January 25 Committee Day.

(b) Drake Road Update

The district has been working with the Ministry for a number of years regards the disposal of school district property on Drake Road for an affordable housing project. The district has recently completed a Memorandum of Understanding between School District #64 (Gulf Islands) and the Capital Regional District (CRD). A public consultation process will soon begin and a trustee and an alternate have been invited to be members of the steering committee to provide input. When the consultation process is complete, the project will be taken over by the CRD and district involvement will end. Trustees Pingle and Page volunteered to be on the steering committee.

(c) Middle Years Programs/Outer Islands

Lisa Halstead, Director of Instruction reported out on her visit to Pender, Galiano and Mayne Islands as part of the information gathering and research phase for the Outer Islands middle years program. The Galiano PAC created a survey and sent it out to all parents on the Outer Islands asking for input on their vision for this program. She will meet with Saturna PAC tomorrow and continues to work towards gathering information from educators.

(d) Strike Update

As we approach provincial exams, FSAs and end of semester at GISS, administration requires clarification of what teachers will/will not be engaged in. Exempt staff members will be marking exams; however there may not be enough people and teachers may be required to help. Any teaching staff members who have agreed to be a Teacher in Charge (TIC) have, in principle, agreed to be involved in some issues that teachers aren't, such as marking exams and supervision, if required. Principals have always invigilated and marked the FSAs. No report cards data is available except for that entered for students who happen to have a principal or vice principal as their teacher and for those students in graduating programs and moving on to post-secondary institutes.

(e) Field Trip Request #51

This field trip has not been requested by the school; however the students are from GISS and insurance coverage will apply if it is school sanctioned and Board approved. It is a request received from Lynda Laushway of SWOVA to take 2 GISS students (Josh Funfer and Jade Beauvais) on an extra-curricular field trip to Toronto, Ontario February 21 to 25, 2012 to attend meetings at the Teen Healthy Relationship Programming National Skills Institute, sponsored by the Canadian Women's Foundation.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education moves to approve the extra-curricular field trip to Toronto, Ontario February 21 to 25, 2012 for GISS students, Josh Funfer and Jade Beauvais to attend meetings at the Teen Healthy Relationship Programming National Skills Institute, sponsored by the Canadian Women's Foundation, to meet youth from across Canada and to give workshop presentations from the Respectful Relationships program.

CARRIED 03/12

9. CORPORATE FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

(a) Monthly Expenditure Report

The monthly expenditure report indicates that with 0.5 % of the year completed, 0.4484 % of the budget has been expended. We are 5.16 % below budget at this time. We are on par with the same time period as last year.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Policy Committee

(i) Scholarship Policy

The district's Educational Trust Fund is a non-profit charity and through this charity a number of scholarships and bursaries are funded. A policy containing guidelines and criteria regards receiving and distributing money earmarked for bursaries and scholarships is to be developed. This item will be forwarded to the Policy Committee.

(ii) Policy 960, Outdoor Recreational Areas

This policy remains as a Notice of Motion. Feedback has been received and will be reviewed at the January 25 Committee Day.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

12. QUESTION PERIOD

13. NEXT MEETING DATES

- (a) Committee Day – January 25, 2012 at the School Board Office
- (b) Regular Board Meeting – February 08, 2012 at Salt Spring Elementary School

14. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

CARRIED 04/12

Date: February 8, 2012

May McKenzie
Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Rod Scotvold
Secretary Treasurer

LOCAL SCHOOL CALENDAR CONSULTATION FOR 2012/2013

No discussion. (0 community members present).