



MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION
Board of Education, School District #64 (Gulf Islands)
GALIANO COMMUNITY SCHOOL
November 13, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

Present:	May McKenzie	Chairperson
	Pete Williams	Vice Chairperson
	Bonnie MacGillivray	Trustee
	Katharine Byers	Trustee
	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
	Shelley Lawson	DPAC Representative
	Boe Beardsmore	GIPVPA Representative
	Dexter Nash	GISS Student Representative
	Indigo Porebska-Smith	GISS Student Representative
	Mana Lief	GISS Student Representative
Regrets:	Cindy Rodgers	Manager of Finance
	Elizabeth Nolan	Driftwood Representative

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. introductions made. Chair McKenzie recognized Superintendent Lisa Halstead and Director of Instruction, Human Resources Linda Underwood for their years of service with School District #64 (Gulf Islands). Ms. Halstead has been with the district for five years and Ms. Underwood for twenty-five years. Both have worked in many different positions during their tenure.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2013 11 13, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED 59/13

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2013 10 09, be approved as presented.

CARRIED 60/13

3. BUSINESS ARISING

4. DELEGATIONS

5. TRUSTEE'S SCHOOL REPORTS

➤ ***Fernwood Elementary School***

Happy, busy students; field trips; lots of Halloween activities; visiting author Rachelle Delaney; performance by The Kerplunks; attended Fred Penner performance at ArtSpring; book fair; school swimming night; "Take me Outside Day"; garden is being prepared for winter, mulching and bed

- repairs; roof on sandbox; music program continuing; ukulele club; collaboration time for teachers happening; Remembrance Day ceremony
- ***Fulford Community Elementary School***
Performance by The Kerplunks; attended Fred Penner performance at ArtSpring; field trips; book fair; Dec. 17, winter school concert; recognition of “friendly deeds”
 - ***Galiano Community School***
Cathy Buttery’s students, Annie and Paz, are members of the “Griffins”, a leadership group, students help out with things that happen on the playground, trained by SIMS and GISS students; SSR, sustained silent reading; Exploratories on Monday; PE –square dancing; SS – map work, made a map of school, room at home and Galiano; Brenda Lepine’s students, Sophia and Jay – like to read; like “outputs”; studying the decaying pumpkins left over from Halloween; poppy prints
Principal Beardsmore – strength at Galiano is staff and families of students, embracing the notion of inclusion, team teaching in classrooms this year for most of the day every day, new experience for teachers, working proactively to expand skills, richness in classrooms, students are making great connections with all parents and teachers. Great parent and community involvement with school and students
 - ***Gulf Islands Secondary School***
Mana – part of environment group – solar panels on roof; Day of Action on Nov. 16 re: protecting BC’s coastline, want to start an action group here on SSI
Indigo – sr. boys soccer are going to provincials; sr. girls came in 7th; Remembrance Day, choir performed; Halloween – lots of costumes
Dexter – grades 9’s finishing SWOVA, term 1 is finished, report cards; school dance – Halloween theme, organized by leadership students
Kathy – SPC transition dialogue; happy and busy place; relationships are good; PAC – discussion topics every meeting, tech is next; green house structure going up
 - ***Mayne Elementary/Jr. Secondary School***
OGIMY program – last Wednesday on Pender, lots of learning and creative opportunities, team teach, making connections with students from all OI, second year of the program, very successful; students celebrated Halloween on Galiano in the morning, back to Mayne in afternoon for pumpkin carving; Ab. Ed. committee met on Mayne; PAC started hot lunch program once a month, fundraising in community; primary class finished rocks and soil session; community volunteers coming in to read to students
 - ***Pender Islands Elem./Sec. School***
Students took part in the “Shake Out” last month; learning in the Gulf Islands on Pender group started by Principal Fraser; Remembrance Day ceremony, school coordinates with Legion members, poster competition, students went to cemetery with Legion members to sing and put candles on graves of veterans; pumpkin carving for Halloween
 - ***Phoenix Elementary School***
Students were highlighted in Driftwood newspaper for participating in science project that took place around the world for Guinness Book of Records, very involved, teacher Michelle Spencer was the initiator of the idea; theme of pollution, plastic free lunch; hot lunch and swimming on Tuesdays; Family Fridays when Friday an instruction day; meeting with Lorna Fraser to look at ways to incorporate Ab. Ed. into classrooms; change of LDP to Home Learning Partners on website; Marvelous Mondays – gathering home learning parents together; looking for a parent volunteer for the garden
 - ***Saltspring Island Middle School***
School-wide writes; immunizations; flu shots for staff; Monday assemblies organized by leadership group; Halloween – presentation by fire chief; Halloween school dance and dress up; dodgeball intramurals; swimming at pool; hiking in Mouat’s Park; Remembrance Day ceremony – band and choir performed, led by new music teacher, Michelle Footz
 - ***Salt Spring Elementary School***
Continuing tradition of Halloween “Spook House”, great set design and theatrics; Remembrance Day ceremony by student groups; Sweet Water Revolver performing at school today; field trips;

performance by The Kerplunks; attended Fred Penner performance at ArtSpring; “Disco Dance” fundraiser for PAC; WITS program

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

Two students only; however, great connectivity with other schools and islands, very sociable; lots of field trips; gymnastic teacher on island to begin gymnastics; Strong Start students

SEEC – hosted pods from MYSEEC and WH (60 students); 21 students and 6 staff from PSII (Jeff Hopkins’ school in Victoria); going to PSII in Spring; youth climate conference; annual Christmas concert, December 10 – environmental script, presented at school

➤ ***Windsor House School***

Students presented Rocky Horror event; starting auditions for Christmas show; lots of families bringing their young children; middle years students have visited SEEC; Winter Fair starting December 6, hot soup and bread dinner, lots of activities, biggest fundraiser of the year

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

7. **CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT**

(a) **BCSTA Provincial Council**

Trustee Middleditch shared highlights and the motions that were passed at BCSSA Provincial Council held October 25 and 26.

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

(a) **Learning in School District #64**

Mr. Livingston spoke to his presentation shared with Board members, which highlights creating inclusive learning environments, building engaging classrooms that meet the unique learning needs of every child and collaboration – working together, focusing on students and their results to ensure students are learning at high levels.

The Inclusion Model:

- ▶ Team teaching – instruction for all, core learning, “Changing Results for Young Readers”; “unpacking” new K-9 curriculum
- ▶ School leaders coordinating – shared vision at school level, schedule resources, monitor core student learning; literacy, numeracy & behaviour support
- ▶ Learning services intervening – ensure students attain essential learning; address absenteeism;
- ▶ Learning Services Team – intensive support, accessing services, multi-disciplinary collaboration, developing tools for all
- ▶ Accessing services – school-based teams meet regularly to develop success plans for students
- ▶ Re-design multi-pro

(b) **Education LINKS Report**

Highlights of the meeting held October 24, 2013 include:

- Follow up on questions presented at September meeting
- Summary of District Review Reflections – 4 questions and Class & School Reviews: Overview of District-wide Conversation documents
- Curriculum and assessment site (<http://www.curriculum.gov.bc.ca>)

(c) **Field Trip Request #40**

An extra-curricular field trip request (#40) from GISS French Immersion program coordinator and teacher Louise Doucet to take 23 students in Grade 11 to Ottawa to participate in Encounters Youth Forum and to visit Quebec City from April 6 to 16, 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 extra-curricular field trip request (#40) for 23 students in Grade 11 to travel to Ottawa to participate in Encounters Youth Forum and visit Quebec City to learn and experience the French culture and language from April 6 to 16, 2014.

CARRIED 61/13

(d) Task Force on Time and Learning

This task force was formed as a result of a recommendation from independent researcher Martin Blakesley in his recent research study. There have been two meetings to date with members attending in person and via teleconference. Members include: Lisa Halstead (Superintendent), Shelley Lawson (DPAC), Kelda Logan (GIPVPA), Angela Thomas (CUPE), Deb Nostdal (GITA), and Trustees Kathy Page and Susanne Middleditch. Ms. Halstead would also like a student representative to sit on this committee. Members are focusing on Mr. Blakesley's recommendations, formulating questions and determining a course of action. The next meeting will be November 25.

(e) Letter from Tony Mason

A letter received from GISS teacher, Tony Mason, informing Board members of his plan to take the senior girls' and boys' volleyball teams to Hawaii on an athletic/cultural extra-curricular trip. The proposed dates of travel will be within October 1 to 13, 2014. More paperwork will be forthcoming.

9. CORPORATE FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Scotvold is presenting three Capital Project Bylaws and has requested approval to read them in one sitting.

It was moved and seconded that there is unanimous approval to read Capital Project Bylaw Nos. 126590, 126653-02 and 116939 in one sitting.

CARRIED 62/13

(a) Capital Project Bylaw No. 126590

Mr. Scotvold presented Capital Project Bylaw No. 126590 [2013/2014 CNCP Energy Conservation Project(s)] for a maximum expenditure of \$9,765 to Board members for approval. Mr. Scotvold stated the district has already taken action and developed many strategies to reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions. The district is one of the lower emitters of greenhouse gas emissions among all other school districts in the province.

It was moved and seconded that Capital Project Bylaw No. 126590 be read a first time and approved.

CARRIED 63/13

It was moved and seconded that Capital Project Bylaw No. 126590 be read a second time and approved.

CARRIED 64/13

It was moved and seconded that Capital Project Bylaw No. 126590 be read a third time, passed and adopted.

CARRIED 65/13

(b) Capital Project Bylaw No. 126653-02

Mr. Scotvold presented Capital Project Bylaw No. 126653-02 regards the 2013/2014 Annual Facility Grant for School District #64 (Gulf Islands), which specifies a maximum expenditure of \$374,901.

It was moved and seconded that Capital Project Bylaw No. 126653-02 be read a first time and approved.

CARRIED 66/13

It was moved and seconded that Capital Project Bylaw No. 126653-02 be read a second time and approved.

CARRIED 67/13

It was moved and seconded that Capital Project Bylaw No. 126653-02 be read a third time, passed and adopted.

CARRIED 68/13

(c) Capital Project Bylaw No. 116939

Mr. Scotvold presented Capital Project Bylaw No. 116939 regarding the 2013 School Bus Procurement (one 48 passenger bus for Galiano Island) for School District #64 (Gulf Islands), which specifies a maximum expenditure of \$100,462.00.

It was moved and seconded that Capital Project Bylaw No. 116939 be read a first time and approved.

CARRIED 69/13

It was moved and seconded that Capital Project Bylaw No. 116939 be read a second time and approved.

CARRIED 70/13

It was moved and seconded that Capital Project Bylaw No. 116939 be read a third time, passed and adopted.

CARRIED 71/13

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Policy Committee

Trustee Rob Pingle presented the following policies for approval.

(i) Policy #585, Educational Field Trips

It was moved and seconded that Policy #585, Educational Field Trips be approved as revised.

CARRIED 72/13

(ii) Policy #423, Violence, Bullying and Harassment in the Workplace

It was moved and seconded that Policy #423, Violence, Bullying and Harassment in the Workplace be approved as presented.

CARRIED 73/13

11. OTHER BUSINESS

12. QUESTION PERIOD

13. NEXT MEETING DATES

(a) Committee Day – November 27, 2013 at the School Board Office

(c) Regular Board Meeting – December 04, 2013 at the School Board Office

14. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

CARRIED 74/13

Date: December 4, 2013

May McKenzie
Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Rod Scotvold
Secretary Treasurer