



MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION
Board of Education, School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands)
MAYNE ISLAND ELEMENTARY/JR. SECONDARY SCHOOL
May 13, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

Present:	May McKenzie	Chairperson
	Rob Pingle	Vice Chairperson
	Nancy Macdonald	Trustee
	Shelley Lawson	Trustee
	Susanne Middleditch	Trustee
	Anna Herlitz	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
	Matti Girardi	GIPVPA Representative
	Larry Melious	CUPE President
	Deborah Nostdal	GITA President
	Elizabeth Nolan	Driftwood Representative
	Annette Witteman	ECE Facilitator, Strong Start
	Grace Garrett	Grade 4 student
	Greg Livingston	Guest
	Tina Farmilo	Artist in Residence
	Jennifer Simmer	Mayne Island parent
	Joanne Van Giesen	Mayne Island parent
Regrets:	John Wakefield	Trustee

Chair McKenzie acknowledged this meeting is taking place on the territory of the Coast Salish people.

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 2015 05 13, be adopted with the following addition(s):

- 4 (a) Annette Witteman – Ready, Set, Learn
- 6 (a) Letter from Career Education Society (CES)

CARRIED 41/15

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2015 04 15, be approved as presented.

CARRIED 42/15

3. BUSINESS ARISING

4. DELEGATIONS

(a) Ready, Set, Learn – Annette Witteman

Annette Witteman, the ECE Facilitator for the Mayne Strong Start program shared with Board members that she has twenty children in the Strong Start program ages 3-5 with one 2 year old attending. Ready, Set, Learn is an annual event that provides information about how to support a

young child's early learning and development and is aimed at families of three-year old children. The event, taking place tomorrow at the school will be focusing on play and facilitated by Donna Kirkpatrick, Tina Farmilo and Ms. Witteman.

5. **TRUSTEE'S SCHOOL REPORTS**

➤ ***Fernwood Elementary School***

No report. Trustee Wakefield absent.

➤ ***Fulford Community Elementary School***

Busy place; teacher Sarah Kerrigan's class is going to "the tire" – originated with Stella Weinert years ago, kids keep track of what's happening in the tire; parents very interested in new program at Fulford, good questions, great presentation by Principal Marie Mullen, concerns from parents about keeping kids and program as part of school; very successful dance, PAC fundraiser; upcoming Rock Kamp; received a garden grant

➤ ***Galiano Community School***

Field trips, lots of year end trips; planning day well attended by staff and parents; Camp Thunderbird coming up; emergency preparedness week, kits updated and redistributed to former students; one gr. 5 student hoping to go into FI next year; "Access 64" will be a fabulous opportunity for students

➤ ***Gulf Islands Secondary School***

Emergency preparedness with earthquake and fire drills; planning day at GISS, lots of conversation amongst staff; congratulations to students on honour roll list; grad is June 6; sexual health fair by PAC postponed to next week; dance performance, music and drama shows at ArtSpring coming up

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

Lots happening; next year becoming nature, project and place based; partnership with Windsor House School; 10 high school students cross enrolled for next year; middle school class coming over to participate in woodworking at Mayne; lots of field trips; students in intermediate class did everything for their surfing trip to Tofino, planned it, organized it, took it to PAC and it was approved; Camp Thunderbird; Seal Beach field trip; want to offer field trips more next year to coincide with learning; carnival happening on May 17; want to develop authentic assessment involving students

Grace Garrett, grade 4 student – shared that the intermediate students are creating a "Jedi Academy" where students can bring problems they can't solve on their own and ask for help from the academy

Tina Farmilo – Artist in Residence at Mayne School

Ms. Farmilo shared with Board members her journey with students through the "World Building" project, which began in January 2015. She divided the primary and intermediate students into four multiage groups and they have worked independently and together as teams to turn 600 pounds of raw clay into their vision of what they would like their world to look like. This project also included visits from guests Manon Boivin, an artist and videographer and Bill Mayone, a film-animator. Students also engaged in a "reflection circle", journal writing, picture drawing and the development of books in the primary group. The project will conclude with a student film night on June 2.

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

New program offered that is nature based; Earth Day all students had pizza made by Spring Leaves students in the outdoor oven, Quentin Harris also present at the school on Earth Day; wheelchair basketball with coach Tim Frick; grade 7/8 students participated in Victoria 10 km run/walk; lots of fundraising by PAC; DPAC sponsored Gary Anaka (brain-based research) who presented to students and parents, would love to bring him back; planting day; Bike Rodeo with PAC lunch; planning day with staff and PAC chair; OIMY on SSI; camping at Ruckle; OI track meet next week

➤ ***Phoenix Elementary School***

Volunteer tea put on by students; intermediate class fundraising for Horne Lake trip; conservancy taking students to Burgoyne Bay; OIMY today; Rock Kamp May 20 at ArtSpring which includes Galiano students; hosting talent show June 3

- ***Saltspring Island Middle School***
No report. Trustee Wakefield absent.
- ***Salt Spring Elementary School***
May 7 was Spring concert with music teacher Whitney Walker; SSE choir performed at the May 8 planning day; lots of field trips and outdoor awareness – hug a tree; swimming, overnight on Saturna, Shaw Ocean Centre; book fair; track and field for intermediate students at Portlock; students have created newsletter, guided by a parent who is an author; talent show on June 3; kiln installed outside of building; tiling by main entry wall of student artwork
- ***Saturna Elementary School/SEEC***
Lots of activities; students coming to SSI on field trips; continued visits with Phoenix Elementary nature pod and want to continue these visits next year
SEEC
Lots of planning for upcoming road trip – each student taking an area of the trip to act as a guide, learning about Ab. Ed.; MYSEEC visited last week; in Victoria for geo-caching
- ***Windsor House School***
Going to New York – 10 students attending the AERO conference; staying at Brooklyn Free-School; want to go to a musical; integrated class – fire building, fire cooking, rock climbing, 3 day hike; primary class outdoor exploration

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) **Letter from Career Education Society (CES)**

Maggie Allison, Manager of Career Development and Community Initiatives, received a letter from the Career Education Society informing her that School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands) application was recommended for an offer of funding of a maximum of \$20,000 for the 2015/2016 school year. Chair McKenzie will send a letter of congratulations and thanks to Ms. Allison.

7. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

(a) **BCSTA AGM Update**

The BCSTA AGM was held in Vancouver April 16-19, 2015. The highlight of the AGM was Bill 11 and the lack of Ministry consultation with Boards of Education across the province. On behalf of the Board, Chair McKenzie wrote a letter to Minister Fassbender, copied to Deputy Minister Dave Byng, Premier Christy Clark and Gary Holman, the local MLA expressing the Board's concerns relating to the lack of consultation with regard to Bill 11. The Minister responded and informed the Board they will press on with the legislation; however, he assured there would be more consultation in the future.

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

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

Due to time constraints, Jess Willows, Maria Soto de Podritske and Sue McKenzie presented to the Board at 10:00 a.m. and Ms. Halstead shared their presentation titled "Access 64" at the Public session. "Access 64" is currently in the development stages, and will be a "coordinated program that provides flexible learning options for all high school and adult learners in School District 64". The goals are to:

- collaborate with parents and families to provide SD64 learners with options and opportunities to meet educational and life goals
- foster positive connections throughout the district between our students, families, and staff
- provide a welcoming and supportive learning experience for our students by working together as a team of teachers

The aim of the program is to "reach out and connect with learners in our communities to engage and support their educational journey". The program will be accessed via the following:

- The SHIFT program at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS). Students can access classes as part of their program through GISS or through any of the other programs

- Phoenix Place at GISS. Students can work here as part of their program through GISS or through any of the other programs
- The Adult Graduation Program for Salt Spring Island learners is located at GISS
- Secondary Learning Centres (SLCs) are located at the local schools on Mayne, Pender, Galiano, and Saturna Islands
- Phoenix Home Learners is located at Phoenix Elementary School

Superintendent Halstead expressed a heartfelt thank you to the group who brought this program together so quickly on behalf of high school and adult learners in School District 64.

(b) Field Trip Request #129

An extracurricular and cultural tour field trip request from GISS teachers Ray Colleran and Dean Crouse to take 18 Grades 9-12 students to northern Italy March 17 to April 2, 2016 to participate in cultural tour activities with curricular tie-ins. Due to the shortened spring break next March, this trip does include four instructional days following the break which will require coverage for three staff members. More information will be forthcoming; they require Board approval so they can begin fundraising. Ms. Halstead recommends approval.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves field trip #129 for GISS staff to take 18 Grades 9-12 students to northern Italy March 17 to April 2, 2016 to participate in cultural tour activities with curricular tie-ins.

CARRIED 43/15

(c) Field Trip Request #136

An extracurricular field trip request from SIMS teacher Richard Lee to take 22 Grades 6-7 students to Camp Homewood on Quadra Island May 25-28, 2015 to participate in outdoor and team building activities. Ms. Halstead recommends approval.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves field trip #136 for SIMS staff and students to travel to Camp Homewood on Quadra Island May 25-28, 2015 to participate in outdoor and team building activities.

CARRIED 44/15

(d) Community Forum, May 22

Community Forum will be held Friday, May 22 from 9:00 to 12:00 in the GISS gym. It is titled "Transforming Curriculum and Assessment in School District No. 64". Water taxi transportation will be provided.

9. CORPORATE FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

(a) Monthly Expenditure Report

The monthly expenditure report, as at April 30, 2015 indicates that with 0.8333 of the year completed, 0.7989 of the budget has been expended. We are 3.4 % below budget at this time, which puts us in good shape for this time of year. A year-end surplus of approximately \$200,000 is projected.

(b) Annual Budget Bylaw for 2015/2016

Manger of Finance Cindy Rodgers presented and explained in detail the Annual Budget for the fiscal year 2015/2016, year ending June 30, 2016. A draft of the Annual Budget was posted on the district website and discussed in detail at Committee Day, April 29. This budget is based on the loss of 30 regular students and three special needs students. No changes will be made until after September 30 at which time the district will know the final enrollment numbers for the 2015/2016 school year. Ms. Rodgers stated it is a "status quo budget and not reactionary". It shows a deficit of \$189,000 that will be carried over to next year. Trustee Pingle and Chair McKenzie thanked Mr. Scotvold and Ms. Rodgers for their strong financial management which allows the district to continue to be creative.

It was moved and seconded that there is unanimous approval to read the Annual Budget Bylaw for 2015/2016 in one sitting.

CARRIED 45/15

It was moved and seconded that the Annual Budget Bylaw for 2015/2016 in the amount of \$23,198,027 be read a first time and approved.

CARRIED 46/15

It was moved and seconded that the Annual Budget Bylaw for 2015/2016 in the amount of \$23,198,027 be read a second time and approved.

CARRIED 47/15

It was moved and seconded that the Annual Budget Bylaw for 2015/2016 in the amount of \$23,198,027 be read a third time, passed and adopted.

CARRIED 48/15

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Policy Committee – Policies for Approval

(i) Policy 890, School Fees

Trustee Pingle presented this revised policy. A review and revision of this policy followed a request from Salt Spring Island parent Rob James for the Board to revisit it and take into consideration his submission related to “school fees (or ancillary fees) currently charged by SD64”.

It was moved and seconded that revised Policy 890, *School Fees* be approved as presented.

CARRIED 49/15

(ii) Policy 973, Smoking & Tobacco Restriction

Trustee Pingle presented this revised policy, which includes reference to electronic cigarettes. The request to consider including electronic cigarettes in our policy was brought forward to the district by VIHA.

It was moved and seconded that revised Policy 973, *Smoking & Tobacco Restriction* be approved as presented.

CARRIED 50/15

11. OTHER BUSINESS

12. QUESTION PERIOD

13. NEXT MEETING DATES

- (a) Committee Day – May 27, 2015 at the School Board Office
- (b) Regular Board Meeting – June 10, 2015 at the School Board Office

14. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

CARRIED 51/15

Date: June 10, 2015

May McKenzie
Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Rod Scotvold
Secretary Treasurer