



**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION – SCHOOL DISTRICT #64 (GULF ISLANDS)
HELD WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2010 AT MAYNE ISLAND SCHOOL**

Present:	May McKenzie	Chairperson
	Bonnie MacGillivray	Vice Chairperson
	Susanne Middleditch	Trustee
	Charles Hingston	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
	Donna Kirkpatrick	GIPVPA Representative
	Shelley Lawson	DPAC Representative
Regrets:	Mike Krayenhoff	Trustee
	Pete Williams	Trustee
	Mike Bath	CUPE President

The meeting was called to order at 1:12 p.m.

Chair McKenzie welcomed parents and Donna Kirkpatrick to her first Board meeting as Principal.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2010 05 12, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED 36/10

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2010 04 14, be approved as presented.

CARRIED 37/10

3. BUSINESS ARISING

4. DELEGATIONS

No delegates.

5. TRUSTEE'S SCHOOL REPORTS

➤ ***Fernwood Elementary School***

Search and rescue; play day Thursday – free tennis lessons, offered by Marianne Banman; “Walk for Christopher” to help raise money for his stem cell surgery in Germany the first week in May; fun fair

➤ ***Fulford Community Elementary School***

Ambassador in the School program today. Gr. 6's visited from SIMS. All Gr. 5's were present to exchange information and advice – “be open to making new friends, don't try to look too cool 'cause you'll look bad”. Trustee Hingston's daughter, Melissa, is currently a student teacher at Fulford, where she attended as a student; Gallery in the Schools; hug a tree program

➤ ***Galiano Community School***

K-3 swimming has finished; bike rodeo; road side clean-up; bingo to raise funds for Camp Thunderbird; enrollment down for next year, so developing strategic plan – staff brought ideas to district planning day. Community members from conservancy, library, food program have been

invited to attend on May 13 from 3 to 5 p.m. to help share in planning for next year. Principal sent out letter with questions for all to think about. Staff will join in at the end of the day.

- ***Gulf Islands Secondary School***
No report. Trustee Krayenhoff absent.
- ***Mayne Elementary/Jr. Secondary School***
Field trips out in community; Athena George, orientation specialist for visually impaired visited school; Coast Guard boating safety; students working in garden; Jeanne Crerar doing in-service for teachers and students today; Ready, Set, Learn event May 4, 5 families attended; SWOVA for Gr. 7/8 on May 10; art auction coming up; many bike trips and outdoor education activities; GICEL day celebration planned; tennis program; bike rodeo; mini triathlon; Gr. 8 grad; all students are learning how to sign
- ***Pender Islands Elem./Sec. School***
No report. Trustee Williams absent.
- ***Phoenix Elementary School***
No report. Trustee Krayenhoff absent.
- ***Saltspring Island Middle School***
Talent showcase – great success, to raise funds for PA system in gym; Spring Dance Thursday night – SIMS students only
- ***Salt Spring Elementary School***
Talent Show on May 20; swim program at end of May, 4 sessions offered for each student; students in Gr. 4/5 participated in a water project which was presented at district planning day; fruits and vegetables program – given out to students every 2 weeks
- ***Saturna Elementary School/SEEC***
Hosting groups from Pender, another group next week; field trip to Whistler; lots of work on cabin site for SEEC program participants; losing principal and teacher – postings will go out

6. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

7. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

(a) Planning Day/Retirees Luncheon

Marie Mullen and Stella Weinert showed “*Waterdrops – Guardians of Ganges Creek*”, a PowerPoint presentation that involved SSE students in a Grade 4/5 class. The students “achieved fostering water stewardship by studying and mapping Ganges Creek watershed, rehabilitating the creek, monitoring the creek quality, releasing salmon into the creek, playing by the creek and writing haikus”.

The planning sessions went well and the retirement luncheon was enjoyed by all. Ms McKenzie announced in the May 7, 2010 edition of the “Report on Education”, Deputy Minister, James Gorman spoke to the “Ministry’s ongoing shift towards 21st Learning” and John Abbott’s visit to speak to the Ministry on March 24 and 25. Mr. Gorman also states, “SD64 has put many of John Abbott’s principles into action and certainly challenged our thinking within the Ministry”. On May 5, former student James Thiebault and Grade 12 student, Abbie Sherwood attended a Ministry meeting with Superintendent Hopkins and “engaged in a thought provoking dialogue” with the Deputy Minister and other Ministry members.

8. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

(a) Education Links Report

Last meeting of the Education Links committee was held April 20, 2010. Highlights:

- Pro D has extended to parents as well as staff – math manipulatives, English – “How do I Mark That” by Ray Appell; how to use internet in research; internet plagiarism; mentorship programs
- Middle years – differentiation of instruction
- Early Learning – Strong Start facilitators attended second provincial workshop – case studies, issues related to helping parents. Science World activities for pre-schoolers

- Island Net – full day kindergarten workshop. What do we need in each space? Very different in each school. Teachers will continue to attend workshops. Book by Stuart Brown “Play: How it Shapes the Brain, Opens the Imagination, and Invigorates the Soul”

(b) District Retreat and Planning Day Follow Up

All summarized material from the district retreat was sent to all partner groups, which facilitated each school’s planning process on District Planning Day. Staff members from each school were able to focus more on specific goals they felt were part of their vision for their school by using the district retreat material.

(c) Update on *Connecting Generations*

The Connecting Generations pilot project the *Living Library*, is a library of community/school resource people who are listed in a database and can be “borrowed” in order to obtain information on their particular area of expertise. There are 43 people in the database so far and details are being worked out to get it online. Sarah Hook-Nilsson is the coordinator of the project and if anyone requires information or would like to be part of the project, contact Ms Hook-Nilsson at GISS.

(d) Tech Planning

Mr. Hopkins has worked with the Principal/Vice Principal group and a technology consultant to identify the process of elevating the level and use of district technology and how to integrate it into subjects in our district schools.

9. CORPORATE FINANCIAL OFFICER’S REPORT

(a) Monthly Expenditure Report

The monthly expenditure report indicates that with 83.33% of the year completed, 80.08% of the budget has been expended. We are 3.25% below budget at this time. There should be a small surplus at end of this school year.

(b) 2010/2011 Five Year Capital Plan Summary

Secretary Treasurer Rod Scotvold presented the Five Year Capital Plan Summary for the 2010/11 school year. The plan includes three bus replacements.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves the Five Year Capital Plan Summary for the 2010/2011 capital year as presented.

CARRIED 38/10

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

12. QUESTION PERIOD

DPAC Representative Shelley Lawson asked if there has been a decision made on the principalship of Phoenix Elementary School. Mr. Hopkins informed her Dan Sparanese, currently Principal of Galiano Community School, will transfer to Phoenix Elementary School as Principal effective August 1, 2010. Oscar Hanson, currently Principal of Phoenix Elementary is retiring at the end of May 2010. Mr. Sparanese will be in contact with Phoenix staff and parents soon.

Chair McKenzie informed all there will be a posting developed for the position of Principal of Galiano Community School. A posting for the position of Principal of Saturna Elementary School/SEEC is already out. Interview committees for both positions will include representatives from all partner groups and interviews will likely take place during the second week of June.

13. NEXT MEETING DATES

- (a) Committee Day – May 26, 2010 at the School Board Office
- (b) Regular Board Meeting – June 09, 2010 at the School Board Office

14. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

CARRIED 39/10

Date Approved: June 9, 2010

May McKenzie
Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Rod Scotvold
Secretary Treasurer