



**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION – SCHOOL DISTRICT #64 (GULF ISLANDS)
HELD WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2010 AT GULF ISLANDS SECONDARY SCHOOL**

Present:	May McKenzie	Chairperson
	Charles Hingston	Trustee
	Rob Pingle	Trustee
	Mike Krayenhoff	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
	Judy Raddysh	GIPVPA Representative
	Shelley Lawson	DPAC Representative
	Marina Holding	Grade 12 Student Representative
	Kara MacKay	Grade 12 Student Representative
	Gail Sjuberg	Driftwood Representative
Regrets:	Bonnie MacGillivray	Vice Chairperson
	Pete Williams	Trustee
	Susanne Middleditch	Trustee
	Mike Bath	CUPE President

Board Chair May McKenzie welcomed students Kara MacKay and Marina Holding to their first Board meeting.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2010 02 10, be adopted as amended with the following addition:

8 (f) Field Trip Request

CARRIED 11/10

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2010 01 13, be approved as presented.

CARRIED 12/10

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Special Board Meeting, Public Session held 2010 01 13, via teleconference, be approved as presented.

CARRIED 13/10

3. BUSINESS ARISING

4. DELEGATIONS

No delegates.

5. TRUSTEE'S SCHOOL REPORTS

➤ ***Fernwood Elementary School***

Students recently raised \$1,000 for Haiti for shelter boxes at Country Grocer; lots of basketball and swimming; students and adults busy in the great school garden; family grouping meeting yesterday; Kindergarten registration Feb. 22 to 25; new report card format; pizza day

➤ ***Fulford Community Elementary School***

School-wide Explorations, 14 to choose from, each student lists 1st and 2nd choices; Kindergarten registration Feb. 22 to 25; teacher Mary Freeman's class is singing at Lady Minto Hospital today;

- Feb. 24 – Spring Showcase/talent show; everyone gathering clothes, shoes and bedding for Haiti; a parent support survey was sent out
- ***Galiano Community School***
No report. Trustee MacGillivray absent.
 - ***Gulf Islands Secondary School***
Change of semester; dodge ball intramurals; trip to Greece coming up; global awareness fundraising (candy grams for Valentine’s Day) for Haiti; student recognition of teacher Suzanna Ritchie; interviewed for Media Arts position today; course selection for next year; parent meetings; math curriculum change – Grade 9’s will go through a different curriculum; soccer starting; Grad and soccer provincials at the same time in June – administration worked with Grad parents, Grad to be left as it is on June 5 at 3:00 p.m.
 - ***Mayne Elementary/Jr. Secondary School***
PAC meeting yesterday, lots of parent involvement – core group of people who do most of the work; fundraising for students and school is paramount for the PAC group; senior class is studying Greece in SS, one student is blind and EA Bev Graham purchased small columns and changed them so the student could feel the shape of what they were talking about; science – studying local fauna; quilting is ongoing
 - ***Pender Islands Elem./Sec. School***
No report. Trustee Williams absent.
 - ***Phoenix Elementary School***
First basketball game last week; explorations still going on, session coming up is lantern making workshop for junior class; PAC meeting last week, included students for discussion on field trips; SPC has met; garden project discussion ongoing
 - ***SaltSpring Island Middle School***
Revitalized PAC group, grounds clean-up event on Feb. 19; parents run a hot lunch program twice per month; talent show in April; emergency preparedness totes have been moved to a portable by the school, parents will make sure they are complete and ready to go
 - ***Salt Spring Elementary School***
February is “reading blitz month”; Richard Van Camp, aboriginal writer and illustrator, visited school; book swap day tomorrow; collecting summer clothing for Haiti; FSA testing
 - ***Saturna Elementary School/SEEC***
No report. Trustee Middleditch absent.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence.

7. **CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT**

(a) **March 2 and 3, 2010 Annual District Retreat**

Chair McKenzie reminded everyone of the upcoming Annual District Retreat “*From Blue Sky to Green Earth: the “What” and “How” of Education for Human Sustainability*” – Tuesday evening, March 2 at ArtSpring and Wednesday, all day, March 3 at GISS.

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

(a) **Education Links Report**

Last meeting of the Education Links committee was held January 19, 2010. Highlights:

- Lori Druissi spoke on January 15 Pro D about differentiating instruction for middle years students
- Ray Appel spoke to teachers, students and parents January 25-27 about new math curriculum
- Request for workshop on OI regarding multi-age teaching
- Middle Years program – what does this look like on Mayne, Pender, Galiano and Saturna if student doesn’t attend SIMS?
- Enhancement Agreement discussion
- Full-day Kindergarten discussion
- Report card implementation and review

(b) Report Card Update

Mr. Hopkins has received more feedback from parents, the Principal Vice Principal group and students regarding the new report card template. When all input has been received the committee will review the template again and revise if necessary. It is not available for use at the high school at this point. GISS is using the BCeSIS report card template at present and staff would like to hold off on changing it again too soon. Other districts have shown interest in using the template. Information on the new template is on the "Parent" site of the district web at: <http://www.School District 64.bc.ca/parents.html#forms>.

(c) Coaching Initiative

The district piloted an initiative for coaching staff in leadership positions and contracted two people in the community who are trained to coach. It has been well received and has had a major impact on staff members in leadership positions. The coaches would like to make a presentation to the Board, after which the program will be formally evaluated and a report will be submitted to the Board.

(d) Camosun Partnership

School District #64 is in partnership with Camosun, particularly in trades. School District 64 would like Camosun's affiliation to expand with the district by offering courses (university level) to students and community members who don't want to do all courses online. Camosun staff will look at the "how, when and where" of offering courses and what those courses may be.

(e) All Day Kindergarten Update

Mr. Hopkins informed Board members that every district in the province is doing something slightly different with regards to implementing full-day Kindergarten in September 2010. Three districts are opting out for the next school year and will implement the program in September 2011 when it is fully funded. For School District 64 the focus will be on structure of the classroom and support for the teacher.

(f) Field Trip Request

A field trip request (#94) from Ghislaine St. Venant, GISS teacher, to take ten Grade 11 French Immersion students to Ottawa, Ontario April 4 – 10, 2010, to participate in Encounters Canada Youth Forum on Vimy: The Coming of Age of Canada. All the students are from the intensive French Immersion curriculum.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves the extra-curricular field trip for ten Grade 11 French Immersion students to travel to Ottawa, Ontario from April 4 – 10, 2010 to participate in Encounters Canada Youth Forum on Vimy: The Coming of Age of Canada.

CARRIED 14/10

9. CORPORATE FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

(a) Monthly Expenditure Report

The monthly expenditure report indicates that with 58.33% of the year completed, 54.29% of the budget has been expended. We are 4.04% below budget at this time, which is almost at the identical position as this time last year.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports. The committee continues to work on the sustainability procedure with involvement from students at GISS.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

John Nicolson, President of GITA, expressed his thanks to Senior Administration for the smooth process in developing a Letter of Understanding regarding an "Alternate Optional Twelve-Month Pay Plan", which will now become part of the Collective Agreement. An employee electing to participate in the Alternate Plan will receive her/his annual salary over ten (10) months, September to June, rather than over twelve (12) months. Mr. Hopkins thanked Mr. Nicolson for researching the language from several other districts' contracts to formulate the best agreement language for School District 64.

12. QUESTION PERIOD

13. NEXT MEETING DATES

- (a) Committee Day – February 24, 2010 at the School Board Office
- (b) Regular Board Meeting – March 24, 2010 at Saturna Elementary School/SEEC.

Shelley Lawson, DPAC Representative, informed Board members that DPAC will hold meetings on Saturna, Pender, and Mayne on the same days as the Board for the remainder of this school year.

14. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

CARRIED 15/10

Date: March 24, 2010

May McKenzie
Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Rod Scotvold
Secretary Treasurer

LOCAL SCHOOL CALENDAR CONSULTATION FOR 2010/2011

No discussion. (1 community member present).