



MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION
Board of Education, School District #64 (Gulf Islands)
SATURNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL/SEEC
October 9, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

Present:	May McKenzie	Chairperson
	Susanne Middleditch	Trustee
	Kathy Page	Trustee
	Rob Pingle	Trustee
	Lisa Halstead	Superintendent of Schools
	Rod Scotvold	Secretary Treasurer
	Linda Underwood	Director of Instruction, Human Resources
	Doug Livingston	Director of Instruction, Learning Services
	Dawne Fennell	Executive Assistant
	Deborah Nostdal	GITA President
	Larry Melious	CUPE President
	Shannon Johnston	GIPVPA Representative
Regrets:	Pete Williams	Vice Chairperson
	Katharine Byers	Trustee
	Bonnie MacGillivray	Trustee
	Cindy Rodgers	Manager of Finance
	Tania Aguila	DPAC Representative
	Elizabeth Nolan	Driftwood 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 2013 10 09, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED 54/13

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2013 09 11, be approved as presented.

CARRIED 55/13

3. BUSINESS ARISING

4. DELEGATIONS

5. TRUSTEE'S SCHOOL REPORTS

- ***Fernwood Elementary School***
No report. Trustee Byers absent.
- ***Fulford Community Elementary School***
PAC meeting; classes settling in well; lice checks; book sale; conservancy programs starting up
- ***Galiano Community School***
No report. Trustee MacGillivray absent.
- ***Gulf Islands Secondary School***
Class reviews; positive atmosphere, good communication; staff meeting discussion of flex block, being changed, better now; interim report cards this week; attendance tracking, 25% improvement in reporting absenteeism; students attended Power Shift Conference in Victoria, discussions regarding aboriginal rights, fracking, tarsands, pipelines, tankers; video presentation by parent Greg Drew about drinking and driving and wreckless driving, concern regarding how students pull out of the

- parking lot; Grade 12 students at university fair in Victoria; Grad breakfast next week; writing group starting up; sound proofing in classrooms has made marked improvement in the level of noise
- **Mayne Elementary/Jr. Secondary School**
Work on new playground continues; fundraising; PAC meeting, discussion on lice checks, hot lunch program twice a month; primary class focusing on theme of rocks, soil and plants; intermediate class focusing on a First Nations theme; 10 adults registered at Mayne School this year; whole school meetings every second Wednesday; Axé Bahia group from Brazil performing next week, through Art Starts program; GISS Principal Ruehlen and Vice Principal Sparanese visited Mayne School to meet with parents regarding courses and transition to high school
 - **Pender Islands Elem./Sec. School**
No report. Trustee Williams absent.
 - **Phoenix Elementary School**
Lots of winter salad ingredients in garden; students walk through park to swimming pool; 46 on wait list now and some also for the 2014/2015 school year; theme on plastics and the ocean; students making 'emotional maps' of the forest behind the school and describing what the landscape means to them; all is going well
 - **Salt Spring Island Middle School**
No report. Trustee Byers absent.
 - **Salt Spring Elementary School**
Everything working well and everyone settled in; conservancy trips; fire awareness; whole school meetings in gym; students participating in "Take me Outside Day", which is celebrated in schools districts across Canada on Oct. 24
 - **Saturna Elementary School/SEEC**
Principal Johnston gave her report: feels like second family; open space; opportunities to work with Phoenix Elementary and Pender Schools, students learning group dynamics and social skills; everyone feeling content; students Jamie and Liam and Shannon led us through a 'brain' song complete with body movements
SEEC – 13 students plus 2 students visiting who were involved in program a few years ago; Mr. Dunsmuir looking at ways to engage families for short terms. Met all the students out on the lawn where they each shared what SEEC means to them. Doctoral student Matthew Hiebert, who is working on a research project at SEEC, was also present. In the afternoon we had the opportunity to visit the SEEC site and engage with the students again.
 - **Windsor House School**
Fall Fair, students built own race track for zucchini racing; judicial council every 2 weeks; 162 students enrolled; working on a play and constructing theatrical sets

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

7. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

(a) **Task Force on School Calendar / Research Study – Time and Learning**

One of the recommendations from independent researcher Martin Blakesley's research study was to establish a steering committee to advise the Board with respect to the content of the report and the question, "To what degree does the organization of time (e.g. length of day, days in week, length of breaks) in School District No. 64 affect educational outcomes?" The task force will be comprised of Ms. Halstead, Trustees Page and Middleditch, Deb Nostdal, GITA President and invited representatives from CUPE, GIPVPA and DPAC. The first meeting will take place on October 23.

Mr. Blakesley had an article published in the October 2013 issue of the BCPVPA Journal "Adminfo" titled, "Exploring the Relationship between Time and Learning".

(b) Notice of Motion – Local School Calendar

Trustee Pingle presented the following Notice of Motion:

It was moved that the Board of Education adopts a Local School Calendar for the 2014/2015 school year that reduces the number of instructional days by approximately 25 to 30 resulting in a four-day school week. The instructional time from these days will be added to the remaining days of instruction. The resulting savings will allow the district to preserve programs and options for our students. The motion will be tabled at the regular Public Board meeting on March 12, 2014.

8. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

(a) Learning in School District #64

Ms. Halstead shared the “Education Policy Order” as printed in The Educated Citizen in 1989 which defined the educated citizen as: competent, critical thinker, creative, flexible, skilled, productive, independent decision-maker, cooperative. Does the 1989 definition of an educated citizen fit the model of education today?

What are we doing in School District 64 to prepare our students for the future?

1. Focusing on success for all students
2. Special Education Innovation Grant – to help ensure each student learns at the highest level possible, initiatives include class and district reviews, addition of support teachers, Response to Intervention training
3. Shift to a Learning Service department – inclusive learning environment
4. Our students have many teachers – system of support for each other – collaboration / team teaching (OIMY), teachers connecting with other schools and teachers

(b) Education Links Report

Education Links = education learning, information, knowledge and service

Ms. Halstead broadened the invitation for the first meeting to include some of the district support teachers. The agenda for this first meeting focused on developing collaborative structures to support learning for all students. Highlights of the meeting held September 26, 2013 include:

- Why the group meets and what they hope to accomplish – people shared a hope or a dream
- Learning in SD64 – messaging about what we hope to accomplish and how we support our students, make it consistent at all meetings, DPAC, Ed Links and on the web
- Grant application – application unsuccessful, but will continue to concentrate on improving math literacy skills across all grades. Meeting with Rod Allen of the Learning Division Branch of the Ministry regarding new math curriculum and how to implement it; Ms. Halstead and Ms. Allison will also be meeting with Larry Espi regarding trades math for apprenticeship students
- Sharing knowledge and working together to support students

(c) Field Trip Request #01

An extra-curricular field trip request (#01) from GISS band teacher Bruce Smith to take 24 students in Grades 9 to 12 to Havana, Cuba from April 25 to May 6, 2014 to explore the culture and music of Cuba. Superintendent Halstead has approved this trip pending informed consent and itinerary.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves extra-curricular field trip #01 for 24 students in Grades 9 to 12 to travel to Havana, Cuba from April 25 to May 6, 2014 to explore the culture and music of Cuba.

CARRIED 56/13

(d) Field Trip Request #15

A curricular / extra-curricular field trip request (#15) from SIMS French Immersion teacher Christianne Wiigs to take 28 students in Grade 8 to Quebec City, Montreal and Ste. Catherine from

February 2 to 8, 2014 to learn and experience the French culture and language. Superintendent Halstead has approved this trip pending informed consent and itinerary.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves curricular / extra-curricular field trip #15 for 28 students in Grade 8 to travel to Quebec City, Montreal and Ste. Catherine from February 2 to 8, 2014 to learn and experience the French culture and language.

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(e) Use of Technology in the District

Mr. Livingston will be in contact with Ministry personnel in the near future to discuss the use of technology in schools to help students develop skills needed to use current and emerging technologies and to discuss the resources and support available to educators to implement improved technology access.

9. CORPORATE FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

No report for this Board meeting.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Policy Committee – Notices of Motion

- (i) Policy 585, *Education Field Trips* – language revision
- (ii) Policy 420, *Violence, Bullying and Harassment In the Workplace*. This policy will replace current Policy #523, *Violence in the Workplace*. November 1, 2013 is the deadline for employer compliance with B.C.'s new Workplace Bullying and Harassment Obligations. Effective November 1, 2013 WorkSafeBC's new occupational health and safety policies regarding the prevention of workplace bullying and harassment will come into force.

Policy Committee Chair Rob Pingle presented these policies as Notices of Motion. They will be sent out to all partner groups for input and come forward for approval at the November 13 Board meeting.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

12. QUESTION PERIOD

13. NEXT MEETING DATES

- (a) Committee Day – October 23, 2013 at the School Board Office
- (c) Regular Board Meeting – November 13, 2013 at Galiano Community School

14. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

CARRIED 58/13

Date: November 13, 2013

May McKenzie
Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Rod Scotvold
Secretary Treasurer