



**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION  
BOARD OF EDUCATION – SCHOOL DISTRICT #64 (GULF ISLANDS)  
HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2010 AT SATURNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL/SEEC**

<b>Present:</b>	May McKenzie	Chairperson
	Bonnie MacGillivray	Vice Chairperson
	Pete Williams	Trustee
	Susanne Middleditch	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
	Connie Moulton	CUPE Representative
	Steve Dunsmuir	GIPVPA Representative
	Rio Bates	DPAC Representative
<b>Regrets:</b>	Charles Hingston	Trustee
	Mike Krayenhoff	Trustee

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 2010 03 24, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED 22/10

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2010 02 10, be approved as presented.

CARRIED 23/10

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Special Board Meeting, Public Session held 2010 02 24, be approved as presented.

CARRIED 24/10

**3. BUSINESS ARISING**

**4. DELEGATIONS**

No delegates.

**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***  
Gr. 1-4, writing paragraphs; Mike Hoebel is instructing the senior class in birding
- ***Gulf Islands Secondary School***  
No report. Trustee Krayenhoff absent.
- ***Mayne Elementary/Jr. Secondary School***  
Lots of work done on school driveway; Ron Willick has been hired as the new Plant Service Worker

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

All students attended Olympics; small number of snowboarding tickets available; however, the event was cancelled, so the students stayed in the downtown core and enjoyed the events of the day; sledge hockey tickets over Spring Break; kudos to bus driver for making transportation work; kudos to parents of young students for sending them with other students and chaperones; hats off to parents and principal Martin Blakesley for making everything work

➤ ***Phoenix Elementary School***

No report. Trustee Krayenhoff absent.

➤ ***Saltspring Island Middle School***

Student talent show and dinner April 24; Gr. 8's going on a field trip to Yes 2 It program (Skills Canada); French Immersion applications due April 1 for grade 6 entry; report cards April 1

➤ ***Salt Spring Elementary School***

Report cards April 1; Math Playground – family night tonight; art project – student painted banners that were hung about town last year have found a permanent home around the fence at SSE thanks to the work of parent Andrew Wong

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

Feral goat project – older students interviewing long term residents about the goats, will tape record interview and report findings; SEEC site coming along, working on cabins, trustees will visit site later this afternoon; swimming lessons on SSI on Thursdays; combine swimming trips with opportunity to attend other events, such as, pottery classes, art and nature in Mouat's Park, visit to cheese farm, Harbour House to watch maple tree tapping, climbing wall; 5 groups coming in the Spring to SEEC

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) **Letter from Saltspring United Football Club**

Letter received from Graham Tweddle of the football club requesting use of district fields for the annual Challenge Cup Tournament to take place on May 22, 23, and 24, 2010. On behalf of the Board, Mr. Scotvold will approve the use of school fields at GISS, Fernwood and SIMS.

7. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

(a) **District Retreat**

Mr. Hopkins has received very positive feedback about the retreat; the process was effective. He has met with John Abbott and with the curriculum coordinators to debrief the retreat. Another meeting is planned to peruse and organize the information gleaned from the group interactions and then develop the next steps.

(b) **Meeting with Minister of Education**

VISTA chairs have been invited to meet with the Minister on Monday, March 29. Each chair will have approximately 1 minute to present their district's concerns/issues.

(c) **Local School Calendar Update**

As required per legislation to meet the 30 day consultation process, a draft of the proposed school calendar for 2010/2011 has been sent out to all partner groups, uploaded on the website and advertised in the local newspapers. The motion will be voted on at the April 14 Board meeting held at Pender Islands School. The opportunity to submit comments remains available until April 14.

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

(a) **Education Links Report**

Last meeting of the Education Links committee was held February 16, 2010. Highlights:

- Education week supplement
- District resource centre – ways to organize material and update it. Resource Centre has been moved twice in last year. Working on distribution of material.
- Use of technology in district

- Discussion of all day kindergarten and available workshops
- Differentiated instruction and use of portfolios
- Trained K teachers in EDI – new electronic version
- Ray Appel presented math workshop for middle years parents. Discussion of what kind of support kids can get at home.

**(b) Field Trip Request**

A field trip request (#99) from Lyall Ruehlen, GISS Vice Principal, to take 12-16 Grade 12 students to Haida Gwaii August 27 to September 5, 2010, to “explore the beaches of the Pacific Coast, kayak in Haida Gwaii National Park, meet with historic Haida First Nations and experience commercial fishing on the west coast”.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves the extra-curricular field trip for 12-16 Grade 12 students to travel to Haida Gwaii August 27 to September 5, 2010 for cultural and educational experiences.

CARRIED 25/10

**(c) BAA Course – Media Literacy 11**

This course was first submitted to the Board for approval on January 13, 2010. It did not meet the Ministry’s BAA Course Requirements and has been revised. It will be re-submitted following Board approval.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves the revised Media Literacy 11 as a Board Authority/Authorized course as presented.

CARRIED 26/10

**(d) Planning Day – May 7, 2010**

The district planning day and retirement luncheon is scheduled for May 7 at GISS. Discussion of agenda items will take place at the next Ed. Links meeting in April.

**9. CORPORATE FINANCIAL OFFICER’S REPORT**

**(a) Monthly Expenditure Report**

The monthly expenditure report indicates that with 66.67% of the year completed, 62.75% of the budget has been expended. We are 3.92% below budget at this time, which is in line with expectations.

**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No reports.

**11. OTHER BUSINESS**

**12. QUESTION PERIOD**

Parent Amber Jensen would like more information on the proposed new SEEC program that will be available at SIMS and what the development of that program means for the staffing and principalship at Saturna School. Another concern is whether or not Saturna School will remain open. Her son is in grade 5 and she is concerned about where he will attend in September 2010, SIMS or Saturna. Superintendent Hopkins confirmed that Saturna School will remain open and the district is exploring a new proposal for middle years students (grades 5-8) and gathering information from interested parents. A meeting regarding the new program proposal will be held Thursday, March 25 at SIMS for all interested parents. Mr. Hopkins will communicate feedback as soon as possible. Grade 5 students will be included, therefore parents of Grade 4s will also receive information. He also explained the staffing process and that more information on staffing at each school will be available in May.

Principal Steve Dunsmuir re-confirmed that Saturna School will remain open and explained that any new programs will benefit the school with regard to funding. Salt Spring Island will be the base for the middle

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years SEEC program and all islands will be utilized.

Another question asked is whether the StrongStart program will continue for the 2010/2011 school year. Mr. Hopkins stated this information will come from the Ministry, but it is likely the pilot program begun at Saturna in the 2009/2010 school year will continue.

**13. NEXT MEETING DATES**

- (a) Regular Board Meeting – April 14, 2010 at Pender Islands School
- (b) Committee Day – April 28, 2010 at the School Board Office

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

CARRIED 27/10

Date Approved: April 14, 2010

May McKenzie  
Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Rod Scotvold  
Secretary Treasurer

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**LOCAL SCHOOL CALENDAR CONSULTATION FOR 2010/2011**

No discussion. (4 community members present).

Comment – Keep the 4-day week!