



**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION – SCHOOL DISTRICT #64 (GULF ISLANDS)
HELD WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2011 AT GULF ISLANDS SECONDARY SCHOOL**

Present:	May McKenzie	Chairperson
	Bonnie MacGillivray	Vice Chairperson
	Rob Pingle	Trustee
	Susanne Middleditch	Trustee
	Mike Krayenhoff	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
	Andy McNish	CUPE President
	Gail Sjuberg	Driftwood Representative
Regrets:	Pete Williams	Trustee
	Charles Hingston	Trustee
	Judy Raddysch	GIPVPA Representative
	Shelley Lawson	DPAC Representative
	Eva Olynyk	GISS Student 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 2011 01 12, be adopted with the following addition:

- 6 (a) School Community Connections

CARRIED 04/11

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2010 12 01, be approved as presented.

CARRIED 05/11

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Special Board Meeting, Public Session held 2011 01 13, via email be approved as presented.

CARRIED 06/11

3. BUSINESS ARISING

4. DELEGATIONS

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***

PAC meeting yesterday, they gave \$1500 to the school to be divided between the primary and intermediate classes – intermediate class will go to Camp Thunderbird, primary class will go to the Children's Festival in Vancouver and museum in Victoria; Feb. 23 – information and workshop around bullying (pink shirt day) with hot lunch, open to community members, what bullying looks like from both sides; bee- keeping program, but didn't get the funding for 3 hives; principal asked

the PAC if they could help and they will fund one hive, need 2 hives so will fundraise with a spell off; main bus driver is off on medical leave, hiring sub/casual; day care on Galiano, will do survey to determine what the needs on Galiano are for all age groups, have 35 pre-schoolers

➤ ***Gulf Islands Secondary School***

Final exams right now; GISS Improv performed with SIMS Improv group and an Improv group from Saanich at ArtSpring

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

Christmas concert – each pod (6 pods) did presentation, all student driven; students delivered cookies to all the elders on Mayne; students spend 80 minutes each week in their pod and determine what their pod is going to do for that week; PAC doing fire wood raffle; annual ski trip

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

No report. Trustee Williams absent.

➤ ***Phoenix Elementary School***

Lots of activity going on, very inspiring, everyone works very well together; student from the Wolf program working with teacher Geri Charlton doing clay work, Ms Charlton planning to set up a web page for all groups; Grade 7 & 8 students participating in the SWOVA healthy relationships program; table saw donated to school and now students are looking for more tools

➤ ***Saltspring Island Middle School***

The teachers decided all Friday school days will be Spirit Days; first Friday back in January all teachers were dressed up in Hawaiian shirts, but students weren't – left out of the loop; this coming Friday is pyjama day; PAC is working on school talent show, also running Odyssey of the Mind program

➤ ***Salt Spring Elementary School***

Started another banner project, motion based on da Vinci's work; recorder club on Tuesdays; Milton Randall, master percussionist coming; Spirit group – twin, triplet, etc. day where students dress up identically

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

MY SEEC visiting the school today; field trips – swimming in fall now gymnastics; bowling

6. CORRESPONDENCE

7. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

(a) Board Committees

Trustee Rob Pingle has assumed the Chair of the Policy Committee and Superintendent Jeff Hopkins has been added as a resource person for this committee. The Capital Regional District has been added as a community group with Trustee Pete Williams as the representative.

(b) BCPSEA AGM

The BCPSEA AGM will be held January 27-29, 2011 at the Coast Coal Harbour Hotel. Chair McKenzie, Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Scotvold are attending. Trustee Pete Williams is running for Director again.

(c) School Community Connections

Subsequent to applications submitted to the 2010 School Community Connections – Supporting Neighbourhood Learning Centres (Round 2), the district has received \$17,000 which will be used to complete the SEEC residential cabins and the central outdoor classroom and \$13,000 plus another \$2,000 for upgrades to the multi-purpose sport court at Pender Islands School. Chair McKenzie extended a thank you to Mr. Hopkins for all his work and time spent preparing grant proposals for the district.

8. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

(a) Superintendent's Report on Student Success

Mr. Hopkins sent his report to trustees electronically in December for their perusal and input. The report was accepted by the Board of Education on January 13, 2011 and submitted to the Ministry by the January 15 deadline. The document focused on six elements, as required by Ministry policy:

1. Improving areas of student achievement
2. Challenging areas of student achievement
3. Comments on Ministry-provided results
4. Progress toward goals set in achievement contract
5. Connectedness of plans
6. Children in care

This year's report also contains information from Victor Glickman regarding district Grade 10 and 12 exam results and FSA 2010 results. Victor Glickman is the founding director of *Edudata Canada* (<http://edudata.educ.ubc.ca/site/home/>), and a research associate at the UBC Faculty of Education.

Once again this year the district exam results have included International students and the graduation rate is shown as one of the lowest in the province. The inclusion of the International students skews the report as the students leave usually after one year and do not graduate with our district students. They are therefore shown as dropouts. Mr. Hopkins calculated the graduation rate and determined it is around 93%, which is one of the highest graduation rates in the province. He also noted that upon return to their respective countries, the International students completed their courses and graduated. Mr. Hopkins contacted the Ministry again regarding the method of calculating grad rates and will follow up with a press release to indicate the correct graduation rate with an explanation of how they are calculated by the Ministry.

The report will be uploaded to the district website for public viewing.

(b) District Retreat

The Annual District Retreat, entitled, "*Personalized Learning in the Gulf Islands – From Vision to Action*", will be held Tuesday, March 1, 2011 in the gym at Saltspring Island Middle School. The theme will be to continue with personalized learning discussions and what it will look like for our district; narrow the focus now and look at details.

(c) Field Trip #50

An extra-curricular field trip request (#50) from GISS teacher Ray Colleran to take 18 Grade 10-12 students to Italy and France March 10-19, 2011 to participate in cultural experiences in Rome and Paris.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves extra-curricular field trip #50 for 18 Grade 10-12 students to travel to Italy and France March 10-19, 2011 to participate in cultural experiences in Rome and Paris.

CARRIED 07/11

(d) Parent Forums

Mr. Hopkins has scheduled parent/community forums at the schools. The focus will be on "district initiatives in education, particularly as related to "21st Century" or "Personalized Learning". The forums will be approximately one hour in length with time for discussion and questions.

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

(a) **Monthly Expenditure Report**

The monthly expenditure report indicates that with 50% of the year completed, 46.02% of the budget has been expended. We are 3.98% below budget at this time.

Trustee MacGillivray thanked Mr. Scotvold for his hard work and diligence in keeping the district on track over several years while working within the constraints of Ministry funding.

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No reports.

11. **OTHER BUSINESS**

12. **QUESTION PERIOD**

13. **NEXT MEETING DATES**

- (a) Regular Board Meeting – February 9, 2011 at Saltspring Island Middle School
- (b) Committee Day – February 23, 2011 at the School Board Office

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

CARRIED 08/11

Date Approved: February 9, 2011

May McKenzie
Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Rod Scotvold
Secretary Treasurer

LOCAL SCHOOL CALENDAR CONSULTATION FOR 2011/2012

No discussion. (0 community members present).