



MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION
Board of Education, School District #64 (Gulf Islands)
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE
March 16, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

Present:	May McKenzie	Chairperson
	John Wakefield	Trustee
	Susanne Middleditch	Trustee
	Nancy Macdonald	Trustee
	Anna Herlitz	Trustee
	Lisa Halstead	Superintendent of Schools
	Rod Scotvold	Secretary Treasurer
	Dawne Fennell	Executive Assistant

Regrets:	Robert Pingle	Vice Chairperson
	Shelley Lawson	Trustee
	Doug Livingston	Director of Instruction, Learning Services
	Linda Underwood	Director of Instruction, Human Resources
	Cindy Rodgers	Manager of Finance

1. SPECIAL MEETING

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education agrees to hold a Special Public meeting via teleconference.

CARRIED 28/15

2. FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

(a) Field Trip Request #98

A curricular field trip request from Windsor House School staff to take 15 Grades 6-12 students to the Alternative Education Resource Organization (AERO) Conference held in Brookville, NY, visit Brooklyn and Manhattan, and the Brooklyn Free School to participate in their school activities.

Superintendent Halstead received further information regarding this field trip this morning, but has not been able to reach Principal Carrico for clarification. Names of alternate supervisors have been received and they are CUPE staff members, therefore, the question is whether or not they are travelling as CUPE members and require coverage or are they going as volunteers? Also the estimated student cost is \$1610.00 and Ms. Halstead would like more information on how the school will deal with financial hardships. She recommends approval of this field trip as long as there is no extra cost for staff coverage and hardship issues are managed to open up access to this trip. The trip is planned for May 17, 2015 departure and May 26 or 27, 2015 return. The dates are subject to final booking of airfares and an updated itinerary will be provided once flights are booked.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves field trip #98 for Windsor House School students and staff to travel to the AERO Conference, visit Brooklyn and Manhattan, and the Brooklyn Free School from May 17-27, 2015. This approval is subject to receiving more information from Principal Carrico on the supervisor and hardship issues.

CARRIED 29/15

(b) Field Trip Request #105

An extra-curricular field trip request from GISS teacher Jason Donaldson to take seven Grades 11-12 students to the Canadian Improv Games (CIG) National Tournament in Ottawa April 19 to 26, 2015. The Improv team will also attend workshops, visit the National Gallery and museums, Parliament Hill, and attend the CIG finals. The Improv team recently earned a wild card berth into the nationals in Ottawa. Mr. Donaldson has begun fundraising to help pay the costs of transportation, accommodation, and tourist activities.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves field trip #105 for the GISS Improv Team to attend the Canadian Improv Games (CIG) National Tournament in Ottawa and participate in extra-curricular activities from April 19 to 26, 2015.

CARRIED 30/15

3. ESTIMATED OPERATING GRANTS FOR 2015/2016

Ms. Rodgers, Ms. Halstead and Mr. Scotvold participated in a teleconference meeting on Thursday, March 12; the Ministry released information on the “Estimated Operating Grant for 2015/2016”. Discussion centered around the information received and how these changes could potentially affect the district.

4. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

CARRIED 31/15

Date: April 15, 2015

May McKenzie
Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Rod Scotvold
Secretary Treasurer