



**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION  
BOARD OF EDUCATION – SCHOOL DISTRICT #64 (GULF ISLANDS)  
HELD WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 09, 2011 AT SALTSPRING ISLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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

Principal Lisa Halstead invited Board members to visit teacher Christianne Bevan's Grade 8 French Immersion class to partake in the annual Medieval Festival experience.

Students Dustin Billwiller and Maia Beauvais, along with teacher Peri Lavender, demonstrated the use of a mimio board for a science and social studies project. They also demonstrated the use of Facebook, Glogs and Prezi as educational tools when developing projects and getting feedback on them.

The meeting was called to order at 1:25 p.m.

**1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded that the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2011 02 09, be adopted with the following addition:

8(f) BAA Course (Sustainability 11)

CARRIED 09/11

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2011 01 26, be approved as presented.

CARRIED 10/11

**3. BUSINESS ARISING**

**4. DELEGATIONS**

**5. TRUSTEE'S SCHOOL REPORTS**

➤ ***Fernwood Elementary School***

No report. Trustee Hingston absent.

➤ ***Fulford Community Elementary School***

No report. Trustee Hingston absent.

➤ ***Galiano Community School***

K to 2 class focusing on Chinese New Year, huge dragon hanging outside classroom, made Chinese decorations, celebrated Chinese New Year; older group formed climate change action group with conservancy and teachers – no idling signs up, doing survey inside and outside school re: water

catchment; e-waste day – 2 days at local recycling centre, whole community bring old cell phones, computers, things that can be recycled; employees at the recycle centre will sift through everything and recycle what they can, then Salvation Army will come and collect all recyclables and take it all to be recycled, they have a “no dumping” policy; pasta night really successful, students were the servers – PAC raised over \$1500

➤ ***Gulf Islands Secondary School***

Report from Eva Olynyk, student representative: settling into new semester; transit commission has contacted the school reps and invited them to be part of the transit discussions; Easter egg hunt; discussing how to get back revenue that’s been lost by pop machine

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

Older class away on ski trip; Jump Rope for Heart; course selection in March; Mosaic Arts Festival (Ptarmigan); Superintendent’s presentation on personalized learning went well, people were responsive

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

Parents really appreciate that Pender students are able to write provincial exams on their home island; Superintendent’s visit, small turnouts, but people were positive and talking about it; PAC lunch was Chinese food lunch in honour of Chinese New Year; today is Winter Carnival – PAC fundraising event; K registration begins next week; Sr. class participating in PPP program (Personalized Pender Passions) – doing what they love to do – acting, nutrition, sports

➤ ***Phoenix Elementary School***

Now has school website, which contains links to explorations, LDP, garden, upstairs class page has wordle of their names

➤ ***Saltspring Island Middle School***

New website launched, contains more information regarding what happens on a daily basis; course selection for grade 8 students; having a Middle Years Open House, rather than each group having an open house individually (early April); April 9, PAC sponsored talent show and dessert night

➤ ***Salt Spring Elementary School***

February is reading blitz month – read 20 minutes a day, turn off TV and computer; parent Denise Bascom at school today sharing a story in both spoken and sign language; Trustee Pingle will be at school on Feb. 14 reading to students about friendship; recorder group performing at lunch on Tuesdays; choir looking for events to sing at; PAC and school working on improving the edible garden – looking for garden supplies. Connie Moulton informed Trustee Pingle about the issuing of tax receipts to anyone who wants to donate money or supplies (gifts-in-kind).

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

Working on Aboriginal village and a unit on sound; going to visit nurse at recreation centre; older students examining ears and learning the parts of the ear; younger students learning about space and dinosaurs; bowling, observatory field trips

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

**7. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT**

Chair McKenzie congratulated Trustee Pete Williams on being re-elected to the BCPSEA Board of Directors. The district will be heading into bargaining.

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

**(a) District Retreat – March 1**

The annual District Retreat will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the gym at Saltspring Island Middle School. The title is, “*Personalized Learning in the Gulf Islands – From Vision to Action*”. The theme will be to continue with personalized learning discussions and what it will look like for our district; narrow the focus now and look at details. What needs to be changed or enhanced? What can be done to make it easier? A meeting with representatives from the PVP group, Trustees, Senior Administration and Curriculum Coordinators is scheduled for Friday,

February 11. The focus will be to look at the specifics/working details of the retreat. Invitations will go out to the PVPs, partner groups and community members.

**(b) Registration and Transfers**

Mr. Hopkins spoke to Policy and Procedure #530 with regard to cross boundary transfer requests and asked trustees to remind parents at PAC meetings there is a formal process in place. A letter of request for transfer is to be sent to the Superintendent for approval, copied to the Principals of the schools involved by the March 31 deadline. Up until March 31 the district will try to honour all requests as long as there is room at the requested school. After March 31, requests will be granted only if there is room at the school, if not, the student will have to remain in their catchment school and should be registered there. The transferring of students from one school to another may involve water taxi transportation, which can be a critical issue; therefore it is important that all requests come forward through the formal process. This item will be on the Principal/Vice Principal agenda for the February 16 meeting.

**(c) Personalized Learning**

Mr. Hopkins spoke about personalized learning with regards to a curriculum framework including:

- Universal Outcomes ‘K’ to ‘12’ – competency based outcomes for all learners with regard to core skills: reading, writing, oral language, mathematical literacy
- Nodal Network Map – showing curricular connections including interdisciplinary connections, potential pathways for learning through scope and depth that fulfill larger universal outcome(s)

On December 7, 2010, a student led forum was held at GISS at which Mr. Hopkins engaged students in discussion about the many aspects of personalized learning using the “World Café” style. Today he shared a 12-page document of student comments gleaned from discussions regarding personalized learning, what it means to them, their views about education and how/what/when/where they learn.

**(d) Field Trip #55**

An extra-curricular field trip request (#55) from Maggie Alison to send 2 Grade 12 students to Police Camp at Albert Head Military Base in Metchosin March 12-19, 2011 to participate in the Police Camp program.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves extra-curricular field trip #55 for 2 Grade 12 students to travel to Albert Head Military Base in Metchosin March 12-19, 2011 to participate in the Police Camp program.

CARRIED 11/11

**(e) Field Trip #56**

An extra-curricular field trip request (#56) from Maggie Alison to send 6 Grade 10-12 students to Pender Islands Fire Hall March 14-19, 2011 to participate in fire simulation, live fire training drills, physical training and coursework. Accommodation will be provided at Pender Fire Hall #1.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves extra-curricular field trip #56 for 6 Grade 10-12 students to travel to Pender Islands Fire Hall March 14-19, 2011 to participate in fire simulation, live fire training drills, physical training and coursework.

CARRIED 12/11

**(f) BAA Course**

Board Authority/Authorized Course, Sustainability 11, has been submitted for Board approval by GISS teacher Susan Robinson. The synopsis of the course is “an opportunity for students to learn more about the environment, their place in it and the issues surrounding sustainability, thus empowering them to take responsibility and leadership in creating and maintaining a more environmentally sustainable way of life.”

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves Sustainability 11 as a Board Authority/Authorized Course as presented.

CARRIED 13/11

**9. CORPORATE FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT**

**(a) Charities Tax Return 2009/2010**

Connie Moulton from Accounting spoke to her report relating to activity in the Revenue Canada Charity – the Gulf Islands Educational Trust Fund for 2009/2010. The report was submitted to the Canada Revenue Agency and accepted as filed.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education accepts the 2009/2010 Gulf Islands Education Trust Fund, Charities Tax Return Report as presented.

CARRIED 14/11

**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No reports.

**11. OTHER BUSINESS**

**12. QUESTION PERIOD**

**13. NEXT MEETING DATES**

- (a) Committee Day – February 23, 2011 at the School Board Office
- (b) Regular Board Meeting – March 9, 2011 at Pender Islands School

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

CARRIED 15/11

Date Approved: March 9, 2011

May McKenzie  
Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Rod Scotvold  
Secretary Treasurer

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**LOCAL SCHOOL CALENDAR CONSULTATION FOR 2011/2012**

No discussion. (0 community members present).