



MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION
Board of Education, School District #64 (Gulf Islands)
GALIANO COMMUNITY SCHOOL
November 12, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.

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

Chair McKenzie called the last meeting of the current Board of Education to order at 1:30 p.m. She thanked outgoing trustees Katharine Byers, Kathy Page, Pete Williams and Bonnie MacGillivray for their commitment and dedication to the district. A celebratory lunch was prepared by the PAC in honour of Galiano Trustee MacGillivray, who is leaving the Board after serving 18 years as trustee. Speeches were made by Principal Boe Beardsmore, community members, Ms. MacGillivray's daughter and two grandchildren, and Superintendent Halstead and a performance was given by the students of Galiano Community School. Ms. McKenzie also took this opportunity to present Pender Trustee Pete Williams with a gift from the Board of Education in honour of his nine years as trustee.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2014 11 12, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED 79/14

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2014 10 08, be approved as presented.

CARRIED 80/14

3. BUSINESS ARISING

4. DELEGATIONS

(a) Galiano Middle Years Delegation

Galiano parents Menisha Singh, Tania Inglis, Deblekah Guin, Jenna Shapka, Allison Colwell, Lori Seay, and Laurie MacCallum were present to talk to Board members about the possibility of offering a Middle Years program at Galiano School.

The parents developed and distributed a survey to community members asking for their input. Most responded and there was overwhelming support for middle years students to remain on Galiano. Parents would like to see the development of a more comprehensive middle years program for Galiano students. The parents project there will be eighteen middle years students at the school next year.

They are open to creative solutions, which could include a combined program with Mayne School to best utilize resources. Superintendent Halstead thanked the parents for developing a survey and compiling the results. She suggested the formation of a committee, first identifying who would take part, then setting a time for the first meeting, likely to take place in January 2015. Ms. Halstead will connect with the parents for further discussion.

5. **TRUSTEE'S SCHOOL REPORTS**

➤ ***Fernwood Elementary School***

Garden club thriving and garden put to sleep for winter; bird of the week project; gr. 4/5 volleyball team looking good; lunch time busy with scrabble club hosted by grandmothers to grandmothers; Whitney Walker organized the junior choir; gr. 3/4 field trip to Ganges with visits to – Greenwoods, RCMP, GISS garden and café, the pool; National Take me Outside Day led by Andrew McPhee; whole school Remembrance Day ceremony

➤ ***Fulford Community Elementary School***

Flexible learning program with teacher Amy Cousins; PAC is rejuvenated; 4 “r’s” program with recycling – reuse, recycle, regift, and reduce, program is run by the parents

➤ ***Galiano Community School***

Principal Beardsmore and teacher Cathy Buttery attended the recent Assessment Now Conference in Victoria, timely conference for the school, looking at a number of new initiatives and will apply for pro growth funds to support them; grants in place for Artist in the Classroom – Rock Camp and AMES program; garden club; food club, students gather vegetables from garden and use them in recipes; literacy and numeracy blocks for students; OIMY and what MY students can bring back to school; Griffin leadership program and roles, gr. 5, 6 and 7 students this year; “trinkets and treasures” for students to pick out presents for parents; conservancy is a wonderful addition for the school

➤ ***Gulf Islands Secondary School***

Remembrance Ceremony on Monday; boys sr. soccer team came 4th in league and have made provincials; sr. volleyball players back from Hawaii; swim team made provincials; Spirit Day, important for students for info regarding non-curricular programs; solar panels up on roof; interim report system has changed, letters to parents whose children are not meeting expectations asking them to come in for the report; extra math and science support in flex block; PAC is still looking for a chair and vice chair

➤ ***Mayne Elementary/Jr. Secondary School***

Building new Mayne fire hall, so the school was the alternate location for Halloween festivities, firefighters gave gr. 4 to 8 class money because they wanted to do a haunted house; K to 3 class rhyming, syllables; field trip to Goldstream Park; gr. 4 to 8 class working in garden, working with conservancy; Room 4 Reading – want to connect every student with a community member to read; all-candidates meeting at school last week and all students attended

➤ ***Pender Islands Elem./Sec. School***

Trustee Williams’ last PAC meeting tonight, all new executive and level of energy, lots of enthusiasm; Remembrance Day ceremony with Royal Canadian Legion Branch members, students put candles on all veteran’s graves, then went to the Legion for hot chocolate, poems

➤ ***Phoenix Elementary School***

Still need garden coordinator; chickens turned out to be roosters; choosing pumpkins at Bon Acres Farms; explorations set up – woodworking, improv, rock climbing, beauty, fitness and nutrition

➤ ***Saltspring Island Middle School***

All about assessment, reading and math; conservancy and looking at “dead” zones, use science labs at GISS; fire chief visited and talked about fire safety; lots of fun and costumes for Halloween; Art Starts; whole school Remembrance Day ceremony and whole school involvement in voting for local elections on Friday; all trustee candidates attended a forum at

the school; Trustee Byers will become secretary of PAC on leaving as district trustee; greenhouse and gardens

➤ ***Salt Spring Elementary School***

Whole school Remembrance Day ceremony organized by Whitney Walker; fruit and vegetable program starting up again; PAC is very organized; November 28, school dance with raffle; Ace-It program students will build a new sandbox roof, PAC will fundraise and cover costs; kiln shed has been built, Johanna Hoskins received money from Salt Spring Foundation, she will work with students; Saturna students are buddying with SSE students every week

➤ ***Saturna Elementary School/SEEC***

No report. Trustee Middleditch absent.

➤ ***Windsor House School***

No report. Trustee Middleditch absent.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

7. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

(a) **Letter from Deb Nostdal**

A letter received from GITA President Deborah Nostdal requesting that, "...the Board consider covering the cost of releasing three of our members for two days (March 16 and 17), as the BCTF AGM is held March 14 to 17, 2015 and the district's Spring break is March 23 to April 6. At this time, the Board does not support covering the cost of releasing teachers for the BCTF AGM in March 2015. Chair McKenzie will respond to the letter.

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

(a) **Learning in School District No. 64**

The annual District Review took place on October 23 with senior administrators, principals and a teacher representative from each school attending. Ms. Halstead spoke to:

- Student wellness, including anxiety, which was "identified as a key factor that hampered student achievement" and the supports that will be implemented including: extra teacher counseling time, Positive Behaviour Support and FRIENDS for Life, grants for the innovative use of Educational Assistant time to support student learning, Wellness Working Group
- Foundational Skills in literacy and numeracy and the importance of support at the early primary level. She also included some of the supports to enhance student achievement in literacy and numeracy this year, specifically the scope and assignment of the District Literacy, Numeracy & Behaviour Support Teachers, along with increased support for Student Learning Centres (SLCs), extra support blocks for math at GISS, workshop services for Educational Assistants, ongoing consultation and review
- Funding, some of which will come from the Education/Learning Improvement Fund, to support the addition of new part-time support staff and teachers

(b) **Research Proposal Request from Jess Willows**

A research proposal request has been submitted to Superintendent Halstead from district staff member Jessica Willows. Ms. Willows is a Master's student at UVic. Her project will involve, "...interviewing Adult Graduation Program students about their educational experiences throughout their lives". Ms. Halstead recommends approval.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves Jessica Willow's research proposal for her Master's degree as presented.

CARRIED 81/14

9. **CORPORATE FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT**

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

11. **OTHER BUSINESS**

12. **QUESTION PERIOD**

13. **NEXT MEETING DATES**

- (a) Committee Day Meeting – November 26, 2014 at the School Board Office
- (b) Regular Board Meeting – December 03, 2014 at the School Board Office

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

CARRIED 82/14

Date: December 10, 2014

May McKenzie
Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Rod Scotvold
Secretary Treasurer

LOCAL SCHOOL CALENDAR DISCUSSION FOR 2015/2016

No community members present for discussion.