



MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION
Board of Education, School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands)
SATURNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL / SEEC
October 14, 2015 at 1:06 p.m.

Present:	May McKenzie	Chairperson
	Susanne Middleditch	Trustee
	Shelley Lawson	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
	Bruce Inglis	GIPVPA Representative
	Deborah Nostdal	GITA President
Regrets:	Rob Pingle	Vice Chairperson
	Nancy Macdonald	Trustee
	Larry Melious	CUPE President
	Elizabeth Nolan	Driftwood Representative

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m. Chair McKenzie acknowledged this meeting is taking place on the territory of the Coast Salish people.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2015 10 14, be adopted with the following addition(s):

7 (c) VISTA

CARRIED 86/15

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2015 09 23, be approved as presented.

CARRIED 87/15

3. BUSINESS ARISING

4. DELEGATIONS

5. TRUSTEE'S SCHOOL REPORTS

➤ ***Fernwood Elementary School***

Active fire prevention week; author Eric Gordon visited the school and shared tales of Thanksgiving; Aboriginal Artist and Cultural Advisor Quentin Harris lead directed drawing sessions; upcoming harvest lunch, students will cut vegetables, make salads and breads, some vegetables will come from the school garden

➤ ***Fulford Community Elementary School***

Aboriginal Artist and Cultural Advisor Quentin Harris was at school for 3 days in October leading directed drawing sessions; Terry Fox run October 1; fire safety; Pro D with Kate McEwan very successful; field trip to Horne Lake; choir began October 1; Movie Night October 29 in the gym;

organizing upcoming RRR gift event (recycle, reuse and re-gift); local story teller, Eric Gordon visiting soon; focus is on reading, PAC assisting with supplying further reading resources

➤ ***Galiano Community School***

Preparing for Halloween, Om Decosas (drummer with the band *The Slice*) made a presentation to PAC to see if the band could play at Halloween; upcoming Christmas concert discussions; DPAC represented well on Galiano, 2 reps sharing position, IMS DPAC rep is a Galiano Mom; Aboriginal Artist and Cultural Advisor Quentin Harris lead directed drawing sessions; in grades 3 to 8 - stories about residential schools; name for Galiano Middle Years is MYGEECs, which is like MYSEEC at SIMS

➤ ***Gulf Islands Secondary School***

Safety drills for fire, lockdown and earthquake; Federal all-candidates meeting held in gym October 5, students attended; Grade 10 students working with local business owners on interview skills and job applications; interim reports October 8, parent teacher interviews October 16; work-safe workshop on October 7 for Work Experience students; Grade 9 immunizations October 14; thank you to Lyall (and Kelda and Keiko) for participating so well in the recent VISTA Conference held October 2 and 3

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

Martin Blakesley's last week as acting principal, celebration and thank you to Martin at Thanksgiving lunch, all students involved; fire prevention week

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

Spring Leaves served baked bread; the PAC raffle raised \$4997; new classroom teacher, Kathryn Lundgren; emergency preparedness week; BBQ went well; Pro D went well; Halloween coming up, preparing to carve pumpkins

➤ ***Phoenix Elementary School***

No report. Trustee Pingle absent.

➤ ***Saltspring Island Middle School***

October 5, World Teachers' Day; student leadership group does great job of leading assemblies; lots of outdoor and Aboriginal Education themes; Art Starts on October 28, Aboriginal Education travelling dance company will visit school and also perform at ArtSpring

➤ ***Salt Spring Elementary School***

No report. Trustee Pingle absent.

➤ ***Saturna Elementary School/SEEC***

School fully underway; lots of Strong Start families and SEEC students; lots of old resources recycled; funding from PAC to support programs, sport's equipment; iPads purchased for 5 students; PAC wants to revitalize play ground

SEEC

Always a number of inquiries about program and visits to Haggis Hallow; what's needed to change the program; how to interact with visitors; school goals to be reviewed tomorrow with new direction from Ministry about curriculum and assessment

➤ ***Windsor House School***

Winter Fair takes place on Friday, November 27 with a dinner of hot soup and bread along with entertainment; outdoor nature programs; tech ed, visual arts and films; over 30 students going out on nature programs; outdoor leadership program connecting with Mayne, working on getting enough bicycles for all students to cycle on Mayne; increase in student involvement in democratic process

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

7. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

(a) **Meeting with Ministry / BCSTA**

The 1st Annual Liaison Meeting of BCSTA and the Ministry of Education is scheduled for October 21, 2015 in Richmond. Board Chairs, Superintendents and Secretary Treasurers have been invited "to engage in dialogue and work through some key topics and challenges in an effort to strengthen and transform BC's K-12 education system". The implementation of the new curriculum, the new

framework for enhancing student learning, and financial accountability will be topics of focus. Superintendent Halstead and Chair McKenzie will attend.

BCSTA Meeting of Board Chairs

A meeting of all Board Chairs with Board of Directors of BCSTA is scheduled for October 22, 2015 in Richmond. Various sessions for discussion will be offered. Chair McKenzie will attend.

(b) Elections Canada

Federal elections take place on October 19, 2015 with advance voting on October 9, 10, 11 and 12. Fulford, Fernwood and Pender Schools and ArtSpring will be used as polling stations on October 19.

(c) VISTA

Chair McKenzie thanked Superintendent Halstead for her involvement in setting the agenda and gathering presenters for the VISTA Fall Conference held at the Harbour House Hotel October 2 and 3. Also thank you to Doug Livingston, Linda Underwood, Lyall Ruehlen, Shelley Johnson, Kelda Logan and Keiko Taylor for presenting and Dawne Fennell for her help in organizing the conference.

8. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

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

Ms. Halstead recently received a letter from the Innovation Partnership Working Group (IPWG) extending congratulations on two proposals regarding Communicating Student Learning that were submitted in June 2015 and have been accepted into the partnership as one project. School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands) is one of 17 school districts involved in the Innovation Partnership project. District schools involved include SSE, Fulford, Fernwood, SIMS, Galiano Phoenix Elementary and Learning Services and GISS. The project will receive \$8,000 in financial support for teacher release time, research, and project expenses, plus there will be opportunities for project teams to collaborate with colleagues and explore how these innovative concepts could be adopted by other school districts. A K-12 Innovation Partnership provincial session is scheduled for October 20, 2015. Attending this session along with Ms. Halstead are Shelly Johnson, Principal of SSE, Janet Hoag, K-5 Curriculum Coordinator/Inquiry Teacher Leader, and Rachel FitzZaland, GISS teacher.

For more information about the Innovation Partnership:

www.k12innovation.ca

B.C.'s New Curriculum:

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>

(b) Staffing / Enrollment Update

Superintendent Halstead stated 1701 verifications are due to the Ministry on October 16, 2015. The number of regular students enrolled is 1733, which is an increase of 103 over the projection of 1630. An increase in enrollment can partially be attributed to the new nature programs introduced at Fernwood and Fulford Elementary Schools – Kindergarten is up 21 students and grades 1 to 3 has an increase of 44. At Windsor House School grades 1 to 3 has an increase of 25 students and a total of 202 students this year. Extra staffing has been added to accommodate the increase in student numbers.

9. CORPORATE FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

(a) 2015/16 Capital Plan Submission

Mr. Scotvold presented *CP2 – Five Year Capital Plan Summary* for the procurement of two 71-passenger buses for School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands), which specifies a maximum expenditure of \$232,260.00.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves the *2015 Five Year Capital Plan* submission as presented.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

11. OTHER BUSINESS

12. QUESTION PERIOD

13. NEXT MEETING DATES

- (a) Committee Day – October 28, 2015 at the School Board Office
- (b) Regular Board Meeting – November 10, 2015 at Galiano Community School

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

CARRIED 89/15

Date: November 10, 2015

May McKenzie
Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Rod Scotvold
Secretary Treasurer

LOCAL SCHOOL CALENDAR CONSULTATION FOR 2016/2017

No community members present for discussion.