

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

September 14, 2015

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

RECOGNITION OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES	Chairperson Wishart opened the meeting by acknowledging the traditional territories of the Kwakiutl First Nation and the Kwak'wala speaking peoples.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES 68/15	Schmidt/Hunter: That the minutes of the June 8, 2015 meeting be adopted. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA	No Additions
ADOPTION OF AGENDA 69/15	Prescott/Schmidt: That the agenda be adopted as circulated. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
ABORIGINAL WORLDVIEWS AND PERSPECTIVES PRESENTATION - KALEB CHILD	Director of Instruction Kaleb Child was proud to share the Aboriginal Worldview and Perspectives document that was produced by the Ministry of Education from the work accomplished at last year's regional meetings. Mr. Child explained that the idea for the meetings originated on the North Island and that the meetings were instrumental in helping define what is meant by Aboriginal Worldviews and Perspectives. He stated that the large number of participants and the indigenous voice that was present at the meetings gives strength to the document, bringing words to the ideas of connectedness, engagement and relevant learning for aboriginal and all students.
CORRESPONDENCE	Chairperson Wishart shared correspondences with the Board including an invitation to Board Chairs to attend a meeting with the Deputy Minister on October 21, a letter to the Minister regarding administrative savings targets, a certificate of excellence for 1701 data collections, and a letter to the Minister and the Minister's response regarding the exempt compensation freeze.

BCSSA SUMMER CONFERENCE	Superintendent Scott Benwell reported on the BCSSA Summer Leadership Academy which he attended with Assistant Superintendent Carol Robertson and Director of Instruction Kaleb Child. He and Mr. Child both presented at the conference with Ted Cadwallader. Dr. Benwell shared Ministry updates regarding personalized learning, the new K-9 curriculum, reporting and assessment guidelines and continuing professional development.
SHORT COURSE	Dr. Benwell was pleased to report that five of our new administrators attended Short Course at UBC in July.
FSA RESULTS	Dr. Benwell shared the February 2015 FSA results. He explained that SD85 has made consistent improvements and has moved from below the Provincial average four years ago to exceeding the provincial average in almost every area. SD85 also has the 2 nd highest participation rate in the Province at over 90%.
DRAFT PRINCIPLES OF LEADERSHIP	Dr. Benwell shared the draft principles of leadership that administrators developed during a two day professional development workshop in August. Administrators worked with facilitator Neil Smith to find personal connections to their duties and the work at hand.
DISBURSEMENTS: JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST 2015 70/15	Field/Hunter: That the June 2015, July 2015, and August 2015 disbursement statements be approved. CARRIED
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 71/15	Secretary Treasurer John Martin shared the draft audited June 30, 2015 financial statements for the Board's approval. Skrlac / Prescott: That the June 30, 2015 audited financial statements be approved. CARRIED
SUMMER CAPITAL PROJECTS	Mr. Martin reported on the work that was done to facilities during the summer. Projects included asbestos removal at AJ Elliott, HVAC upgrades at Eagle View, NISS and PHSS and work at Sunset to improve accessibility.
NEW CURRICULUM IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINES	Assistant Superintendent Carol Robertson shared the Ministry's three year plan for the implementation of the new K-9 curriculum. She explained that this year, some teachers are choosing to implement portions of the new curriculum although implementation it is not yet compulsory. Full implementation of the new curriculum will occur next year. Ms. Robertson explained that optional implementation of the new grades 10-12 curriculum will take place next year.

LEARNING SERVICES UPDATE

Ms. Robertson reported that Tiny Eye speech and language pathology services will be contracted again this year. She also reported that the District is currently working on a new IEP model that will incorporate rubrics to assess measurable objectives.

WHALE WATCHING FIELD TRIP – SUNSET 7/2/15

Field/Manke:
That the overnight field trip to Telegraph Cove planned for September 30 to October 2, 2015 for grades 2, 3, and 4 students of Fort Rupert Elementary School, as well as the whale watching trip on October 2, 2015 for those students and the grade 5, 6, and 7 students of Fort Rupert Elementary School, be approved.

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS 11/12 FORM

Dr. Benwell shared a form that was created as a means of addressing the concerns brought forward by FNEC and the Board of Education regarding students taking Communications 11 and/or 12. Use of the form will help ensure families are aware that choosing Communications 12 as a student's English requirement for graduation may limit that student's post-graduation opportunities.

BCPSEA

Trustee Field will be attending the October Symposium. He reported that the Provincial Government is in the process of amending the freeze on compensation for exempt staff.

BCPSEA

Trustee Hunter will be attending the October Provincial Council meeting. He encouraged trustees to consider the items that will be discussed at the Provincial Council meeting and asked for feedback from trustees at the next Board meeting.

FNEC

The next FNEC meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2015.

TRUSTEE SHARING

Trustee Schmidt attended the Eke Me-Xi graduation ceremony in June with Trustee Prescott. She felt that the day was a wonderful, community and family event.

Trustee Manke stated that he has been a part of this District for over 40 years and is very proud of the accomplishment of students, the positive staff and the improvements in student learning, even in times of funding cuts and job action.

Chairperson Wishart stated how wonderful it is to see students go on to do great things. He also stated that educators in the District are terrific.

Trustee Field enjoyed attending the PHSS grad. He commented on the generosity of a shrinking community that was demonstrated by the amount of local scholarships and bursaries that were awarded.

Trustee Prescott was very moved by the celebration of success she witnessed at the Eke Me-Xi graduation. She felt the gratitude of students towards all of those who helped get them there. She was happy to report that Sea View School once again won the school participation award at the Fall Fair.

**DPAC
REPRESENTATIVE**

There was no DPAC representative.

**VINTA
REPRESENTATIVE**

VINTA President Shawn Gough welcomed trustees back and commended Dr. Benwell and Mr. Child for their work on Aboriginal Worldviews and Perspectives. He was happy to share the two signed VINTA collective agreements to be sent to BCPSEA and the BCTF for final approval. VINTA and SD85 will now have an agreement in place until 2019.

Mr. Gough informed trustees that the Joint ProD committee met in the spring to plan a direction of professional development to support areas such as new curriculum implementation and assessment. He shared his concerns regarding shared services and the potential loss of ability for the District and VINTA to resolve local issues. He was pleased that the Ministry was consulting with the BCTF on the new assessment regime but was concerned about a potential “top down” model for teacher professional development.

Mr. Gough invited trustees to attend a pension planning seminar on November 4th.

**CUPE
REPRESENTATIVE**

There was no CUPE report.

**ADJOURNMENT
73/15**

Schmidt:
That the regular meeting of September 14, 2015 be adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

CARRIED

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer