



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

Present:	May McKenzie	Chairperson
	Bonnie MacGillivray	Vice Chairperson
	Pete Williams	Trustee
	Rob Pingle	Trustee
	Susanne Middleditch	Trustee
	Charles Hingston	Trustee
	Jeff Hopkins	Superintendent of Schools
	Rod Scotvold	Secretary Treasurer
	Linda Underwood	Director of Human Resources
	Dawne Fennell	Executive Assistant
	Jack Braak	GITA President
	Andy McNish	CUPE President
	Shelly Johnson	GIPVPA Representative
	Eva Olynyk	GISS Student Representative
	Gail Sjuberg	Driftwood Representative
Regrets:	Mike Krayenhoff	Trustee
	Sheila Miller	Director of Instruction
	Shelley Lawson	DPAC Representative

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 11 10, be adopted with the following addition:

5. School Reports – Eva Olynyk (GISS)

CARRIED 69/10

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2010 10 13, be approved as presented.

CARRIED 70/10

3. BUSINESS ARISING

4. DELEGATIONS

(a) Garth Hendren

Mr. Hendren is unable to attend today. He has re-scheduled for the December 1 Board meeting.

5. TRUSTEE'S SCHOOL REPORTS

➤ ***Fernwood Elementary School***

Remembrance Day Ceremony; volleyball; choir; delivery of fruits and vegetables ongoing; new teacher, Janisse Browning, settling in well; Book Fair; Christmas concert, December 14

➤ ***Fulford Community Elementary School***

Lots of teamwork; reading groups going through school; working on having outdoor classroom built, have received many grants, will be built by GISS students; students performed at GISS Remembrance Ceremony today

➤ ***Galiano Community School***

Open House yesterday; invited many people from the community who have not visited the school before, appearances by Activity Centre Society, Library, Galiano Food Program, PAC supplied food and coffee, students were hosts, had 50-60 people attend; Remembrance Day Ceremony today, Lion's poster contest – "Vision of Peace" with paragraph about peace; first annual Halloween Dance put on by PAC for students and parents; having a fabulous year so far

- ***Gulf Islands Secondary School***
Report from Eva Olynyk – outdoor building project, going to Chamber to see if they can get funding; Shaw Food Drive, but unable to reach Jane Gregory; personalized learning – lots of questions around “chaos” factor and the students who aren’t doing anything academically. More tutorials requested by most students; Islands Trust will visit with students in student government
- ***Mayne Elementary/Jr. Secondary School***
End of October, whole school spent the whole day at Bennett Beach, rode bikes down; helped with pumpkin carving, students gathered their own pumpkins; students are on SSI for Remembrance Day Ceremony today at GISS; PAC busy with firewood raffle and bottle drive; soccer and choir; African dance performers coming
- ***Pender Islands Elem./Sec. School***
School community garden – last picking of veggies, Spring Leaves group made vegetable soup and finished fall planting; Victor Reece’s ceremony very well attended, district well represented; PAC – Friday lunch program, provided free to students by PAC and local grocery store; power outage yesterday so early dismissal; parent-teacher interviews coming up soon; after school – tennis, boys’ and girls’ basketball, floor hockey, choir, power squadron, school is extremely busy at all times
- ***Phoenix Elementary School***
No report. Trustee Krayenhoff absent.
- ***Saltspring Island Middle School***
Teacher Jude Shugar, organized for the Harlem Crowns to come and play the GISS team to raise money – sold out event; PAC great, active group of parents – talent show in spring, hot lunch program every second week, huge participation
- ***Salt Spring Elementary School***
Great Halloween festivities; all staff dressed up; marshmallow eating contest while blind folded, Principal Mullen participated; PAC fundraiser on November 19, dinner and dancing to Uncle Jim’s Big Blues Band – doors at 5:30, dinner at 6:00 dance at 7:00; Kerplunks performance November 17; looking for lots of cardboard to place in the earth for the embankment area between SIMS and SSE
- ***Saturna Elementary School/SEEC***
Call themselves “Family Fun Learning”, very home grown; Trustee Middleditch will attend the Remembrance Day Ceremony tomorrow; preparing for Christmas concert; SEEC – met with Julie Johnston and the society, work bee to pour cement for SEEC classroom, another work bee planned to paint the cabins

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence.

7. **CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT**

(a) **Diversity Workshop Presented by Access to Media Education Society (AMES)**

Deblekha Guin, Executive Director of Access to Media Education Society (AMES), and three workshop facilitators presented a workshop to a group of 26, which included students, staff, trustees and Senior Administrators, on Committee Day, October 27. The workshop focused on homophobia and racism, how to become engaged in discussions addressing these topics and how to deal with attitudes of people displaying negative behaviours and language with regard to homophobia and racism. Chair McKenzie extends a public thank you to Deblekha and the facilitators for presenting a very informative workshop on diversity.

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

(a) **Education Links Report**

The last meeting of the Education Links committee was held October 19, 2010. There is a core group of committee members with invitations to other educators throughout the year depending on what focus topics will be discussed. The topics may include:

- ▶ District communication/connection
- ▶ Parent education (and discussion) on personalized learning

- ▶ International education
- ▶ Building leadership capacity, sharing ideas, thematic groupings, showcase
- ▶ Early Learning

(b) Field Trip #32

A field trip request (#32) from GISS teacher Ghislaine de Saint Venant to take 12 Grade 11 French Immersion students to Ottawa and Quebec City April 3 to 12, 2011 to attend an Encounters Canada Youth Conference and to visit historic sites.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves field trip #32 for 12 Grade 11 French Immersion students to travel to Ottawa and Quebec City April 3 to 12, 2011 to attend an Encounters Canada Youth Conference and to visit historic sites.

CARRIED 71/10

(c) Superintendent's Report on Achievement

Superintendent Hopkins spoke to the attachment on the guidelines (Section 22 of the *School Act*) for his report on student achievement and asked the trustees for input regarding the method of reporting and what they would like to see emphasized, i.e. Is there something specific they would really like to know about? Student representative, Eva Olynyk asked, "How do our students match up academically against students in other districts? How prepared are our students when they go to university?" Mr. Hopkins responded that our students do very well in post-secondary educational institutes and he will research how our students match up academically against students in other districts. He will continue this conversation with Ms Olynyk about student achievement and ways of measuring it.

(d) Wi-Fi in Schools

Mr. Hopkins has received an increasing number of calls regarding the safety of using wireless technology in the schools. He compiled information from the World Health Organization and Health Canada and presented his findings to Board members with the conclusions:

- ▶ There is no known health risk regarding the use of wireless technology in schools.
- ▶ Cell phones carry up to 3,000 times more risk – 15 minutes on a cell phone = 5 years exposure in a building with Wi-Fi.

Further Reading:

[ICNIRP \(1998\) www.icnirp.org/documents/emfgdl.pdf](http://www.icnirp.org/documents/emfgdl.pdf)

IEEE (2006) IEEE C95.1-2005 "IEEE Standard for Safety Levels with Respect to Human Exposure to Radio Frequency Electromagnetic Fields, 3 kHz to 300 GHz".

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(e) Korea Update

The Korean group has re-engaged with the district (following a 2-year period of being dormant due to a drop in economy) regarding their desire to create a school in Seoul that will deliver BC curriculum with the result that their students will be able to graduate with a Dogwood diploma. This group is more educationally focused than they were before. Our district is assisting them in an advisory capacity. This venture will be a revenue generator for the district and at no cost to us. There will also be the opportunity to implement professional development for Canadian teachers (approximately 250) who work in Seoul.

(f) Connecting Generations Database

Information regarding the Connecting Generations Program is now online on the district website and can be found at: <http://sd64.bc.ca/programs.html>. "The Connecting Generations database "Living Links" was

established in January of 2010 to bring together youth and adults, including seniors in face-to-face conversations about mutual interests, skills and life experiences. In addition to helping to make the connections, the database provides a record of outcomes.” For further information or if anyone is interested in participating in any part of Connecting Generations, please [email Sarah Hook-Nilsson](mailto:Sarah.Hook-Nilsson@sd64.org) or phone 250-537-9944.

(g) Elements of Personalized Learning

Superintendent Hopkins shared his power point presentation titled, “*Personalized Learning Systems – the how and what of education for human sustainability*” and spoke, in detail, to the information contained in the presentation.

9. CORPORATE FINANCIAL OFFICER’S REPORT

(a) Monthly Expenditure Report

The monthly expenditure report indicates that with 0.3333% of the year completed, 0.2787% of the budget has been expended. We are 5.46% below budget at this time. Extra monies spent on water taxi transportation to date are \$15,000. Hopefully this will not go above \$30,000. This money is not recouped from the Ministry. We’ll be very close to exceeding our transportation budget this year, which will affect the entire operating budget. This year will be challenging.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

12. QUESTION PERIOD

13. NEXT MEETING DATES

- (a) Committee Day – November 24, 2010, location TBD
- (b) Regular Board Meeting – December 01, 2010 at the School Board Office

14. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

CARRIED 72/10

Date Approved: December 1, 2010

May McKenzie
Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Rod Scotvold
Secretary Treasurer

LOCAL SCHOOL CALENDAR CONSULTATION FOR 2011/2012

No discussion. (0 community members present).