

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 85 (VANCOUVER ISLAND NORTH)**

April 16, 2012

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Leighton Wishart, Chairperson of the Board of Education, at the School Board Office, Port Hardy, B.C. at 6:05 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Jeff Field, Trustee
Lawrie Garrett, Trustee
Eric Hunter, Trustee
Werner Manke, Trustee
Carol Prescott, Trustee
Danita Schmidt, Trustee

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
28/12**

Hunter/Field:
That the minutes of the March 12, 2012 meeting be adopted.
CARRIED

**ADDITIONS TO THE
AGENDA**

No additions

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA
29/12**

Schmidt/Garrett:
That the agenda be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

**2011-12 SCHOOL PLAN
PRESENTATION Eke
Me-Xi**

Mr. Steve Gray, Principal of Eke Me-Xi School, and Ms. Leah Hubbard, the teacher at the school, shared a slideshow that showcased their school as a place where students go to improve their attendance and academic skills, to increase their cultural understanding and to feel welcome. Mr. Gray explained that Eke Me-Xi often becomes a second chance for students at risk and allows those students to transition back to the regular school program when they are ready.

**2011-12 SCHOOL PLAN
PRESENTATION SD85
DISTRIBUTED
LEARNING**

Mr. Steve Gray, Principal of SD85 Distributed Learning School, spoke to the Board on the value of distributed learning and how it benefits students by giving them the flexibility they may need to complete graduation requirements.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Mr. Gray spoke to the Board about the Social Justice course offered at PHSS. Mr. Gray reported that there were currently 9 students enrolled in the course from the original 28 who had requested the course last year. Mr. Gray explained that the course is going well and the students are enjoying the material presented. Mr. Gray further explained that Social Justice may not be offered next year due to the lack of interest in the course.

HANSARD REPORT

Chairperson Wishart shared statements from the Official Report of Debates of the Legislative Assembly. In the report, MLA Claire Trevena spoke about the celebration of the signing of the Second

Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement that took place February 24th.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Superintendent Scott Benwell presented the Board with a draft 2012-2013 School Calendar for their approval. Dr. Benwell explained that “Family Day” has not yet been passed into law, and therefore is noted as such on the draft.

30/12

Field/Manke:
That the 2012-2013 School Calendar be approved.

CARRIED

**STRATEGIC
PLANNING PROCESS**

Trustees unanimously agreed to hold off on the ThoughtStream process until teachers are able to participate and give input. Dr. Benwell explained that the process will include four questions being asked– the first three questions being the same for every school community and the fourth question generated from the schools themselves.

R.O.S.E. DINNER

Assistant Superintendent Katherine McIntosh reminded the Board that the R.O.S.E. dinner has been set for June 23rd at Seven Hills Golf Course.

**DISBURSEMENTS
31/12**

Field/Hunter:
That the March 2012 disbursement statements be approved.

CARRIED

**CAPITAL PROJECT
BYLAW**

Secretary-Treasurer John Martin presented the Board with Capital Projects Bylaw No. 12631. All trustees agreed that the bylaw would receive all 3 readings at this time.

32/12

Manke/Hunter:
That the Capital Projects Bylaw No. 12631 receive 1st reading

CARRIED

33/12

Schmidt/Manke:
That the Capital Projects Bylaw No. 12631 receive 2nd reading

CARRIED

34/12

Hunter/Garrett:
That the Capital Projects Bylaw No. 12631 receive 3rd reading

CARRIED

**BID RESULTS SUNSET
ROOFING**

Secretary-Treasurer John Martin presented bid results for work projects to replace Sunset’s roof and to replace the skylight in the PHSS entryway.

35/12

Manke/Garrett:
That Nelson Roofing be awarded the contract to re-roof Sunset school.

CARRIED

- 36/12** Prescott/Hunter:
That Flynn Canada be awarded the contract to replace the skylight in the PHSS entryway
CARRIED
- WOSS COMMUNITY MEETING** Trustee Manke attended the Woss Community Meeting on February 24th and shared information with the Board on the Mount Waddington Coordinated Workforce Initiative.
- CANOE CARVING BA/A 37/12** Field/Hunter:
That the Canoe Carving 12A and Canoe Carving 12B be approved as Board/Authority Authorized courses.
CARRIED
- POLICY COMMITTEE 38/12** Field/Hunter:
That PM 2-90 Distribution of Promotional Materials receive 2nd and 3rd reading.
CARRIED
- 39/12** Field/Manke:
That PM 4-70 Employment Equity receive 3rd reading.
CARRIED
- 40/12** Field/Schmidt:
That PM 4-80 Sexual/Personal Harassment receive 1st reading and be circulated for feedback.
CARRIED
- 41/12** Field/Prescott:
That the changes to the following policies be approved:
PM 2-120 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act – Designation of Head
PM 2-150 Retention and Destruction of Records
PM 2-170 Gifts and Donations
PM 2-180 Integration and Inclusion
PM 2-190 Language Education
PM 2-200 Parent Advisory Committees
PM 2-210 Procedure for Change
PM 2-220 Protection of Pupils and maintenance of Order
PM 2-230 Provisions of Education Programs to Students
PM 2-240 Reproduction and use of Copyrighted Materials
PM 2-250 Scholarships, Awards, Bursaries
PM 2-270 Schools/Business Partnerships
PM 2-275 School Closures &/or Consolidation
PM 2-280 School Emergencies &/or Temporary Closures
PM 2-282 School Fees
PM 2-310 Student Assistance Program
PM 2-320 Student Rights and Responsibilities
PM 2-330 Student Assistance Program

PM 2-340 Student Transportation

CARRIED

TRUSTEE SHARING

Trustee Manke shared his visit to the EVES library. Trustee Manke stated that the librarian, Sandra Gunson, is doing a wonderful job.

Trustee Field shared that at the last EVES PAC meeting, he learned that the new playground is ready to be installed. Trustee Field stated that parents at FRES were very happy to have had input in the hiring process for the Principal position.

Trustee Hunter shared his visit to the EVES library and learning to use QR codes.

Trustee Schmidt shared her visit to Mr. Starr's class at EVES and stated how passionate he was in his teaching. Trustee Schmidt also shared her interest in EVES Kindergarten students doing children's yoga for their daily physical activity.

Trustee Prescott shared that after several years of fundraising and hard work by Sea View PAC, the new playground equipment has arrived and will be installed on April 27-28.

Trustee Garrett shared that he recently helped out at the AJ Elliott loonie auction. Trustee Garrett stated that the auction was a lot of fun, and that the Principal Drew Nielson had been convinced to dress up in a chicken costume for the event.

**DPAC
REPRESENTATIVE**

DPAC Co-Chair Amanda Jorgenson reported that MLA Claire Trevena had requested DPAC's assistance regarding a former district student who, although the family no longer lives on the North Island, would like to participate in the graduation ceremony of the student's former school

**VINTA
REPRESENTATIVE**

Local VINTA President Fred Robertson thanked the Board for its respectful discussion about waiting to include teachers in the Strategic Plan process. Mr. Robertson reported that the UVIC Masters Cohort has been confirmed and will start this July.

Mr. Robertson stated that Bill 22 is a big concern for teachers, that Bill 22 not only suspends and takes away any class size limits or composition issues that were in place through Bill 33, but is unconstitutional and completely disrespectful of teachers. Mr. Robertson stated that the most contentious issue with Bill 22 is appointment of Dr. Charles Jago as mediator, stating that he has no mediating background, that he was approached even before the Bill was passed into law, and that Dr. Jago was in fact involved in the drafting of the Bill.

Mr. Robertson announced that at the BCTF's March AGM, members

proposed an action plan that will be voted on later in the week. Mr. Robertson reported on VINTA's decision to go forward with student report cards. Teacher's will report on current student progress and will submit cumulative reports to be sent home in June.

**CUPE
REPRESENTATIVE
ADJOURNMENT
42/12**

CUPE Local 2045 President Joanne Welsh had nothing to report.

Schmidt:

That the regular meeting of April 16, 2012 be adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

CARRIED

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer