

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

January 12, 2015

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 6:06 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

RECOGNITION OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES	Chairperson Wishart opened the meeting by acknowledging the traditional territories of the Kwakiutl First Nation and the Kwak'waka speaking peoples.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES 01/15	Hunter/Manke: That the minutes of the December 8, 2014 meeting be adopted. CARRIED
ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA	EVES Field Trip
ADOPTION OF AGENDA 02/15	Schmidt/Prescott: That the agenda be adopted as amended. CARRIED
FORESTRY ACADEMY PRESENTATION 03/15	Former teacher and VINTA President Fred Robertson presented a proposal to develop a Forestry Academy in SD85. The proposed program would consist of 16 credits and would be delivered in partnership with local industry. The program would give grade 10-12 students an opportunity to better understand and participate in the forest industry, gain experience and earn potential work placement. Schmidt/Prescott: That the agenda be amended and the Forestry Academy Report be moved to the first item under the Superintendent's reports. CARRIED
FOREST ACADEMY 04/15	Skrlac/Field: That the Board support the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the development of a Forestry Academy. CARRIED
REPORT ON ACHIEVEMENT	Superintendent Scott Benwell presented his 2014 report on Achievement for the Board's approval. Dr. Benwell shared the SD85 "Student

Achievement Results – 2014/15” booklet identifying various outcome and predictive achievement results for students.

05/15

Schmidt/Manke:

That the Superintendent’s Report on Achievement for 2014 be approved.

CARRIED

**CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE
INVITATION**

Dr. Benwell shared an invitation to the School District to join the Port McNeill Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Benwell explained that the School District is already a member of the Port Hardy Chamber of Commerce.

06/15

Manke/Skrlac:

That the Board accept the invitation to join the Port McNeill Chamber of Commerce.

CARRIED

Trustee Skrlac volunteered to be the trustee rep.

**SCHOOL PLAN
APPROVALS**

All 2014-2015 school plans were circulated to Trustees for approval. Individual school plans are presented throughout the year during scheduled Trustee school visits.

07/15

Hunter/Schmidt:

That all of the 2014-2015 School Plans be approved.

CARRIED

**FSA DISTRICT
COMPARISONS**

Assistant Superintendent Carol Robertson shared comparably higher SD85 FSA results than the results from a number of other districts.

**HIGH SCHOOL
BLOCK SCHEDULE
UPDATE**

Dr. Benwell reported that Sr. Management recently met with VINTA executive members to discuss a number of issues including the high school block schedule. He explained that a working group from both high schools will be meeting to assess how the block schedule is working.

**EVES FIELD TRIP –
MOUNT CAIN
08/15**

Field/Schmidt:

That the Board approve the Eagle View School overnight field trip to Mount Cain on February 1-2, 2015.

CARRIED

TRUSTEE SHARING

Trustee Schmidt enjoyed attending the “Learn and Share” event held at the Board office on January 9. She would like to spend more time at the schools during the school visits.

Trustee Manke spent time at Woss School before Christmas and was thrilled to see all of the things being done in such a small school. He attended the Sunset Christmas concert and felt that the whole town attended as well. He enjoyed the school visit to Eagle View and was impressed by the positive behaviour and attitude of students.

Trustee Prescott enjoyed the Christmas Coffee House put on by Sea View students. She was also impressed with the tone at Eagle View.

Trustee Skrlac enjoyed Friday’s “Learn and Share” and found it to be an energizing and pleasurable afternoon. She felt it was a great orientation to what is happening in the District and she appreciated the enthusiasm and the innovative programs taking place in schools.

Trustee Field enjoyed seeing the good practice and innovation taking place in our district. He enjoyed the school visits and stated that the Eagle View learning commons is a wonderful model for other schools.

Trustee Hunter was happy to be in the schools.

Chairperson Wishart attended the Learning Environment Committee meeting at Eagle View. The meeting was well attended and served as a positive step forward. He expressed his wish that the greater community could see all of the wonderful things happening in SD85.

BCPSEA Trustee Field reported that the BCPSEA AGM will take place January 30th.

BCSTA Trustee Hunter reported on the deadlines for motions for the April BCSTA AGM meetings.

FNEC The next FNEC meeting is scheduled for February 19th. The District will be hosting a regional gathering put on by the Province on February 4th. Trustees are invited to attend and participate in the conversation. Trustee Prescott challenged trustees to participate in the “Reconciliation Through Indigenous Education” mooc that she and Trustee Schmidt have already registered for.

DPAC REPRESENTATIVE There was no DPAC representative.

VINTA REPRESENTATIVE There was no VINTA report.

CUPE REPRESENTATIVE CUPE 401 representative Shelly Wilson appreciated aligning bell schedules at the high school to support the idea of one school, two campuses.

ADJOURNMENT Prescott:
09/15 That the regular meeting of January 12, 2015 be adjourned at 8:13p.m.

CARRIED