



**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION – SCHOOL DISTRICT #64 (GULF ISLANDS)
HELD WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2011 AT GALIANO COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. Chair McKenzie welcomed Lisa Halstead as the new Director of Instruction, Student Support Services. Ms McKenzie extended an invitation to the Open House for Trustee Charles Hingston on November 22 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the School Board Office.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2011 11 09, be adopted with the following additions:

- 6 (b) Mike Hoebel – Galiano Library Society
- 7 (b) Provincial Council Update

CARRIED 64/11

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2011 10 12, be approved as presented.

CARRIED 65/11

3. BUSINESS ARISING

4. DELEGATIONS

(a) Galiano Parents and the Outer Islands Middle Year Program

Parents Brenda Lepine and Shelley Lawson attended the Board meeting today to share input received from former and present students and parents regards a middle years program on the Outer Islands. Chair McKenzie informed them that Lisa Halstead was hired as the new Director of Instruction, Student Support Services and 0.2 FTE of her position will be as Middle Years Coordinator for the Outer Islands program. Ms Halstead is keen to begin the “information gathering and research” phase for the program and will be connecting with Principals and parents soon.

(b) Mike Hoebel – Galiano Library Society

Mr. Hoebel thanked the Board for their support regards the society’s quest to build a community library on the site of Galiano Community School. The first referendum was narrowly defeated and there is advance polling on the second referendum beginning today. He feels positive this referendum will pass as the society will benefit from a \$400,000 BC government grant which was awarded to the project.

5. **TRUSTEE'S SCHOOL REPORTS**

- ***Fernwood Elementary School***
50% new staff and new energy; book fair; Remembrance Day ceremony; students making lists of “juicy” adjectives from the books they’re reading
- ***Fulford Community Elementary School***
Moray Kennedy is a teacher at the school and her mother was a code breaker in World War II. She’s coming to talk to the students about her role in the war; prime goal of the students this year is studying forest eco systems; reduce, re-use, recycle, re-gift at Christmas time
- ***Galiano Community School***
Report for the **K/1/2 class** given by students Ava and Roo:
Field trips to Bellhouse Park and Montague Beach; reading; sharing; home reading; math; science
Intermediate (Grades 3 – 7)
Students Gemma and Sarah spoke about: music appreciation; school garden; art projects; goal setting; peace posters; word of the week (tittle, aglet, metacognition)
Annie spoke about: bees, beehives and the flower garden, school bee teams
All the students sang *A Pittance of Time* for us that they will also sing at the Remembrance Day ceremony on Thursday
- ***Gulf Islands Secondary School***
Eva Olynyk, Student Representative, will graduate soon and Lauren Utter will take over her role as Student Representative for the Board; Stephen Lewis visited school; RAT (responsible adult thinking) representative came to talk to students about good decision making; 50 students attended John Abbott’s recent presentation; update on work zones – not enough specialist teachers to go around; Student Advocacy – University of Manitoba agreed to let them use some of their policy; Nov. 15 at 1:30 trustee candidates will be available to address students; report cards issued, but most are blank; Student Government is working on constitution and code of conduct
- ***Mayne Elementary/Jr. Secondary School***
Pumpkin carving, amazing carvings this year; students took pumpkins to fire hall at night – whole community turns out; students going to GISS for Remembrance Day ceremony, then going to Ph El; wood raffle; \$676.55 raised on Terry Fox run; Home Hardware is offering free “mainly science” workshops for gr. 7 students on Saturdays; until age 18 every child is entitled to free eye exam every year – information from Bev Graham, vision teacher
- ***Pender Islands Elem./Sec. School***
Pumpkin carving; Remembrance Day ceremony; PAC lunch on Friday will be prepared by students; volunteers needed to help facilitate play on playground; basketball started
- ***Phoenix Elementary School***
Pyjama day today; writing program – K to 2 – characters, setting, solution to problem; Gr. 3 – 8 deal with sentence structure, development of ideas and how they support story; received money for new playground; swimming at pool; go to SS gym 2 x per week
- ***Saltspring Island Middle School***
New VP, Shannon Shields; Keiko Taylor is now the Principal, she received a ceremonial toilet seat cover as a gift; Secretary Wendy Scott has undergone hip surgery; PAC meeting, invited trustee candidates; PAC has added an “educational component” to their meetings; Remembrance Day ceremony on Thursday
- ***Salt Spring Elementary School***
“Spirits” (Grade 5’s) starting this month; book fair; third annual dinner and dance on Nov. 25 with Uncle Jim’s Big Band – fundraiser
- ***Saturna Elementary School/SEEC***
No report. Trustee Middleditch absent.

➤ **Windsor House School**

School is full with long waiting list; have begun the search for a new building for next year – parent run search committee; looking to expand, projecting enrollment of a total of 160-175 students next year; internet was cut off on July 1 – everything was wiped off their computers, had to have internet line run into school, putting in a Telus line today; previous and new staff getting well together; John Abbott visited and spoke to parents, staff and students

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) **Letter from Minister of Education re: the BC Education Plan**

A letter addressed to all Board Chairs received from Minister of Education George Abbott regards the launching of the BC Education Plan (www.bcedplan.ca). Mr. Abbott states this plan “responds to the realities and demands of a world that has already changed dramatically and continues to change.” He believes there is a “unique opportunity to forge a more innovative education system that meets the needs of BC families today and in the future.”

(b) **Letter from Minister of Education re: the Teachers Act**

A letter addressed to all Board Chairs received from Minister of Education George Abbott regards Bill 12 – 2011: Teachers Act (http://www.leg.bc.ca/39th4th/1st_read/gov12-1.htm). This new act was introduced to “create a more accountable and transparent teacher regulation system to better protect children and put the public’s interest first”. This new act repeals the Teaching Profession Act and dissolves the BC College of Teachers (BCCT). These changes came about from concerns addressed in a report by Don Avison regards the BCCT that was released in October 2010 (A College Divided: A Report of the Fact Finder on the BC College of Teachers).

7. **CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT**

(a) **Coalition of Childcare Advocates of BC**

Trustee Hingston attended the BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting October 20 – 22 where there were questions and discussion regards *Moving to a System of Integrated Early Care & Learning in BC. A Community Plan for a Public System of Integrated Early Care and Learning, April 2011 was developed* by the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC and the Early Childhood Educators of BC. This plan which focuses on the integration of child care programs regulated under the Community Care and Assisted Living Act, Child Care Licensing Regulation, with early learning programs delivered by schools, will be discussed in further detail at a December meeting of BCSTA Board members and the BCSTA Education Committee.

(b) **BCSTA Provincial Council Update**

Trustee Charles Hingston summarized updates from the BCSTA Provincial Council meeting held October 20 – 22 which included a review of the current teacher contract negotiations by BCPSEA Executive Director Hugh Finlayson and Associate Executive Director Jacquie Griffiths and a presentation by the Minister of Education, George Abbott.

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

(a) **New Teachers Act – Bill 12 – 2011**

The BC College of Teachers (BCCT) has been dissolved and the Teaching Profession Act has been repealed by the new *Teachers Act*. The new BC Teachers’ Council will have 15 voting members, including:

- 3 teachers from the BCTF
- 5 teachers elected by teachers on a regional basis
- 7 members based on nominations from the following partner groups:
 - BC School Trustees Association
 - BC School Superintendents’ Association
 - BC Principals’ and Vice Principals’ Association
 - BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils
 - First Nations Education Steering Committee

- Federation of Independent School Associations
- Association of BC Deans of Education

This council will also include one non-voting government representative appointed by the Minister. The 50-page document can be viewed at: http://www.leg.bc.ca/39th4th/1st_read/gov12-1.htm. The new regulatory system will be up and running early in 2012.

(b) Personalized Learning Update

The Ministry has released the *BC Education Plan* (www.bcedplan.ca), which contains structures within which School District #64 (Gulf Islands) already practices:

- building one's strengths
- staying solid on the basics
- more real-world skills
- improved student assessment and reporting
- the importance of teachers and the relationship between student and teacher
- effective teaching
- greater flexibility to design programs that will really work for all students
- freedom to adapt

(c) Teachers' Strike

The teachers' strike is ongoing and there has been some confusion around the issuing of report cards. The Labour Relations Board (LRB) is examining this issue; however, there likely won't be a decision until the end of November. If a Principal or Vice Principal is the student's teacher, there will be a report for those classes. Parents are welcome to contact their child's teacher to ask how their child is doing. Teachers will provide all marks for transcripts for students graduating and entering post-secondary institutions, i.e. for final marks at the end of the first semester (January) and interim transcripts for the end of the second semester (June).

9. CORPORATE FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

(a) By-Law Drake Road Property

Mr. Scotvold presented Disposal of Real Property Bylaw No. 11-01 regards a portion of the property commonly known as Phoenix Elementary School.

It was moved and seconded that there is unanimous approval to read Disposal of Real Property Bylaw No. 11-01 in one sitting.

CARRIED 66/11

It was moved and seconded that Disposal of Real Property Bylaw No. 11-01 be read a first time and approved.

CARRIED 67/11

It was moved and seconded that Disposal of Real Property Bylaw No. 11-01 be read a second time and approved.

CARRIED 68/11

It was moved and seconded that Disposal of Real Property Bylaw No. 11-01 be read a third time, passed and adopted.

CARRIED 69/11

(b) By-Law for Certificate of Approval – Phoenix Playground

Mr. Scotvold presented Capital Project Bylaw No. 126346 (Playground Equipment for Phoenix Elementary School) for a maximum expenditure of \$50,000 to Board members for Board approval.

It was moved and seconded that there is unanimous approval to read Capital Project Bylaw No. 126346 in one sitting.

CARRIED 70/11

It was moved and seconded that Capital Project Bylaw No. 126346 be read a first time and approved.

CARRIED 71/11

It was moved and seconded that Capital Project Bylaw No. 126346 be read a second time and approved.
CARRIED 72/11

It was moved and seconded that Capital Project Bylaw No. 126346 be read a third time, passed and adopted.

CARRIED 73/11

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Policy Committee

(i) Policy 960, Outdoor Recreational Areas

This policy will be brought forward to Committee Day, November 23 for further discussion. It is still out as a Notice of Motion.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

12. QUESTION PERIOD

13. NEXT MEETING DATES

(a) Committee Day – November 23, 2011, at the School Board Office

(b) Regular Board Meeting – December 07, 2011 at the School Board Office

14. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

CARRIED 74/11

Date Approved: December 7, 2011

May McKenzie
Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Rod Scotvold
Secretary Treasurer

LOCAL SCHOOL CALENDAR CONSULTATION FOR 2012/2013

Two community members present. No discussion.