



**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION – SCHOOL DISTRICT #64 (GULF ISLANDS)
HELD WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 08, 2012 AT SALT SPRING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Present:	May McKenzie	Chairperson
	Bonnie MacGillivray	Vice Chairperson
	Rob Pingle	Trustee
	Katharine Byers	Trustee
	Pete Williams	Trustee
	Susanne Middleditch	Trustee
	Kathy Page	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

Regrets:	Andy McNish	CUPE President
	Marie Mullen	GIPVPA Representative
	Lauren Utter	GISS Student Representative
	Eva Olynyk	GISS Student Representative
	Elizabeth Nolan	Driftwood Representative
	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 2012 02 08, be adopted with the following additions:

- 6 (a) Letter from Barry O'Neill, President CUPE BC Division

CARRIED 09/12

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2012 01 11, be approved as presented.

CARRIED 10/12

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Special Board Meeting, Public Session held 2012 01 25, be approved as presented.

CARRIED 11/12

3. BUSINESS ARISING

4. DELEGATIONS

(a) Career Programs

Maggie Allison and Shari Hambrook presented information on secondary school apprenticeship and work experience programs currently offered at GISS. There are more than 20 students who wish to begin apprenticeship training in the fall. Their presentation contained detailed information that covered the following topics:

1. Vision – of the program and a group of employers who were keen to help build strong trades programs in the school district
2. Supporters – of the work experience programs and local trade associations. An Advisory Committee was created from representatives of these groups.
3. Process – work experience – through career counselling and exploration, students can identify an area of interest and passion

4. Registration Process – involves streamlining, relevancy, screening and interviewing
5. School Parallels Industry – involves building a partnership with “shop” teachers
6. Marketing – students, parents, teaching staff, community and businesses
7. Training Plan – individualized student learning, trade and site and time specific, evaluation based on competencies
8. Ongoing involvement with students – interviews, annual “meet and greet” (bringing sponsors into the school), holding Advisory Committee meetings in the school
9. Increase sponsors – assist employers in preparing ITA packages giving them the “Authority to Sponsor” students, annual meet and greet, seeking out new trade associations and making site visits
10. Celebrate success – honour the sponsors, celebrate SSA scholarship winners, publications in local newspapers
11. Sustaining partnerships – continually reflecting on shared vision

5. **TRUSTEE’S SCHOOL REPORTS**

➤ ***Fernwood Elementary School***

Busy; lots of musical performances; Michael Mitchell, award-winning singer, songwriter and storyteller visited; basketball for Gr. 4 and 5’s; Gr. 5 selling hotdogs; K registration next week; support pink shirt day next week

➤ ***Fulford Community Elementary School***

Thursday afternoons, students gather together to work on projects; Michael Mitchell visited; basketball; building outdoor classroom; Feb. 29 doing explorations, looking for community input

➤ ***Galiano Community School***

Principal McKenzie has been away; winter crops in garden; younger class – studying salmon and adaptation of fish around the world; 3 students researching new games because they want more variety in gym class; drama starting in older class; Phoenix Elementary students visiting on Feb. 15; ballet starting for younger students; lots of students involved in sports

➤ ***Gulf Islands Secondary School***

Exams over; new semester has started; lots of performances; website created about work zones; Jr. boys won basketball tournament; spelling bee great success, 7 teams, raised \$2,500; sweater day on Feb. 9; Improv happening

GISS student representative Lauren Utter – researchers from UBC presenting to leadership class – UN simulation; chess club starting; astronomy club started this year; leadership = several new projects

GISS student representative Eva Olynyk – collaboration – huge amounts of collaboration going on with students and community; student government working with other student groups; this is Eva’s last meeting, she will focus on student advocacy now. Will come back and report out on student advocacy when finished; Lauren will continue to attend Board meetings

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

New music program; secondary class starting rock band; big Valentine’s Day events – jump rope for heart; Valentine party; skiing Mar. 5 to 7; pods – working at outdoor centres; whole school hiked up Mt. Parke; local conservancy – sustainability project; starting yearbook this year, everyone to submit baby pictures

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

Gr. 8 musical “Alice” on Feb. 15, 16, 17; GISS counsellor Nia Williams to talk to Gr. 8’s and parents re: transition to GISS; K registration next week; basketball – boys and girls played at SIMS, many thanks to basketball coaches who devote their time to teams; May long weekend, Gr. 6 and 7 students will be running in Times Colonist 10 km run

➤ ***Phoenix Elementary School***

Concrete for playground poured yesterday; students being introduced to personalized learning; artwork up; Maureen Proctor from Artist in the Classroom visited Feb. 2; students will travel to Galiano Feb. 15; swimming lessons; K registration next week; school secretary Cynthia Marshall’s last day is Feb. 9, she has accepted the secretary position at GISS

- ***Saltspring Island Middle School***
Gr. 8 FI Medieval Festival Feb. 1; Gr. 7 and 8 FI students in Quebec Feb. 5-12; band class attended performance at ArtSpring; basketball; lots of engaged students in Exploratories
- ***Salt Spring Elementary School***
Reading blitz in Feb.; students encouraged to read more and turn off TV; Eat Well and Get Moving program; lots of field trips in January; K class made a dragon to celebrate Chinese New Year and paraded through school with it
- ***Saturna Elementary School/SEEC***
Elementary: “*Saturna Experts*” – Jacob researched a section of the island and will share with other students while standing on picnic table; after school program for basketball; 2 ½ hour meeting with Principal Cameron Fraser to discuss personalized learning; Mt. Seymour ski trip – fundraising; networking session happening between new SEEC kids and younger kids, ending with potluck dinner
SEEC: Teagan invited Elizabeth May to visit them and she joined them for tea on site. She spoke to the students about the 53 bills in parliament, students were very engaged; 12 new students this semester – community building and bonding with other students and community members
- ***Windsor House School***
Busy school; week of Feb. 20 is all day conference week; Valentine’s Day preparation “cottage”; mad science in garden “cottage”; snow tubing event on Mr. Seymour; coin drive fund raiser for Strathcona trip

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) **Letter from Barry O’Neill, President CUPE BC Division**

Letter received from CUPE BC President Barry O’Neill expressing his concern to Board members that if Canada agrees to grant the European Union the rights regards full access to procurement from local governments and school boards this, in turn, will limit local governments and school boards autonomy. Mr. O’Neill is asking the Board for support in protesting against the impact that the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) will have on local governments and school boards. This item is tabled until after the BCSTA Provincial Council meeting February 24 and 25.

7. **CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT**

(a) **District Retreat**

The annual District Retreat, which usually includes teachers, students, community members, Trustees, Principals, Vice Principals and Senior Administration, and was previously scheduled for March 6 is cancelled due to the teachers’ current job action. A downsized version of the retreat will take place with Trustees, Senior Administration, and the Educational Leadership Team. The proposed date will be sometime during the week of March 26-30.

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

(a) **Field Trip Request #55**

A curricular field trip request (#55) from French Immersion teachers Ghislaine St. Venant and Louise Doucet, to take twenty-one Grade 11 French Immersion students to Ottawa, Ontario April 7 – 17, 2012, to participate in Encounters Canada Youth Forum: The Coming of Age of Canada and to visit Quebec City.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves the curricular field trip for twenty-one Grade 11 French Immersion students to travel to Ottawa, Ontario April 7 – 17, 2012, to participate in Encounters Canada Youth Forum: The Coming of Age of Canada and to visit Quebec City.

CARRIED 12/12

(b) **Strike Update**

There have been 73 bargaining sessions to date with very little progress and no immediate end in site. Teachers have been on strike for 156 days. An early dismissal day planned for the end of February to

accommodate parent-teacher interviews will not occur and the annual District Retreat has also been downsized to a half day for Trustees, Senior Administration, and the Educational Leadership Team.

9. CORPORATE FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

No report.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Policy Committee

(i) Policy 960, Outdoor Recreational Areas

Policy Committee Chair, Rob Pingle presented the revised policy. The committee received helpful feedback from Manager of Facilities, Dave Henshall.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves the revisions to Policy 960, Outdoor Recreational Areas.

CARRIED 13/12

11. OTHER BUSINESS

12. QUESTION PERIOD

13. NEXT MEETING DATES

- (a) Committee Day – February 22, 2012 at the School Board Office
- (b) Regular Board Meeting – March 07, 2012 at Pender Islands School

14. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

CARRIED 14/12

Date: March 7, 2012

May McKenzie
Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Rod Scotvold
Secretary Treasurer

LOCAL SCHOOL CALENDAR CONSULTATION FOR 2012/2013

One community member present, John Wakefield. Mr. Wakefield's comments included the following:

- ▶ 4-day week is too taxing for younger students
- ▶ Fridays are difficult for single parent families
- ▶ Return to 5-day week for elementary schools
- ▶ Change the day off from Friday to Mondays or Wednesdays
- ▶ Public consultation process should be changed
- ▶ No information on funding

Response from Chair McKenzie included information regards:

- ▶ Budget process – budget information will be received from Ministry in March. We're at the very beginning of this process.
- ▶ Notice of Motion regards changing the local calendar for 2012/2013 put forth by the Board in September 2011. Regular calendar meetings have occurred since then after each monthly Public Board meeting. Written submissions can also be made through the website, or by emailing trustees.
- ▶ All options were studied in depth in 2004 and shared with staff and community members at a number of meetings held throughout that year.
- ▶ Priority is to maintain as many programs as possible for the greatest number of students

Trustee Williams stated there have been many opportunities over the years for anyone to come forward and engage in discussion. Trustee MacGillivray agreed stating that Mr. Wakefield is the first community member to come forward this school year. She also feels that perhaps it is time once again to revisit the consultation process.