



**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION – SCHOOL DISTRICT #64 (GULF ISLANDS)
HELD WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2010 AT GALIANO COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

Present:	May McKenzie	Chairperson
	Bonnie MacGillivray	Vice Chairperson
	Pete Williams	Trustee (via telephone)
	Rob Pingle	Trustee
	Jeff Hopkins	Superintendent of Schools
	Rod Scotvold	Secretary Treasurer
	Linda Underwood	Director of Human Resources
	Sheila Miller	Director of Instruction
	Dawne Fennell	Executive Assistant
	Jack Braak	GITA President
	Sue McKenzie	GIPVPA Representative
	Shelley Lawson	DPAC Representative
	Eva Olynyk	GISS Student Representative
Regrets:	Susanne Middleditch	Trustee
	Mike Krayenhoff	Trustee
	Charles Hingston	Trustee
	Andy McNish	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 2010 10 13, be adopted with the following additions:

7 (b) DPAC Report

CARRIED 60/10

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2010 09 08, be approved as presented.

CARRIED 61/10

3. BUSINESS ARISING

4. DELEGATIONS

(a) Presentation from Jane Gregory *

Letter from Pender parent Jane Gregory who is seeking Board support to help raise food through a partnership with Shaw titled, “*Together is Amazing*”. The initiative is to fill the food banks and the goal is to raise a million pounds of food across Canada by November 15. “Every pound of food donated by the community is matched by both Shaw and Campbell Canada (to combined maximum of 650,000 lbs).” Chair McKenzie will send a letter to the PVP group, PACs and to the student government at GISS through Eva Olynyk. It will be up to the schools how they want to become involved. Halloween events/parties may be the ideal time for students to bring food to their school.

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***

Students from Cathy Buttery’s class – Anna, Gemma, Taylor and Lauren were present to give trustees their school report:

- Whole school has been involved in planting the garden and harvesting fruit and vegetables from the garden and the greenhouse
- All students went to the Petit farm and learned about how corn, potatoes, tomatoes grow. Were given cucumbers and they made dill pickles. Also made apple cinnamon jelly.
- Lunch made for the Board today by the senior class – soup (potato/leek & pear/squash), chicken and vegetarian wraps. Pie (berry and pumpkin) and ice cream for dessert. Students tried to use all local food.
- Beekeeping – bees will be delivered, will use grant money to purchase 3 hives. Principal McKenzie is a beekeeper. Students will learn about bees and honey.

Report from Principal McKenzie: 16 StrongStart kids; 68 students; 4 full day K students; theme this year is to build positive school culture; create new school website and student blog; LCD TV in hallway will showcase what students are doing; lots of items identified for Pro D; open house Nov. 9; lots of parents involved in sports programs

➤ ***Gulf Islands Secondary School***

Report from Eva Olynyk, student at GISS and member of GISS student government. She explained some of what student government is involved in:

- send reps out to community meetings, such as CRD, Islanders for Self Government, Driftwood and Fishbowl newspapers, Islands Trust where students are engaged in conversations.
- home room reps – lots of participation, lots of ideas brought forward to student government.
- outdoor classroom project – building platform, benches in courtyard, whole school can be involved.
- debating skills, toastmasters, certifications (food-safe, first aid).

She asked what the Board would like to hear from the students. The members responded they would like feedback with regard to what students think about personalized learning.

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

Soccer is in full swing after school; survivor challenge day; Jess Willows and Eleanor Cocker have set up homework club on Wednesday nights where students can come and get help; skating and hockey at Panorama; \$600 raised at the Terry Fox run; former student Jacob Schweda, finished his studies in Germany at end of summer and is now in Paris studying gender equality

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

No report. Trustee Williams absent.

➤ ***Phoenix Elementary School***

Report from DPAC chair, Shelley Lawson – fence is up for the garden; music program happening this year; Christmas celebrations will be held at Greenwoods; new PAC executive

➤ ***Saltspring Island Middle School***

Lots more students, some growing pains with all the new students and the MY SEEC program and PACs; skatepark discussion about safety; weekly newsletter taken over by VP Keiko Taylor, covers educational issues; plans for edible garden area on the embankment between SIMS and SSE designed by Jackie Harkema

➤ ***Salt Spring Elementary School***

Whole school project based around water; set up of *seaquaria* – salt water aquarium filled with all kinds of plants and animals; shoreline clean-up by whole school; PAC doing lots of great things

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

No report. Trustee Middleditch absent.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

7. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

(a) **GICEL 10th Anniversary ***

Celebration to be held on Friday, October 22 with workshops offered for teachers during the day and a banquet at GISS in the evening. Gail Neumann is the contact for attendance at the banquet. Water taxi transportation will be offered to Outer Islands attendees.

(b) DPAC Report – Shelley Lawson, Chair *

The first meeting was held today with some attendees joining the meeting via teleconference. They have 2 main goals for this school year: parent retreat day and speaker series (5), which will be offered on Salt Spring Island and the Outer Islands. They will invite guests to the speaker series to talk about technology, mainly the use of iPods and cell phones in schools; cyber bullying – harassment, intimidation and humiliation of others through the use of Facebook and email. Another topic will be media awareness. Next DPAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 17.

Ms Lawson stated she had received comments from parents of students in the French Immersion program at SIMS who are concerned that students from the Outer Islands arrive late because of the water taxi schedule. Mr. Hopkins stated the district is exploring options regarding this issue. To change SIMS start time would involve changing bus schedules and the water taxi personnel cannot leave earlier or have their day lengthened due to contractual obligations. We are in the process of planning for next school year and we are asking for input and feedback from all schools regarding the impact of changing school start and end times.

8. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

(a) Enrollment

Superintendent Hopkins presented, in detail, the Ministry of Education 1701 Verification Report as at September 30, 2010. He spoke specifically to Echo Report 8035, which identifies the maximum eligible for funding (FTEs) for the 2010/2011 school year. The district's total is 1522.9375 FTE, which includes 1487.3750 FTE eligible school age students and 35.5625 eligible adults. These figures are higher than what was projected.

Another area of interest was Echo Report 8080, Apprenticeship. There are a total of 20 students enrolled in the following apprenticeship areas: Science and Applied Science (1), Tourism, Hospitality and Foods (6), and Trades and Technology (13). Interest in apprenticeship programs has dramatically increased since the program was started and School District #64 (Gulf Islands) has been identified as the fastest growing district in the province regarding enrollment in the apprenticeship programs.

(b) 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* and spoke in detail to the consultation reports from the schools. 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. The process is continuous throughout the school year as needs/requirements change. The Principals agreed that classes are configured for appropriate learning. Ninety percent of requests for support are for an increase in Educational Assistant hours. Support can also be in the form of materials/resources and technology.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education accepts the report from the Superintendent regarding the "*Organization of Classes: School District 64 (Gulf Islands) 2010*".

CARRIED 62/10

(c) Ministry Update/Personalized Learning *

The Ministry is working on legislating changes to the educational system. The Premier will speak to these changes on October 27. They are looking at curriculum, specifically disciplines and competencies, breaking down the barrier between them and combining or linking them together, i.e. critical thinking, creative problem solving and creating opportunities with few restrictions; de-emphasizing standard testing; changing language.

Mr. Hopkins was invited to speak at Atlantic College in Wales with John Abbott in October. Atlantic College is "an international residential school based in the UK. 350 students aged 16 - 18 from 80 different countries benefit from a world-class International Baccalaureate educational experience. Atlantic College is committed to making education a force to unite people, nations and cultures for

peace and a sustainable future.” (<http://www.atlanticcollege.org/>). Atlantic College wants to make educational changes and work towards personalized learning. He also met the Head Master from Eton College in Windsor. Eton is lobbying the British government to make changes to the structure of the educational system.

(d) Community Connections Grant *

Grants are up to \$30,000 and the district can apply for up to three grants. Mr. Hopkins will prepare a grant application for the purpose of completing the housing units and outdoor learning pavilion on the Saturna SEEC site. He will present the application to Board members next Committee Day for approval. The grant application will also require CRD Board approval for support only, there are no financial expectations from CRD.

(e) Field Trip #03 Approval

A field trip request (#03) from Kellie Booth (coach) to take the Senior Boys’ Volleyball team (11 students in Grades 10-12) to Kelowna, BC November 30 – December 5, 2010 to participate in volleyball provincials. The coach will provide further details before the impending date.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves the athletic field trip for the Senior Boys’ Volleyball team to travel to Kelowna, BC November 30 – December 5, 2010 to participate in volleyball provincials.

CARRIED 63/10

9. CORPORATE FINANCIAL OFFICER’S REPORT

(a) Capital Project Bylaw No. 126215

The Minister of Education has approved Capital Project No. 126215 (classroom conversion for Kindergarten use) and the district will receive \$30,000.00 as a maximum expenditure for the project.

It was moved and seconded that there is unanimous agreement to read Capital Project Bylaw No. 126215 in the amount of \$30,000.00 be read three times in one meeting.

CARRIED 64/10

It was moved and seconded that there is unanimous agreement to read Capital Project Bylaw No. 126215 in the amount of \$30,000.00 be read a first time and approved.

CARRIED 65/10

It was moved and seconded that there is unanimous agreement to read Capital Project Bylaw No. 126215 in the amount of \$30,000.00 be read a second time and approved.

CARRIED 66/10

It was moved and seconded that there is unanimous agreement to read Capital Project Bylaw No. 126215 in the amount of \$30,000.00 be read a third time, passed and adopted.

CARRIED 67/10

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

11. OTHER BUSINESS

12. QUESTION PERIOD *

GITA President, Jack Braak inquired whether or not the district will have to pay a fee for carbon offset. Mr. Scotvold stated the cost will likely under \$10,000, which is low compared to other districts. This is primarily attributable to our main energy supply being electricity, which is generated through hydro-electrical plants.

13. NEXT MEETING DATES

- (a) Committee Day – October 27, 2010, at the Lion’s Hall
- (b) Regular Board Meeting – November 10, 2010 at Fulford Community Elementary School

14. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

CARRIED 68/10

Date Approved: November 10, 2010

May McKenzie
Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Rod Scotvold
Secretary Treasurer

* Items discussed after meeting adjourned.

LOCAL SCHOOL CALENDAR CONSULTATION FOR 2011/2012

No discussion. (0 community members present).