



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION
Board of Education, School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands)
ZOOM Virtual Meeting
2021 09 15

Present:

Tisha Boulter
Chaya Katrensky
Stefanie Denz
Janelle Lawson
Shelley Lawson
Greg Lucas
Rob Pingle

Chairperson
Vice Chairperson
Trustee
Trustee
Trustee
Trustee
Trustee

Scott Benwell
Jesse Guy
D'Arcy Deacon
Boe Beardsmore
Lori Deacon
Jodie Miller

Superintendent of Schools
Secretary Treasurer
Director of Instruction, Human Resources
Director of Instruction, Learning Services
Executive Assistant
Director of Facilities and Transportation

Ian Mitchell
Angela Thomas
Janice Shields
Marie Mullen
Shelly Johnson
Adria Kray
Marcia Jansen

GITA President
CUPE President
CUPE Vice-President
GIPVPA Representative
GIPVPA Representative
DPAC Representative
Driftwood Representative

Regrets:

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. by Chair Boulter. Shelley Lawson acknowledged, with honour and respect, that this meeting is taking place on the traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples. She acknowledged the lasting and devastating impact of residential school, the growing numbers of found unmarked graves at residential school sites, and the responsibility of the education system towards truth and reconciliation - Huy tseep q'u.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Additions:
Strategic Planning 10(a)i

Moved and seconded that the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2021 09 15 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED 75/21

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2021 06 09 be approved as presented.

CARRIED 76/21

3. IN-CAMERA SUMMARY

Moved and seconded that the Board of Education adopt the Regular In-Camera Summary of 2021 06 09 as presented.

CARRIED 77/21



4. **BUSINESS ARISING**

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

6. **DELEGATIONS**

7. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

(a) **Welcome Back**

Chair Boulter welcomed everyone back to the first public meeting of the new school year.

(b) **Amended 2021/2022 School Calendar – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

The 2021/2022 school calendar was amended to include the new National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30th. School regulations were adjusted for the 2021/22 school year to allow five less instructional hours to accommodate this additional statutory day.

8. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

(a) **School Plan Approvals**

Scott Benwell reported on school plans and their alignment with our Framework for Enhancing Student Learning and Strategic Plan.

Moved and seconded that Board receives the 2021/2022 school plans as part of its Framework for Enhancing Student Learning.

CARRIED 78/21

(b) **Framework for Enhancing Student Learning**

Scott Benwell presented the draft Enhancing Student Learning Report for the Board's consideration. The report centres on the Ministry's Educated Citizen model (intellectual development, human and social development, and career development) and demonstrates the district's systemic approach to planning, review, and adjustment for continuous improvement.

Moved and seconded that the Board approves the September 2021 Enhancing Student Learning Report to be submitted to the Minister of Education no later than September 30th.

CARRIED 79/21

(c) **Staffing and Enrolment**

D'Arcy Deacon reported relatively stable enrolment in anticipation of the September 30th 1701 data collection. Staffing levels at individual schools will be assessed as needed and in accordance with collective language.

Mr. Deacon reported on the district's pro-active approach to recruiting and retention of Educational Assistants. The district has entered into an agreement with CDI College allowing placement of EA practicum students within the district.

(d) **COVID-19 Response**

Boe Beardsmore reported on updated BC CDC guidelines and recommendations and the transition from COVID-19 Safety Plans to Communicable Disease Safety Plans.



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Ms. Beardsmore clarified that Public Health is responsible for determining risk of exposure and transmission and informing individuals and schools as needed. Public Health will be holding a vaccination clinic at GISS on September 21. Information packages will be sent home to students.

(e) GITA Collaboration

Scott Benwell acknowledged ongoing collaborative work with GITA. District staff will be meeting with teachers to discuss professional practice around student assessment and reporting as well as Indigenous employment equity (LOU 4).

(f) 2020/2021 FSA Results

Dr. Benwell shared recently released FSA results for the 2020/2021 school year. The district has continued to demonstrate high participation rates and an improved achievement trend for students on track and extending above the provincial average in all areas. Specifically:

Grade 4 reading: increased to 95.7%

Grade 4 numeracy: stable at 81.5%

Grade 7 reading: stable at 86.8%

Grade 7 numeracy: increased to 75.2%

(g) 2021/2022 Framework Day

Framework Day takes place September 24th and will focus on Indigenous Education and anti-racism. Monique Gray-Smith will deliver the keynote address via ZOOM in the morning and school will hold school planning sessions in the afternoon.

A brief recess was called at 2:35 p.m. The meeting resumed at 2:45 p.m.

9. SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT

(a) Facilities – Summer Work

Jodie Miller reported on summer and upcoming work projects. Projects include heating upgrades at Fernwood, heat pump installation Saturna, the installation of a fire sprinkler system at Galiano, GISS roof replacement, and the many projects at Pender in preparation of the new school year.

(b) Seamless Day Pilot Program

Jesse Guy updated the Board on the Seamless Day pilot program. Funding for successful districts will be announced by the Ministry later this month.

(c) 2021/2022 Learning Recovery and COVID Expenditure Plans

Jesse Guy shared an expenditure plan for Learning Recovery Grant, Restart Funding for COVID Health and Safety, and Funding Protection funds. Expenditures include additional sanitization positions and equipment, school EPIC Grants for teaching supports and materials, and increased water taxi needs.

(d) Islands Trust Policy Review

Ms. Guy shared a staff report on the Islands Trust proposed draft policy TC-183 and request for feedback.

Moved and seconded that the Board considers the district's interest unaffected by the Islands Trust new draft policy TC-183.

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(two trustees abstained)



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10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

(a) **Committee of the Whole**

Chair Boulter reported on the Committee of the Whole meeting that day, which included a presentation of the draft Enhancing Student Learning Report as well as discussion regarding strategic plan renewal.

i. *Strategic Planning*

The Board's current strategic plan is set to expire this year and must an extension or renewal must be considered.

Moved and seconded that Board directs staff to prepare a report regarding options for renewal of the Board's Strategic Plan, for consideration at the October meeting.

CARRIED 81/21

(b) **Finance, Audit, and Facilities Committee**

The FAF pre-audit meeting summary 2021 07 07 was received.

i. *Summary of Audit Results*

Shelley Lawson reported that the district underwent a clean audit and that KPMG auditors found no issues of concern.

ii. *2020/2021 Financial Statements*

Jesse Guy shared the draft financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2021.

Moved and seconded that the Board approves the 2020/2021 School District 64 Audited Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2021.

CARRIED 82/21

11. **TRUSTEES' SCHOOL REPORTS**

No school reports.

12. **OTHER BUSINESS**

13. **QUESTION PERIOD**

Chair Boulter received questions from the public.

14. **NEXT MEETING DATES**

(a) Regular Board Meeting: September 15, 2021

(b) Committee Day: October 27, 2021



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15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved that the meeting be adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

CARRIED 83/21

Date: _____

Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Secretary Treasurer