



MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION
Board of Education, School District #64 (Gulf Islands)
SATURNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL/SEEC
October 08, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

Present:	May McKenzie Rob Pingle Kathy Page Katharine Byers Bonnie MacGillivray Susanne Middleditch	Chairperson Vice Chairperson Trustee Trustee Trustee Trustee
	Lisa Halstead Rod Scotvold Linda Underwood Cindy Rodgers Dawne Fennell	Superintendent of Schools Secretary Treasurer Director of Instruction, Human Resources Manager of Finance Executive Assistant
	Shannon Johnston Elizabeth Nolan	GIPVPA Representative Driftwood Representative
	Amy Findley Judy Tipple Jan Nicol Carol McFarlane	Saturna TTOC Saturna Sunset Scribbler Guest from Mayne Island Guest from Mayne Island
Regrets:	Pete Williams Doug Livingston Larry Melious --	Trustee Director of Instruction, Learning Services CUPE Representative 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 2014 10 08, be adopted with the following additions:

- 8 (c) Research Request
- 9 (a) Bylaw 14-01

CARRIED 71/14

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2014 09 10, be approved as presented.

CARRIED 72/14

3. BUSINESS ARISING

4. DELEGATIONS

5. TRUSTEE'S SCHOOL REPORTS

➤ ***Fernwood Elementary School***

One new classroom and 2 new teachers; Terry Fox run beginning of term; students are all settling into classes; fire drill, visit from SSI firefighters; garden program up and running with help from community mentor; teacher Whitney Walker teaching music to all students; recent Pro D – water conservation, social thinking and behaviours, common language

- ***Fulford Community Elementary School***
Lower enrollment than last year; full school classes; art project themed around environmental issues; PAC is going through transition and remain very active; gr. 1/2, 3/4 and 4/5 classes have blogs
- ***Galiano Community School***
Whole school meeting on first day; 3 new students; Terry Fox run, and trustee MacGillivray joined staff and students; older class doing “community” as a project and what it means; OIMY students overnighing on Saturna in October; music with Diona Davies, funded partially by PAC, doing “rock camp” this year, with concert at the end of the year
- ***Gulf Islands Secondary School***
Very, very busy; calendar has been extended to balance the semesters; continued focus on teachers meeting with teachers across departments; REAL 9 has begun; grad transitions; staffing changes; Phoenix – students are happy, more settled, programs appear to be successful, students are focused; PAC has met
- ***Mayne Elementary/Jr. Secondary School***
Two new K students; large group of new staff; PAC hosted pot luck supper – lots of parents and kids; PAC have met, small group, raise about \$600 per year per student, want to encourage more parents to join PAC; Michelle Footz performed a mini concert for whole school then headed east following her last concert, Mayne students will be tracking her progress; Donna Kirkpatrick has returned to the classroom with a K-3 class; gr. 4-8 working on assessments; group math projects
- ***Pender Islands Elem./Sec. School***
No report. Trustee Williams absent.
- ***Phoenix Elementary School***
Art activities; music continues with Diona, rock band performed for whole school; new staff; 8 high school students cross enrolled; garden needs new parent volunteer; lunch on Wednesday with harvest from garden
- ***Saltspring Island Middle School***
Community week – “love where you learn” first week back; Terry Fox run and hot dog lunch by PAC; timetabling and exploratories with extended project time; Art Starts, drumming workshop for whole school; student centre has been under renovation past few years by PAC, further improvements recently with the additions of tables and cushions, very inviting space
- ***Salt Spring Elementary School***
Not many changes from last year, everyone working well; vibrant and big school with 185 students; gr. 3 class performing a play called “Stone Soup” featuring a wolf, rabbit and mole; PAC met October 2, huge turnout, executive has already been chosen, busy networking to build community and garner fund raising ideas
- ***Saturna Elementary School/SEEC***
Great start-up with junior students and SEEC students, blending – junior “SEECers”, helps bring students out of their comfort zones; community feel in classroom is good; nature pod eco learning partnership with Phoenix Elementary students once a month when they buddy with SEEC students; also working with SSE students this year; OIMY students overnighing on Saturna October 15 & 16
- ***Windsor House School***
Bumpy start due to strike; meeting needs of students and parents; 15 students in K; Forest School has started; using open space technology; lots of activities happening out of the school; wolf program; working with 2 local artists who work from a mobile art studio; new high school offering “outdoor leadership”

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

7. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

(a) **Letter from Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority**

A letter sent to Board members from Shannon Cowan, Coordinator, Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority (SSIWPA) inviting a trustee representative to sit on the SSIWPA Public Advisory Committee (PAC). This item will be tabled until after the November trustee election to determine who will join this group.

8. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

(a) **Learning in School District No. 64**

Ms. Halstead shared that the district has implemented the new student information system (MyEd BC) and staff is undergoing training.

Two meetings have been held recently to discuss flexible learning options with interested parents – October 1 at the SIMS library and October 7 at Phoenix Elementary. A follow-up meeting is planned to discuss next steps. Ms. Halstead plans to travel to Pender to speak about flexible options to interested Pender parents.

(b) **Education LINKS Report**

The first meeting of the year was held on October 16. The highlights included:

- prioritizing and action planning
- brainstorming on what the group doesn't want to lose from last year – health, wellness, flexible learning, foundations for learning, community connections, DPAC, BC Ed plan and curriculum
- how to engage community and students in planning – learning for all with direction and purpose
- maintain a connection with all adult educators regarding planning

(c) **Research Request**

A request from district staff member Tanya Grant for permission to proceed with her Masters of Education research study in School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands) titled, "*A Profile of Writing Instruction in Gulf Islands School District 64*". Ms. Halstead recommends approval.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves the research request as presented by Tanya Grant.

CARRIED 73/14

9. **CORPORATE FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT**

(a) **Extension of Mahon Hall Lease to Salt Spring Arts Council – Disposal of Real Property Bylaw No. 14-01**

Mr. Scotvold informed Board members that the arts council is mid-way through a 30-year lease with the district and they are requesting an extension. Their major goal is to embark on a significant upgrade and expansion of Mahon Hall, which will require up to \$800,000 in funding. Funding agencies are requesting a stronger form of tenure from the council. Mr. Scotvold has consulted with the Ministry and recommends the district renew the current lease for a term of 60 years.

It was moved and seconded that there is unanimous approval to read Property Bylaw No. 14-01 in one sitting.

CARRIED 74/14

It was moved and seconded that Property Bylaw No. 14-01 be read a first time and approved.

CARRIED 75/14

It was moved and seconded that Property Bylaw No. 14-01 be read a second time and approved.

CARRIED 76/14

It was moved and seconded that Property Bylaw No. 14-01 be read a third time, passed and adopted.

CARRIED 77/14

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

11. OTHER BUSINESS

12. QUESTION PERIOD

13. NEXT MEETING DATES

- (a) Committee Day Meeting – October 22, 2014 at the School Board Office
- (b) Regular Board Meeting – November 12, 2014 at Galiano Community School

14. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

CARRIED 78/14

Date: November 12, 2014

May McKenzie
Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Rod Scotvold
Secretary Treasurer

LOCAL SCHOOL CALENDAR DISCUSSION FOR 2015/2016

GITA President, Deborah Nostdal informed Board members that spring break in March 2015 falls during the time BCTF holds their annual AGM. Usually three district teachers attend this meeting and Ms. Nostdal stated the union will likely be asking the district for financial support for teachers to attend the AGM.