



**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION – SCHOOL DISTRICT #64 (GULF ISLANDS)
HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 07, 2012 AT THE SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE**

Present:	May McKenzie	Chairperson
	Rob Pingle	Trustee
	Katharine Byers	Trustee
	Susanne Middleditch	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
	Jim Moulton	CUPE President
Richard Bennett	GIPVPA Representative	
Regrets:	Bonnie MacGillivray	Vice Chairperson
	Pete Williams	Trustee
	Kathy Page	Trustee
	Jack Braak	GITA President
	Lauren Utter	GISS Student 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 03 07, be adopted with the following additions:

- 8 (d) Field Trip Request #77
- 8 (e) Field Trip Request #78

CARRIED 23/12

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2012 02 08, be approved as presented.

CARRIED 24/12

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Special Board Meeting, Public Session held 2012 02 22, be approved as presented.

CARRIED 25/12

3. BUSINESS ARISING

4. DELEGATIONS

(a) Kathryn Akehurst and Janet Hoag – Early Childhood Coalition

The presentation by Kathryn Akehurst and Janet Hoag highlighted the work early learning educators do in the district with 0 to 5 year olds and families. They spoke to the vast amount of learning that takes place from 0 to 5 years of age, the importance of play-based learning and the significance and value of having professionals trained in early learning to deliver early learning programs.

They also presented information on the *Community Plan for a Public System of Integrated Early Care and Learning*, which was developed by the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC and the Early Childhood Educators of BC. This plan 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.” This Plan also includes moving early care and learning from the Ministry of Children and Family Development to the Ministry of Education recognizing there is a strong partnership between care and learning and there is a desire to integrate the best of public

education and quality child care into the development of a universal program. There is also a proposed change to licensing requirements, the development of Early Years Centre Networks, the proposal of an Early Care and Learning Act for BC and the introduction of a new educational standard. "Good early childhood education (ECE) practice recognizes that to support a child, one needs to understand the environment in which children live: their families, communities, cultures, and broader society. This Plan includes three steps for building workforce capacity: a Bachelor of Early Childhood Education as a new educational standard, a diploma as a minimum credential for providers, and support for existing ECEs and providers to upgrade their qualifications." For more information, visit www.cccabc.bc.ca/cccabdocs/integrated.html.

Trustee Pingle stated the Plan was referred to the BCSTA Education Committee, which has referred it back to the BCSTA AGM for discussion. The AGM is being held April 26 to 29, 2012. He will report out on any discussion regards the Plan following the AGM.

(b) Lynda Laushway, Jade Beauvais and Josh Funfer (R + R Program)

Lynda Laushway, Executive Director of SWOVA, Josh Funfer and Jade Beauvais, Youth Team members of the Respectful Relationships (R + R) program visited Board members today to talk about the R + R program and their involvement and experiences.

Ms. Laushway shared that SWOVA is in its 12th year of partnership with School District #64 (Gulf Islands) and stated the district is the only one in Canada that has the most comprehensive and ongoing program, which is delivered over four consecutive years in Grade 7, 8, 9 and 10 or 11 with 12 workshops each year. She expressed her appreciation of the support the SWOVA programs receive from the Board and the district.

Josh and Jade, both students at GISS and Youth Team members, travelled to Toronto with Ms. Laushway February 21 to 25 to attend *Teen Healthy Relationship Programming* at the National Skills Institute, to meet with other youth from across Canada and to facilitate workshop presentations from the R + R program. While in Toronto Josh had the opportunity to develop and facilitate his own workshop. Both Jade and Josh facilitated a workshop at Pender Islands School which was attended by Mayne and Pender students. A record number of students (42) signed up for the R + R Youth Team this year. Students sign a contract when they become Youth Team members, receive an honorarium and credits for the program. For more information about SWOVA and programs, visit their website at: <http://www.swova.org/>.

Chair McKenzie thanked Ms. Laushway, Josh and Jade for all the work they do and for sharing their stories and personal R + R experiences with Board members.

5. TRUSTEE'S SCHOOL REPORTS

School reports tabled due to time constraints.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Saltspring United Football Club

Letter received from Graham Tweddle of the football club requesting use of district fields for the annual Challenge Cup Tournament to take place on May 19, 20, and 21, 2012. On behalf of the Board, Mr. Scotvold will approve the use of school fields at GISS, Fernwood and SIMS.

7. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

No report.

8. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

(a) Superintendent's Report Correction

Mr. Hopkins provided corrections to his December Superintendent's report. The errors were in Grades 4 and 7 Reading, Writing and Literacy FSA marks and attributable to incorrect exclusion of those students who did not write the tests. Mr. Hopkins will revise this section of his report and re-submit it to the Ministry. The Board approved the corrections to the report at the morning Board session today.

(b) Bill 22

Mr. Hopkins summarized his conference call notes from February 28:

- ▶ Bill 22 was introduced in legislation February 28
- ▶ The Act contains two parts:
 1. **Corrective legislation:** to address the provisions in Bills 27 and 28 that were struck down by the BC Supreme Court (class size and composition). This includes:
 - The learning improvement fund which will make resources available in order to intervene in cases where there a particularly complex classes
 - The right to collectively bargain class size and composition (manner and consequence) will be restored in July 2013
 - Re-deletion of old local contractual class-size and composition language
 - Elimination of district-wide class size average caps
 - Class size caps for K and 1 to 3 as now; caps for grades 4 to 12 to be 30 maximum (with certain conditions and some exceptions)
 - Consultation that will no longer be "Bill 33 style" – can occur more naturally at times of year when it actually happens and with groups of teachers – not just in individual meetings
 2. **Resolution of the current labour dispute with BCTF:** Cooling off period – from the time Bill 22 is passed in the legislature until no later than August 31, 2012.
 - Minister will appoint a mediator
 - Mediator will report to Minister by June 30, 2012
 - Before the cooling off period ends, there will either be a resolution or legislated contract will take effect
 - All strike action must end once the legislation is passed (including current level one job action)

(c) Staffing Process

Ms. Underwood reported principals have confirmed current deployment for their schools and have considered possible vacancies. Enrollment projections will be looked at and after Spring Break staff planning for each school will begin. This process will be complete by the end of April and the final step will be posting and filling of any vacancies not filled by recall.

(d) Field Trip Request #77

An extra-curricular field trip request (#77) from GISS teacher Jason Donaldson to take 8 students to Ottawa April 2 to 8, 2012 to participate in the Canadian Improv Games National Tournament. Superintendent Hopkins has approved this trip pending informed consent and itinerary.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves extra-curricular field trip #77 for 8 GISS students to travel to Ottawa to participate in the Canadian Improv Games National Tournament, attend workshops, and tour museums and galleries April 2 to 8, 2012.

CARRIED 26/12

(e) Field Trip Request #78

An extra-curricular field trip request (#78) from Maggie Allison to send two Grade 12 students to Police Camp at Albert Head Military Base in Metchosin April 7 to 14, 2012 to participate in the Police Camp program.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves extra-curricular field trip #78 for two Grade 12 students to travel to Albert Head Military Base in Metchosin April 7 to 14, 2012 to participate in the Police Camp program.

CARRIED 27/12

9. CORPORATE FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

(a) Monthly Expenditure Report

The monthly expenditure report as at January 31, 2012, indicates that with 0.5833% of the year completed, 0.5343% of the budget has been expended. We are 4.90% below budget at this time. This report reflects the amended budget figures. Teacher sickness costs every month continue to be double those of the previous year.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

11. OTHER BUSINESS

12. QUESTION PERIOD

13. NEXT MEETING DATES

- (a) Committee Day – March 28, 2012 at the School Board Office
- (b) Regular Board Meeting – April 11, 2012 at Saltspring Island Middle School

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

CARRIED 28/12

Date: April 11, 2012

Bonnie MacGillivray
Vice Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Rod Scotvold
Secretary Treasurer

LOCAL SCHOOL CALENDAR CONSULTATION FOR 2012/2013

No discussion. No community members present.