



**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION – SCHOOL DISTRICT #64 (GULF ISLANDS)
HELD WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2009 AT GALIANO COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

Present:	Mike Krayenhoff	Vice Chairperson
	Susanne Middleditch	Trustee
	Bonnie MacGillivray	Trustee
	Rob Pingle	Trustee
	Jeff Hopkins	Superintendent of Schools
	Rod Scotvold	Secretary Treasurer
	Linda Underwood	Director of Human Resources
	Sheila Miller	Director of Instruction
		Executive Assistant
	John Nicolson	GITA President
Regrets:	May McKenzie	Chairperson
	Pete Williams	Trustee
	Charles Hingston	Trustee
	Mike Bath	CUPE President

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 2009 10 14, be adopted as amended with the following addition:

8 (j) All Day Kindergarten

CARRIED 74/09

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2009 09 09, be approved as presented.

CARRIED 75/09

3. BUSINESS ARISING

4. DELEGATIONS

5. TRUSTEE'S SCHOOL REPORTS

- ***Fernwood Elementary School***
No report. Trustee Hingston absent.
- ***Fulford Community Elementary School***
No report. Trustee Hingston absent.
- ***Galiano Community School***

Reports given by students:

- Gr. 6 student, Lily, gave the Gr. 4-7 report – pyjama day; hike up Mt. Galiano; book reading at lunch (The Giver), followed by question period; writers workshop
- Gr. 1 student, Ravi – get happy tags if you're good and quiet; MVP award for gym (necklace), for the student who has been a good sport and not complained; dialogue journals – students write as if they are having a conversation with someone; do Math by using colours; class jobs – jobs change every week (sharpening pencils, keyboard cleaning); class pet rabbit named Fin
- SLC/DLP group – 20 students in program and at least 6 at any given time; Tina, Gr. 7 – comes for Math; Rhiannan, Gr. 8 – (2 students only, most go to SIMS) – chooses what she's going to do everyday; Gr. 9 student – leaving for a trip around the world in December, learning about all the places he's going to go; Shelby, Gr. 9 – discovered her father in a family in Caløarv (Crowchild) – wants to learn all about that culture and build it into

geography and language arts, learned that her grandfather is in Rodeo Hall of Fame; 3 Gr. 12's – Chelsea who is graduating in January – great program, can work around other work, come and go as she wants, wasn't doing well until she came into program, has written 4 of 5 provincial exams and has done very well

- ***Gulf Islands Secondary School***
Parent teacher interviews Friday; auditions for student directed play; dance coming up; Canadian Open Math Championship; lots of sports happening; Jr. boys soccer in first place
- ***Mayne Elementary/Jr. Secondary School***
No report. Chair McKenzie absent.
- ***Pender Islands Elem./Sec. School***
No report. Trustee Williams absent.
- ***Phoenix Elementary School***
Students going to Foxglove farm to learn how to plan a garden which they will plant in the spring; field trip to pumpkin patch, then will carve pumpkins at the school; primary class has started “Me and My Community” unit; PAC group wants to schedule most of their field trips on Fridays
- ***Salt Spring Island Middle School***
Students attending a writer's festival in Vancouver; *Pass it On* includes Grade 8 boys this year; Leon Bibb coming on Thursday; pizza day
- ***Salt Spring Elementary School***
Kids Making Change Campaign Time, Talent and Treasures) – cooperation between the district and Lady Minto hospital staff; collection of coins helped to purchase pediatric wheelchair; students also made wooden tulips and painted them, they will be used to decorate the hospital; fruit and veggie program – agriculture in the classroom – every 2 weeks, get fresh fruit and veggies that the volunteers distribute to each class, to raise awareness of healthy snack alternatives and food produced in BC
- ***Saturna Elementary School/SEEC***
Dynamics of K-12 school and how wonderful it can be; 21 students enrolled; during process of hiring a new teacher, a question from the 3 short-listed candidates to students was, “What is your favourite part of school?” Older students said they loved working with the younger students; new teacher is Michelle Spencer – recent UVic grad

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

7. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

No report. Chair McKenzie absent.

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

(a) **Education Links Report**

Education Links (learning, initiatives, networking, knowledge [about the system for], student success) is the new title for what the Program Delivery Task Force has evolved into. Some of the topics for discussion and planning include: gifted education, middle years programs on Outer Islands, all day kindergarten, and how we share resources with the community, e.g. affordable housing and property regulations.

(b) **Letter to Minister**

Mr. Hopkins presented a draft letter to Minister MacDiarmid regarding the Board's affordable housing initiative on Salt Spring Island and a request of the Minister's time “to discuss the plans and to clarify the Board's intent related to disposal of property”. Background information will be included with the letter, i.e., site map of property, concept drawings, environmental survey, community consultation plan, and outline of proposed lease/ownership terms for the housing units.

(c) Enrollment Report

Superintendent Hopkins presented, in detail, the Ministry of Education 1701 Verification Report as at September 30, 2009. He spoke specifically to Echo Report 8035, which identifies the maximum eligible for funding (FTEs) for the 2009/2010 school year. The district's total is 1500.3750 FTE, which includes 1462.6250 FTE eligible school age students and 37.75 eligible adults.

(d) Class Size and Composition

Superintendent Hopkins presented the class size and composition report that was prepared in accordance with Section 76.3 of the *School Act*. With regard to the consultation process, School District #64 (Gulf Islands) administration and staff begin the process in the spring when staffing is done. Consultation occurs again in September when classes are configured and student numbers are stable. This September Arbitrator Dorsey's decision impacted the consultation process and it became more time consuming for staff and principals. The report will be sent to the Ministry and posted on the district website.

John Nicolson, President of GITA, stated the report does not contain the information required as stipulated in Section 76.3 of the *School Act*, specifically 76.3.3 with regard to rationale, and he will likely bring forth a grievance. Mr. Hopkins states the rationale is in compliance with the requirement of the Dorsey report and rationales for each class are sent to the Ministry.

(e) School Planning Council (SPC) Orientation

There have been a number of questions regarding SPCs and what their functions are and what everyone's roles are within the SPC. Mr. Hopkins is organizing an orientation scheduled for mid-November after elections have occurred. Topics will include: roles and functions, school budgets, extra curricular activities, and the process of sharing information between PACs and SPCs.

(f) Satisfaction Survey

The Satisfaction Survey is now available online. The survey contains graphed results for 2009 in the following areas: parent/guardian satisfaction survey results for each school and the district; staff satisfaction survey results; and satisfaction survey results of students in Grades 4, 7, 10 and 12.

(g) H1N1 Framework

The district's "Pandemic Plan" regarding the H1N1 flu virus is on the district website at <http://www.sd64.bc.ca/hr.html#pandemic>. Information regarding the plan has been sent out by email to all staff members, partner groups and trustees.

(h) BC School Sports

Letter received from Sue Keenan, Executive Director of BC School Sports requesting financial assistance from all BC school districts "in light of the recent devastating budget cuts imposed by the BC Government." They are requesting \$1,500 from districts with a student population of fewer than 10,000 and \$3,000 from districts with a student population of over 10,000. Following discussion, there was general agreement the district would not contribute the requested \$1,500. Superintendent Hopkins will draft a response letter to BC School Sports.

(i) Superintendent of Achievement Visit – November 6, 2009 – 10:00 to 12:00

Due to Marion Turner's retirement, Rod Allen (Superintendent from Smithers) has been assigned as the district's Superintendent of Achievement. He will visit November 6 and invitations will go out to all partner groups to send a representative. Discussion will include the goals the district has set and the steps/process necessary to achieve those goals.

(j) All Day Kindergarten

Currently, the Ministry of Education is phasing in universal access over 2 years. Full-day kindergarten will be available for up to half of B.C.'s eligible students in September 2010. By September 2011, full-

day kindergarten will be available across the province. It is still up to parents to decide whether to enroll their children in kindergarten, but by the 2011/12 school year it will be available to all who want it.

First steps in the process to plan for year one:

1. Boards of Education are to submit a plan to the Ministry by November 1, 2009 regarding how they would implement year one of full-day kindergarten starting in September 2010.
2. Identify schools where they propose full-day kindergarten would occur, estimated number of kindergarten age students who would be served at each school, and reasons why those schools are proposed based on the considerations listed above.
3. The Ministry will analyze these proposals and confirm with each district whether its plan is feasible fiscally and which schools are approved for year one.

More discussion regarding full-day kindergarten will take place on Committee Day with regard specifically to which district schools will be involved, staffing, government funding, and communication with parents, particularly those with children in the StrongStart program, and parental support. It will also be included for discussion at the Education Links meeting scheduled for October 20.

9. CORPORATE FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

(a) Monthly Financial Report

The monthly expenditure report indicates that with 25.00% of the year completed, 19.17% of the budget has been expended. We are 5.83% below budget at this time.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

11. OTHER BUSINESS

John Nicolson, President of GITA, invited all Board members to attend the BCTF's upcoming public education conference, *Public Education: Protecting our Children's Future*, November 13 and 14 at the Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel in Richmond.

12. QUESTION PERIOD

13. NEXT MEETING DATES

- (a) Committee Day – October 28, 2009 at the School Board Office
- (b) Regular Board Meeting – November 10, 2009 at Fernwood Elementary School

14. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

CARRIED 76/09

Date: November 10, 2009

Mike Krayenhoff
Vice Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Rod Scotvold
Secretary Treasurer

LOCAL SCHOOL CALENDAR CONSULTATION FOR 2010/2011

No discussion. (0 community members present).