



MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION
Board of Education, School District #64 (Gulf Islands)
FULFORD COMMUNITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
February 11, 2015 at 1:14 p.m.

Present:	May McKenzie	Chairperson
	Rob Pingle	Vice Chairperson
	Nancy Macdonald	Trustee
	Shelley Lawson	Trustee
	Susanne Middleditch	Trustee
	Anna Herlitz	Trustee
	John Wakefield	Trustee
	Lisa Halstead	Superintendent of Schools
	Rod Scotvold	Secretary Treasurer
	Linda Underwood	Director of Instruction, Human Resources
	Doug Livingston	Director of Instruction, Learning Services
	Cindy Rodgers	Manager of Finance
	Dawne Fennell	Executive Assistant
	Marie Mullen	GIPVPA Representative
Janice Shields	CUPE Representative	
Deborah Nostdal	GITA President	
Elizabeth Nolan	Driftwood Representative	

The meeting was called to order at 1:14 p.m. Chair McKenzie acknowledged this meeting is taking place on the territory of the Coast Salish people.

Sixteen students in grades 1 to 5 accompanied by teacher Mary Freeman sang three songs for Board members that they had spent time practicing in their classrooms.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2015 02 11, be adopted with the following addition:

7 (b) BCSTA Update

CARRIED 10/15

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2015 01 14, be approved as amended.

CARRIED 11/15

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Special Board Meeting, Public Session held 2015 01 28, be approved as presented.

CARRIED 12/15

3. BUSINESS ARISING

4. DELEGATIONS

(a) Tiffany Wightman and Jenny Redpath – Sexual Health Delegation

SIMS teacher and counselor Tiffany Wightman and Jenny Redpath, home and community care nurse on Salt Spring Island spoke to Board members about Sexual Health Education (SHE) in School District No. 64. Ms. Wightman and Ms. Redpath recently received “Options for Sexual Health Educator Certification”. As project coordinators, their plan is to present to principals, teachers, and parents; hold sessions with parents; target teachers of grade 4 to 9 students initially, hoping to expand to K-12 teachers over three years; co-create lessons and plans with SHE educators and classroom teachers and administer pre- and post-surveys to plan and monitor implementation. They would like to begin working with students in three schools now and continue until the end of June. Ms. Wightman and Ms. Redpath received a grant which they co-applied for with Island Health that will

enable them to work with district teachers to plan a program and provide training opportunities and resources.

5. **TRUSTEE'S SCHOOL REPORTS**

➤ ***Fernwood Elementary School***

Garden program, seeds have been planted in greenhouse; water theme, 2 class field trips involving water; yoga for students; knitting at lunch; basketball; swimming; all classes attending the Little Prince performance at ArtSpring; egg drop exercise, students built containers to put eggs in and threw them off roof, many remained unbroken; gr. 4 class going outside for exercise then returning to class to do Math to see if it makes a difference to exercise first

➤ ***Fulford Community Elementary School***

In year 3 of workshops with Cate McEwen around water themes, field trips with water themes in mind, ½ day workshop on teachers' pro d; Rock Kamp with Diona happening on Thursday afternoons, will culminate in rock concert; found basketball coach for boys' team; Friday is backwards or opposite day; iPad project with Set-BC in Jim Lightfoot's class, one iPad for every 2 students, Josh Campbell visited and introduced program called Adobe Voice, very positive for students; students attending Little Prince performance; new PAC executive, wanted to show appreciation of teachers and this week appreciation is demonstrated every day via notes, cookies, muffins, conversations

➤ ***Galiano Community School***

PAC meetings are well attended, Principal Beardsmore has encouraged teachers to send a couple of students to meetings to report out on activities; salmon eggs have arrived – students call them 'chum chums'; lots of Exploratories – First Nation themes focusing on aboriginal education with invited guests for discussions, story telling, students are putting together adobe presentations, students hosting lunch with elders – planning, cooking and clean-up through Galiano food program; sr. class hosting pyjama day and breakfast; student led conferences happening before Spring break

➤ ***Gulf Islands Secondary School***

First semester ended with exams last week; 10th annual Nairn Howe basketball tournament, girls' team won, boys' team took second place; Career Development Review; REAL 9 has supported students; Spirit Week next week and school dance on March 4; Jr. Improv team came 3rd at the Vancouver Island finals of the Canadian Improv Games, sr. team came 4th; large new group of international students in Feb.

➤ ***Mayne Elementary/Jr. Secondary School***

PBS program very positive; world building project with clay; Anne Glover storyteller and string artist visited school; OIMY day on Pender, next month on Mayne, hope to bring in community members to meet OIMY kids; primary class studying art of Ted Harrison, who recently passed away; PAC participated in local flea market, made \$400; parent Laara Jarvey attended the Vancouver Island parent conference; basketball has started with practices happening; upcoming is beach studies; gr. 4 to 8 class involved in Math, 'Wonderful Wednesday Word Problems'

➤ ***Pender Islands Elem./Sec. School***

End of January OIMY students were on Galiano and Pender is hosting it today; new school planning council; math inquiry group on SSI – 3 teachers attended; gr. 7/8 ski trip postponed due to no snow; gr. 5-8 basketball teams travelled to SIMS for games with coach Tim Frick; next week gr. 7/8 going to Victoria, studying religions; physiotherapist Judith Bradley working with teachers K-4; speech language therapists working with students; fruit and veggie program; PAC bringing speakers to Pender; PAC chair went to Vancouver Island parent conference; K/1 getting iPads for reading; winter carnival Feb. 19, some of the funds raised will go to playground equipment

➤ ***Phoenix Elementary School***

Exploring ways to do more education outdoors and utilize resources outdoors; theatre program, focus on theatre now with parent from Stage Coach, will help facilitate through drama club, classroom activities; Rock Kamp; school garden continues to grow with mild weather, asking for parents to help with garden; PAC looking into "roots" of Phoenix, want to connect with Lisa Sigurgeirson as she was an early supporter; want to host a pot luck dinner

- ***Saltspring Island Middle School***
Gr. 8 leadership very active group, twin day, pizza day, candy grams, Tsunami basketball; coffee with Keiko, 6-7 pm on Tuesdays except for PAC nights; special presentation on sexual ed; Pink shirt day for anti-bullying coming up; March 4 parents info night, showcasing programs; FSAs; satisfaction surveys
- ***Salt Spring Elementary School***
Ended January with pizza day by PAC, day coincided with SIMS pizza day – lots of pizza from local pizza place; T-shirts for sports teams, became so popular that everyone wanted one, first wave of T-shirt sales, T-shirts are obtained through a local business, everyone encouraged to wear T-shirt with pride; Feb. reading blitz month, a challenge to get through a month without screen time – TV, iPods, computers; guest readers and authors visiting school; active month focusing on reading; 75th anniversary for SSE, this year's theme is 'community'; brambles removed from hill on side of school – what to do with space, someone suggested putting goats there
- ***Saturna Elementary School/SEEC***
Relationship with Phoenix nature pod every month; travel to SSE to visit buddies; field trip to Victoria – started with pancake breakfast at teacher Erika Verlinden's, then skating and swimming; buddying with SEEC kids; StrongStart – 8 children; Ms. Johnston's Dad recently passed away and teachers are supporting her while she is away
SEEC – new semester this week; working with marine science students from UVic and the Saturna Island Marine Research and Education Society; welcoming MYSEEC buddies – involved with geographical and ecological studies; 10 of 12 students from last semester have returned for this term; Taryn Muldoon has entered last term of 5 years; 5 students signed up for next year
- ***Windsor House School***
No report.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

7. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

(a) **BCPSEA AGM Update**

Trustee Macdonald updated Board members on the recent BCPSEA New Trustee Orientation and AGM held January 29 and 30, 2015. Highlights of both included:

- Conflict of interest presentation
- Exempt compensation and retention
- Legal services update, the notion of shared services and the implications for some districts having to pay for shared services when they don't require them
- Governance structure of BCPSEA, specifically as outlined in Article 7.2 of the BCPSEA Constitution and Bylaws. A proposed resolution was put forth requesting the reinstatement of the BCPSEA Board of Directors which was amended and approved.

(b) **BCSTA Update**

Trustee Middleditch will be attending the BCSTA Provincial Council on February 20 and 21. The agenda includes speeches from seven candidates for the Board of Directors By-election and one motion regarding "Increase in Funding of Educational Programs". Each Board of Education is to "develop a rationale for an immediate increase in funding for support for educational programs in their school districts...". Trustee Middleditch welcomes Board members input before she attends the meeting.

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

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

Maggie Allison, Manager of Career Development and Community Initiatives, spoke to the Board regarding the recent *Career Programs District Review* that took place on January 21, 2015. The daylong review was facilitated and attendees included students, teachers, trustees, Principals and Vice Principals, Senior Administration and community members. The group looked at the development and evolution of the career program since its

inception in 1990 to present day. They brainstormed throughout the day with ideas about career development and the career program and ended with where they would like to see it expand or change. Superintendent Halstead thanked Ms. Allison for her presentation and for leading the group through the review.

(b) Field Trip Request #79 (Fire Prevention Boot Camp)

An extra-curricular field trip request from Maggie Allison to send six Grade 10-12 students to Pender Islands Fire Hall March 23 to April 3, 2015, to participate in fire simulation, live fire training drills, physical training and coursework. Accommodation will be provided at Pender Fire Hall #1. This program has occurred for several years and is now a well-recognized program for dual credit at the post-secondary level.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves extra-curricular field trip #79 for six Grade 10-12 students to travel to Pender Islands Fire Hall March 23 to April 3, 2015 to participate in the Fire Camp program.

CARRIED 13/15

(c) Special Education Audit

Mr. Livingston updated Board members on the recent Special Education Audit stating that overall he is pleased with the outcome. The district lost five students for funding purposes: 2 in Chronic Health and 3 in Intensive Behaviour. The auditors validated: the rigour of screening and readiness to review files; changes made in MultPro3; file organization; and the role of the multidisciplinary team in orchestrating services. The district received verbal recommendations from the auditors; however, a written document with recommendations will be forthcoming which will become public information. The next steps in developing Learning Services practices include:

- Focusing on service provision
- Enhancing support for vulnerable students transitioning between schools and for new students
- Revising some forms
- Improving the workflow for screening and referral processes
- Enhancing the role of school teams to support “Learning for All”
- Ongoing professional development

(d) Kevin Vowles’ Request

Kevin Vowles, teacher, Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse (SWOVA) facilitator and Master’s student in Interdisciplinary Studies at Royal Roads University was present to speak to Board members about his Master’s project titled: “Exploring the Lived Experiences of Violence in Youth’s Social Lives”. His specific research areas of interest include: “child and youth participation; youth participatory action research; theories of aggression and hypermasculinity as they relate to cyberbullying; leadership; sustainable community development, and effective violence prevention education”. He is seeking Board approval of his proposal which will include administering an online survey to GISS students with help from the youth team. Consent forms will be distributed to those students who will be involved. He has received ethics approval for this research proposal from Royal Roads University. Superintendent Halstead recommends the Board approve Mr. Vowles’ research proposal through Royal Roads University.

It was moved and seconded by the Board of Education approves Kevin Vowles’ research proposal through Royal Roads University as presented.

CARRIED 14/15

(e) Program Committee Update

The Program Committee had their first meeting with new Board committee representatives on February 10. The main topic of discussion was with regard to the unprecedented number of presentations lately from groups focused on alternative methods of education who want to partner with the district.

Highlights of this discussion included:

- How does the district respond to these requests? How do we work together to ensure we are not acting without strategy or thought? We are bound by collective agreements and the regulations of the School Act. Are there compromises that can be made?
- Want to continue the dialogue and remain open to discussion. Need to move forward in a timely fashion.
- Recognition of the dynamic, innovative and creative programs and teachers in the district already. Lots of wonderful things are happening at our schools and in our classrooms. It is important to get information about these programs out to parents.
- There is a concern that the basic/regular classroom will become fractured. Many parents are happy with the educational programming in the district as it is.
- Recognizing and embracing these opportunities while supporting learning for all students.

(f) New Teacher Mentoring

The steering committee's first meeting with facilitator Nancy Hinds took place on February 3. The meeting was very positive and the committee's goals were met. Application forms have been developed. There will be a meeting with new teachers on February 16.

(g) District Pro D Day, February 27 – Gordon Neufeld

February 27 is a district Pro D day and the GITA Pro D Committee has invited keynote speaker Dr. Gordon Neufeld, "child developmental psychologist and author of the international bestseller with Gabor Mate *Hold on to Your Kids*". He will speak on two topics: Relationship Matters: Harnessing the Power of Attachment and How to Keep Children Safe in a Wounding World. There is a request for the Board, CUPE and DPAC to contribute \$2,000 each to cover the attendance of district stakeholders who wish to attend.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves the expenditure of \$2,000 towards the cost of hosting Dr. Gordon Neufeld at ArtSpring on Friday, February 27 to support the attendance of exempt staff, trustees and community members.

CARRIED 15/15

Board Chair McKenzie will contact DPAC and CUPE regarding a contribution in kind of \$2,000 to cover the attendance of school district stakeholders who wish to attend.

9. CORPORATE FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

(a) Monthly Expenditure Report

The monthly expenditure report, as at January 31, 2015 indicates that with 0.5833 of the year completed, 0.5171 of the budget has been expended. We are 6.6 % below budget at this time.

(b) Amended Annual Budget 2014/2015

Manager of Finance Cindy Rodgers presented and spoke in detail to the Amended Annual Budget for 2014/2015. Ms. Rodgers indicated the document shows a balanced budget and stated the district likely won't end the year in a deficit.

This Amended Annual Budget of \$22,819,914 is compilation of the Operating, Capital and Special Purpose Funds. It is to be submitted to the Ministry by the end of this month. Ms. Rodgers invites anyone to contact her if they have any questions or would like clarification on any points.

The Amended Annual Budget Bylaw, read by Secretary Treasurer Rod Scotvold is as follows:

It was moved and seconded that there is unanimous approval to read the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2014/2015 in one sitting.

CARRIED 16/15

It was moved and seconded that the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2014/2015 in the amount of \$22,819,914 be read a first time and approved.

CARRIED 17/15

It was moved and seconded that the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2014/2015 in the amount of \$22,819,914 be read a second time and approved.

CARRIED 18/15

It was moved and seconded that the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2014/2015 in the amount of \$22,819,914 be read a third time, passed and adopted.

CARRIED 19/15

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

11. OTHER BUSINESS

12. QUESTION PERIOD

13. NEXT MEETING DATES

- (a) Committee Day – February 25, 2015 at the School Board Office
- (b) Regular Board Meeting – March 11, 2015 at Saltspring Island Middle School

14. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

CARRIED 20/15

Date: March 11, 2015

May McKenzie
Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Rod Scotvold
Secretary Treasurer

LOCAL SCHOOL CALENDAR DISCUSSION FOR 2015/2016

No community members present for discussion.