



MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION
Board of Education, School District #64 (Gulf Islands)
PENDER ISLANDS SCHOOL
April 9, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

Present:	May McKenzie	Chairperson
	Rob Pingle	Vice Chairperson
	Kathy Page	Trustee
	Katharine Byers	Trustee
	Pete Williams	Trustee
	Susanne Middleditch	Trustee
	Lisa Halstead	Superintendent of Schools
	Rod Scotvold	Secretary Treasurer
	Linda Underwood	Director of Instruction, Human Resources
	Doug Livingston	Director of Instruction, Learning Services
	Cindy Rodgers	Manager of Finance
	Dawne Fennell	Executive Assistant
	Cameron Fraser	GIPVPA Representative
Deborah Nostdal	GITA President	
Angie Gray	CUPE Representative	
Anna Herlitz	DPAC Representative	
Regrets:	Bonnie MacGillivray	Trustee
	Larry Melious	CUPE President
	Elizabeth Nolan	Driftwood Representative

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m.

1. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded that the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2014 04 09, be adopted with the following addition:

8(c) Field Trip Request #131

CARRIED 23/14

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2014 03 12, be approved as presented.

CARRIED 24/14

3. **BUSINESS ARISING**

4. **DELEGATIONS**

5. **TRUSTEE'S SCHOOL REPORTS**

➤ ***Fernwood Elementary School***

Greenhouse is producing lots of lettuce and parsley plants for sale; Grandmothers to Grandmothers Scrabble; Gr. 4/5 outside with Action BC; Artist in the Classroom has been popular; Gr. 2/3 class heading to Ford Lake; Ukulele club; April 15 – parent Math night

➤ ***Fulford Community Elementary School***

PAC meeting Monday night, have secured a grant to bring in an eco-mentor; Spring Showcase, May 1 – talent show; May 3, Family Fun Dance at Fulford Hall, big fundraiser

➤ ***Galiano Community School***

No report. Trustee MacGillivray absent.

- ***Gulf Islands Secondary School***
End of term, report cards coming up; staff meeting yesterday; girls soccer, doing well; athletics fundraising car wash raised \$1,000; route 6 ferry timetable, outcome looking better than it was originally; community math celebration coming up, to involve people in math and make it fun; grad transitions workshop today; preparing for grad on June 7
- ***Mayne Elementary/Jr. Secondary School***
Lots of outdoor activities; primary class participated in hot lunch, made nettle/kale pesto, making salad out of maple leaf buds; mapping in intermediate class; after school soccer starting next week with Mrs. Niazi; staff went to PBS workshop April 3 & 4; OIMY on Saturna today; PAC winding up – planning for Bike Rodeo, Sports Day, grad
- ***Pender Islands Elem./Sec. School***
Mr. Woollcombe facilitated fine arts night; OIMY has finished on Pender, students are on Saturna today; radio show; 3 boys making and selling baked goods; Mr. Kennedy’s class involved with salmon; field trips; Mrs. Bolan leading students in practice for Times Colonist 10 km run, all gr. 6/7/8 students and some staff members will participate, April 27 & 28; Mr. Fraser and Ms. Leslie attended PBS workshop; partnership with Wein family, 235 acres for students to use for educational purposes; gymnastics unit beginning, Board members moved into the gym to watch Mr. Kennedy’s gymnastics class in action
- ***Phoenix Elementary School***
Exploratories yesterday, including gardening, making clay sculptures, fire spinning without fire, improv, First Nation designs, knitting and making fairy doors
- ***Salt Spring Island Middle School***
“Metaphasia” production, band, dance and acting Exploratories combined, involves many students; track and field starting; *Cirkus Surreal* performing at school next week; students in high school trades setting up at SIMS to engage students; SWOVA “Pass-It-On”; Happy Feet this month
- ***Salt Spring Elementary School***
Lots of outdoor activities, trips with conservancy; “Lights Out Canada” will be celebrated at school; Galleries in the School visiting school, bringing artwork; May 8 Spring concert, music teacher Mrs. Walker works with all students to perform at concert; whole school meetings every week
- ***Saturna Elementary School/SEEC***
3 field trips planned; hosting 3 events; Phoenix nature pod travelling to Saturna each month; Cirkus Surreal coming; gardening starting; Tasty Tuesdays – made nettle spanakopitas
SEEC – hosting OIMY today; 2 groups coming from Calgary and Science 10 class from Victoria – total of 150 kids; overnight camping trip on Pender
- ***Windsor House School***
Forest and beach school moving back to Hayward Park, students at WH engaged in program which is only nature based; kids café up and running; students creating hot lunch option, use BBQ, make everything from scratch and do everything involved with the lunch – buy food, prepare and cook it, sell it, make change and clean up

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

7. **CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT**

8. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT**

(a) **Learning in School District #64**

Ms. Halstead summarized highlights:

- The district retreat was held on a non-instructional Friday (March 7). About 100 people participated compared to approximately 65 in previous years
- The staffing process has begun – looking at programs and staffing at all schools

- District planning day will be held on May 9. Theme for the morning presentation is “collaboration” – shared responsibilities, integration of our services, common goals, learning for all, best practice in education

(b) Field Trip Request #120

An extra-curricular field trip request (#120) from GISS teachers Ray Colleran and Dean Crouse to take 24 students in Grades 9 to 12 to London, Paris, Florence and Rome over a portion of the 2015 Spring Break. Superintendent Halstead has approved this trip pending informed consent and itinerary. They have requested Board approval early so fundraising efforts for this trip can begin as soon as possible.

At the March 12 Board meeting, Trustee Pingle asked if there was a cost to the school for this field trip as this area on the field trip request form was left blank. This information has been received and the field trip request is resubmitted for Board approval. The estimated cost is \$500 for TTOCs, but they hope to decrease this amount through fundraising.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves field trip request #120 for GISS teachers Ray Colleran and Dean Crouse to take 24 students in Grades 9 to 12 to London, Paris, Florence and Rome from March 18, 2015 to April 3, 2015.

CARRIED 25/14

(c) Field Trip Request #131

A curricular field trip request (#131) from Windsor House School teacher Ellen Henderson to take 11 students in Grades 10 and 11 to Ottawa to participate in the Encounters with Canada politics program from April 20 to 26, 2014. Superintendent Halstead has approved this trip pending informed consent and itinerary.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves field trip request #131 for Windsor House School teacher Ellen Henderson to take 11 students to Ottawa to participate in the Encounters with Canada politics program from April 20 to 26, 2014.

CARRIED 26/14

9. CORPORATE FINANCIAL OFFICER’S REPORT

(a) Monthly Expenditure Report

The monthly expenditure report, as at March 31, 2014, indicates that with 0.7500 of the year completed, 0.7351 of the budget has been expended. We are 1.49% below budget at this time. Mr. Scotvold stated there would likely be a small deficit at the end of the school year.

(b) Capital Project Bylaw No. 126718 (CNCP)

It was moved and seconded with unanimous approval to read Capital Project Bylaw No. 126718 [2014/2015 CNCP Energy Study Funding] and Capital Project Bylaw No. 126778 (AFG) in one sitting.

CARRIED 27/14

Mr. Scotvold presented to Board members for approval, Capital Project Bylaw No. 126718 [2014/2015 CNCP Energy Study Funding] for a maximum expenditure of \$10,093.00.

It was moved and seconded that Capital Project Bylaw No. 126718 be read a first time and approved.

CARRIED 28/14

It was moved and seconded that Capital Project Bylaw No. 126718 be read a second time and approved.

CARRIED 29/14

It was moved and seconded that Capital Project Bylaw No. 126718 be read a third time, passed and adopted.

CARRIED 30/14

(c) Capital Project Bylaw No. 126778 (Annual Facility Grant)

Mr. Scotvold presented to Board members for approval, Capital Project Bylaw No. 126778 (AFG), which specifies a maximum expenditure of \$406,215.00.

It was moved and seconded that Capital Project Bylaw No. 126778 be read a first time and approved.

CARRIED 31/14

It was moved and seconded that Capital Project Bylaw No. 126778 be read a second time and approved.

CARRIED 32/14

It was moved and seconded that Capital Project Bylaw No. 126778 be read a third time, passed and adopted.

CARRIED 33/14

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Information has been received from VIHA regarding electronic cigarettes. Rob Pingle, Chair of the Policy Committee, stated the committee will be reviewing Policy #573, Smoking in Schools.

12. QUESTION PERIOD

Anna Herlitz, DPAC Representative and parent of a daughter in grade 7 at Pender School voiced concerns that her daughter is falling behind in math and questions the academic math content available to students in the OIMY program. Ms. Halstead and Mr. Livingston assured Ms. Herlitz that the district is committed to working on math as a continuum across the grades and developing action plans to make sure students succeed. The Math Collaborative Inquiry, session two of four, took place at Mayne School on February 20 and was attended by as many as 18 teachers. The session focused on using the diagnostic assessment tool "First Steps in Math", which narrows down what needs to be focused on. The OIMY program and content will be reviewed and evaluated this year with input from teachers, students and parents.

Ms. Herlitz informed Board members the DPAC Parent Retreat has been moved to the fall this year.

13. NEXT MEETING DATES

- (a) Committee Day Meeting – April 23, 2014 at the School Board Office. MLA invited.
- (b) Regular Board Meeting – May 14, 2014 at Mayne Island School

14. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

CARRIED 34/14

Date: May 14, 2014

May McKenzie
Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Rod Scotvold
Secretary Treasurer