

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

February 15, 2016

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Leightan 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
Eric Hunter, Trustee
Werner Manke, Trustee
Carol Prescott, Trustee
Danita Schmidt, Trustee
Lyn Skrlac, Trustee

WELCOME	Chairperson Wishart opened the meeting by acknowledging the traditional territories of the Kwakiutl First Nation and the Kwak'waka speaking peoples.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES 08/16	Schmidt/Hunter: That the minutes of the January 11, 2016 meeting be adopted. CARRIED
ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA	School Wi-Fi
ADOPTION OF AGENDA 09/16	Prescott/Schmidt: That the agenda be adopted as amended. CARRIED
NISS TRAVEL CLUB TRIP – GREECE 10/16	Assistant Superintendent Carol Robertson recommended that the Board give final approval for the NISS Travel Club trip to Greece planned for Spring Break. Chaperone and organizer, Kathy Mitchell was present to answer any questions from the Board. Schmidt/Manke: That the North Island Secondary School Travel Club trip to Greece for March 17 to 29, 2016 receive final approval. CARRIED
THREE-YEAR CALENDAR APPROVAL 11/16	Superintendent Scott Benwell presented the three-year school calendar that was shared at the January Committee of the Whole meeting and circulated for feedback. Skrlac/Schmidt: That the three-year school calendar for 2016-17 to 2018-2019 be approved. CARRIED

**FRAMEWORK FOR
ENHANCING
STUDENT LEARNING**

Dr. Benwell reported on the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Requirement. He recommended that February be the time that District chooses to formally report to the Ministry on student learning during the previous school year.

**CONNECTED
CLASSROOMS**

Dr. Benwell was pleased to report that the structures were in place to support connected classrooms and that next year both PHSS and NISS will be offering a hybrid delivery model for two courses each.

**DISBURSEMENTS
JANUARY 2016
12/16**

Hunter/Field:
That the January 2016 disbursement statements be approved.

CARRIED

**BANKING
RESOLUTION**

Secretary-Treasurer John Martin presented the rationale for investing available funds in the Ministry's central deposit program at a preferential rate rather than investing in bank GICs. He recommended the Board set up a line of credit for overdraft protection to avoid excessive service charges.

13/16

Field/Manke:
That the Board approve a line of credit with CIBC up to \$250,000.

CARRIED

**LIEUTENANT
GOVERNOR VISIT**

Mr. Martin updated the Board on the Lieutenant Governor's visit scheduled for 1:00 pm at NISS on March 1st. Formal protocols will be followed and trustees are welcome to attend.

ROTARY REQUEST

Mr. Martin shared a request from the Port McNeill Rotary Club asking that policy be waived to allow alcohol to be served during a fundraising event at NISS to raise money towards the purchase and installation of a climbing wall at the school.

14/16

Field/Prescott:
That the policy be waived to permit the service of alcohol during the Rotary Club fundraiser to be held in the NISS gymnasium on April 30, 2016.

CARRIED

**SUNSET FIELD TRIP –
MT. WASHINGTON
15/16**

Field/Prescott:
That the Sunset grade 7 skiing field trip to Mount Washington on March 1-2, 2016 be approved.

CARRIED

**SUNSET /A.J. ELLIOTT
FIELD TRIP –
VICTORIA
16/16**

Field/Prescott:
That the Sunset and A.J. Elliott grade 7 field trip to Victoria and WildPlay Park zip line activities on Jun 13-17, 2016 be approved.

CARRIED

**KWAKWAKA'WAKW
ACADEMY**

Director of Instruction Kaleb Child presented the draft BAA Course Kwakwa'wakw Worldviews and Perspectives 12 for approval. He

explained that the intention is to offer the course, packaged with other culture and language courses, in an academy format. The academy would run full time for one week in each semester, allowing students to explore culture and language opportunities outside the confines of a regular classroom.

17/16

Prescott/Field:

That BAA course Kwakwaka'wakw Worldviews and Perspectives 12 be approved.

CARRIED

BOARD ELECTIONS

Chairperson Wishart appointed Trustees Schmidt and Field as FNEC committee representatives and himself and Trustee Prescott as alternates. Changes to the Procedural Bylaw, once approved, will provide for elections for Board representation on FNEC.

WI-FI IN SCHOOLS

Trustee Manke reviewed various studies and found no conclusive research to support the contention that normal daily Wi-fi exposure is harmful.

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

Vice-Chair Skrlac reported on the Policy Committee meeting. Draft policy PM 4-35 Non-certified Teachers on Call was discussed at the policy committee meeting. An amendment was recommended that the term 'non-certified teacher replacement' be used.

18/16

Wishart/Prescott:

That PM 4-35 Non-Certified Teacher Replacements be amended, receive 1st reading, and circulated for feedback.

CARRIED

Language used in Regulation 3 of draft policy PM 2-350 Use of Personal Electronic Devices – Technology was considered. The policy will be tabled until the next policy committee meeting.

Policy PM 2-20 Information and Information Technology, previously titled Access to Networked Information and Resources was extremely outdated and therefore required thorough revision.

19/16

Schmidt/Wishart:

That PM 2-20 Information and Information Technology be amended, receive 1st reading and circulated for feedback.

CARRIED

PM 2-180 Integration, Inclusion, Seclusion, and Physical Restraint, was amended to comply with Ministry regulations.

20/16

Wishart/Schmidt:

That PM 2-180 Integration, Inclusion, Seclusion, and Physical Restraint be amended, receive 1st reading and circulated for feedback.

CARRIED

In an effort to remove obsolete language, update allowances and protocols and correct references, a number of policies were reviewed and amended.

21/16

Prescott/Wishart:

That the changes to the following policies be approved:

PM 290 Selection of Learning Resources

PM 340 Student Transportation

PM 3-20 Boarding Allowance

PM 1-40 Policy Development

PM 5-110 Sick or Injured Students

PM 5-150 Violence, Intimidation and Use of Weapons

CARRIED

Bylaw#1 Procedural Bylaw was amended to recognize FNEC as an organization that requires Board appointed representation.

22/16

That Bylaw#1 Procedural Bylaw be amended, receive 1st reading and circulated for feedback.

CARRIED

SCHOOL CLOSURE BYLAW

Mr. Martin reported that Woss Lake Elementary has a projected enrolment of three students for September 2016. He presented School Closure Bylaw No. 1-2016 for consideration.

23/16

Schmidt/Prescott:

That School Closure Bylaw No. 1-2016 receive 1st reading and that the community consultation process begin.

CARRIED

A community consultation meeting will be organized as soon as possible before the next board meeting.

TRUSTEE SHARING

Chairperson Wishart had a great time at the school visit to Fort Rupert School. He was toured through the school by three students, two of whom spoke to him in Kwak'wala.

Trustee Schmidt enjoyed the format of the school tour and the structure of the school visit which allowed her to see a lot in a short time. She attended the Eke Me-Xi opening of the new building. She will be attending the Provincial Council meeting and has emailed trustees a link regarding motions to be considered.

Trustee Manke learned much from his two young tour guides at Fort Rupert School. He enjoyed listening to students read their creative writing fantasy stories.

Trustee Prescott attended the Eke Me-Xi opening as well as the Sointula and Sea View PAC meetings. She enjoyed the school visit and having a student read her a creative writing story.

Trustee Hunter attended the Alert Bay PAC meeting. He enjoyed attending the Missoula Children's Theatre and seeing all of the students play-acting and having fun. He appreciated the self-regulation room at Fort Rupert School and found the room to be very pleasant.

Trustee Skrlac spent the morning at the Board Office, preparing for the meeting.

Trustee Field enjoyed seeing the degree of self-confidence demonstrated by the two students who led him on a school tour at Fort Rupert. He enjoyed listening to students develop characters for their fantasy stories.

BCPSEA

Trustee Field reported on the BCPSEA AGM.

FNEC

There will be a FNEC budget meeting at the Board Office tomorrow, and a regular FNEC meeting on the 23rd.

**DPAC
REPRESENTATIVE**

There was no DPAC report.

**VINTA
REPRESENTATIVE**

VINTA President Shawn Gough invited trustees to attend the Pro-D Day on Friday at NISS. He was pleased to see principals and vice-principals receive a raise but expressed his concern that it was not funded by the Provincial Government. He reported that the provincial class size and composition report was available and that the BCTF has increased concerns regarding the size and composition of classrooms. Mr. Gough requested the Board consider submitting a needs budget. He also asked if the Board had addressed his concerns regarding the number of VINTA members accessing health and wellness services.

**CUPE
REPRESENTATIVE**

No CUPE representative.

**ADJOURNMENT
24/16**

Schmidt:
That the regular meeting of February 15, 2016 be adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

CARRIED