



AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER – Secretary Treasurer

With the intention of holding a safe, caring, and orderly meeting for all we pledge: To do our best to maintain a respectful and inclusive working environment. We will hold this meeting to the highest standard of civility and appropriate conduct so that we may attend to our business effectively and productively.

2. BOARD ELECTIONS

- (a) Chairperson / Vice Chairperson
- (b) BCSTA Representative and Alternate
- (c) BCPSEA Representative and Alternate
- (d) Indigenous Education Committee Representatives

Recess until 1:00 p.m.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- (a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting, Public Session held 2023 10 11 (attachment)

5. IN-CAMERA SUMMARY

- (a) Summary of In-Camera meeting held 2023 10 11 (attachment)
- (b) Summary of Special In-Camera Meeting 2023 10 26 (attachment)
- (c) Summary of Special In-Camera Meeting 2023 11 02 at noon (attachment)
- (d) Summary of Special In-Camera Meeting 2023 11 02 at 3:00 p.m. (attachment)

6. BUSINESS ARISING

7. CORRESPONDENCE

8. DELEGATIONS

- (a) Phoenix Elementary School History – Barb Aust and Rineke Jonker

9. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- (a) Board Elections and Committee Representatives
- (b) Superintendent Recruitment
- (c) Draft 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 School Calendars (attachments)
- (d) Civil Meetings (BCSTA Consultation)
- (e) Pheonix Consultation Update (attachments)



10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- (a) Staffing

11. SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT

- (a) Monthly Financial Report

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (a) Education Committee – 2023 10 11 Summary (attachment)
(b) Policy Committee

11. TRUSTEE'S SCHOOL REPORTS

12. OTHER BUSINESS

13. QUESTION PERIOD

14. NEXT MEETING DATES

- (a) Regular Board Meeting – January 10, 2023
(b) Policy Committee Meeting – December 13, 2023

15. ADJOURNMENT

LOCAL SCHOOL CALENDAR CONSULTATION FOR 2025/26 – 2026/27



Present:	Tisha Boulter	Board Chair
	Chaya Katrensky	Vice-Chair
	Gregory Lucas	Trustee
	Deborah Luporini	Trustee
	Rob Pingle	Trustee
	Nancy Macdonald	Trustee
	Scott Benwell	Superintendent of Schools/ Acting Secretary
		Treasurer
	D'Arcy Deacon	Deputy Superintendent
	Boe Beardsmore	Director of Instruction, Learning Services
Lori Deacon	Acting Director of Corporate Services	
Anna Szul	Executive Assistant	
Guests:	Ian Mitchell	GITA President
	Amy Dearden	District Principal
	Samantha Creech	Early Childhood
	Sara Miles	DPAC Representative
Regrets:	Jeannine Georgeson	Trustee

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chair Boulter. Trustee Lucas welcomed everyone to Pender Island Elementary School on *SDAY,ES* (Pender), *SKÁ,ETEM* (Otter Bay), and Pender Canal. Trustee Lucas expressed gratitude that we gather on the traditional territories of the Hul'qumi'num, *SENĆOFEN*, and *W̱sáneć* speaking peoples – huy tseep q'u.

With the intention of holding a safe caring and orderly meeting for all, Chair Boulter pledged to do her best to maintain a respectful and inclusive working environment by holding this meeting to the highest standards of civility and appropriate conduct so that we may attend to our business in an effective and productive manner.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved and seconded that the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2023 10 11 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED 81/23

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Correction to attendance.

Moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2023 09 13 be approved as amended.

CARRIED 82/23



3. **IN-CAMERA SUMMARIES**

Moved and seconded that the Board of Education adopt the Regular In-Camera Summary of 2023 09 13 by consensus.

CARRIED 83/23

4. **BUSINESS ARISING**

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) **GITA –Foundation Skills Assessment Motion Request**

The Board of Education received the correspondence from GITA.

(b) **Deputy Minister Letter to Superintendents & FSA Pamphlet**

The Board of Education received the correspondence from the Deputy Minister.

6. **DELEGATIONS**

(a) **Amy Dearden and Samantha Creech – Early Learning Environment Scan**

District Principal of Early Learning, Amy Dearden, and Early Learning Coordinator, Samantha Creech presented an inspiring summary of the Early Learning Program. The Early Learning webpage on the SD64 website contains information on the program and initiatives including StrongStart, Ready, Set, Learn, SEY2KT, Roots of Empathy, Seamless Day, ECEs in Kindergarten Classrooms, and all Resources for families.

7. **CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT**

(a) **Superintendent Recruitment**

The Superintendent call closed on October 10 at 3:00 p.m. In-person interviews will be conducted on November 1 and 2.

(b) **Galiano Library Society request to serve alcohol on School District Property**

Moved and seconded that, in accordance with Policy 3100 Controlled and Intoxicating Substances, the Board of Education approves the Galiano Library Society’s request to serve alcohol during a volunteer appreciation event on November 26, 2023, at The Galiano Community Library. Carried unanimously.

CARRIED 84/23

(c) **School Calendar Consultation Schedule**

The Board presented a School Calendar Consultation Schedule and Notice of Motion to consider the adoption of school calendars for 2025/26 and 2026/2027 as part of the district’s 3-year calendar. The motion will be presented at the regular Public Board meeting on February 14, 2024. The Notice of Motion will be added to the website along with the draft calendars and an online comments form for public input.



Notice of Motion: The Board of Education adopt school calendars for the 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 school years as part of the local three-year school calendar.

(d) **Communications Strategy – Board Chair’s Message**

Chair Boulter summarized the communications strategy to date. Lori Deacon stated that a review of the communication strategy should follow the implementation of the new strategic plan. Trustee Pingle mentioned the desire for newsletter standardization amongst the various schools and the possibility of subscribing to all school newsletters through the app.

(e) **District Playing Fields**

Trustee Pingle brought this issue up at the last meeting and then received a letter from a parent.

Moved and seconded that the Board of Education direct staff to investigate the availability of water on school district property in the Ganges core for the purpose of irrigation of the playing fields. The motion was unanimously defeated.

A discussion was had on the viability of the fields, and what can be put in place of the deficiencies.

Moved and seconded that the Board of Education request staff to report back on annual maintenance costs of the GISS playing fields and that they canvas for the cost to employ an expert opinion on how to improve the use of the fields to report at the February 14, 2024 board meeting. Unanimously carried.

CARRIED 85/23

(f) **2023 BC Active Transportation Grant for the Schooner Way Trail – Letter of Support**

Moved and seconded that the Board of Education provide a letter of support to the CRD for the application to the 2023 BC Active Transportation Grant Application for the Schooner Way Trail.

CARRIED 86/23

8. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

(a) **Enrolment – 1701**

The District reported a headcount enrolment of 1508 students (1515.75 FTE) on this year’s September 30th, 1701 funding report to the Ministry. Appreciation was expressed for the cooperation of the acting principal of the Salt Spring Centre School for working collaboratively.

(b) **Staffing**

The District staffing is set, and most positions were filled, proud to note that we exceed the non-enrolling teacher ratios at this time.

(c) **Capacity of Elementary Schools on Salt Spring Island**



Based on the Ministry's adjusted design capacity numbers, there is currently room for 45 more students in SD64 Salt Spring Island elementary schools, not including Phoenix Elementary School.

(d) **Programs and Initiatives relating to Diversity, Anti-Racism, Equity, Inclusion, and Truth and Reconciliation**

Boe Beardsmore presented an overview of the district's collective work in equity and anti-racism. In 2020 the Board committed to dismantling racism through anti-racism learning and diversity training, deepening our awareness and understanding of individual, institutional, and structural racism. The activities and initiatives in the district over the last three years are evidence of our commitment to the work, including but not limited to professional development for staff; engaging experts in the field for presentations and discussions with staff and students; new and revised policies and procedures; updating the strategic plan; renewed codes of conduct; staff training; equity scans in all schools; restorative justice training for PVPs, teachers and EAs; Indigenous Ed programs; new resources in libraries, and the hiring of an Equity and Anti-Racism Coordinator for K-12. This is just the beginning. The next steps include a follow-up teacher survey to better understand evolving perceptions and pedagogical practices; a survey for PVPs to provide baseline data regarding comfort and integration, concerns and challenges, and perceptions and practices in school culture and climate; Pro-D for teachers and PVPs for development and training in the areas outlined in the K-12AR Action Plan; an inclusion calendar; and a parent info guide on how to report acts of racism and discrimination.

9. SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT

(a) **Monthly Financial Report**

The monthly operating expense report indicates expenses are currently within budget.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) **Education Committee – 2023 02 22 Summary**

The Board of Education received the Education Committee Summary from 2023 02 22.

(b) **Policy Committee – 2023 09 27 Summary**

The Board of Education received the Policy Committee Summary from 2023 09 27.

(c) **Committee of the Whole – 2023 09 13**

The Board of Education received the Committee of the Whole Summary from 2023 09 13.

11. TRUSTEES' SCHOOL REPORTS

Chair Boulter attended two board chair calls provincially. One about board meeting interruptions especially around anti-social protests. Second board chairs meeting about upcoming Advocacy Day. Attended Framework



Day and appreciated the Keynote Speaker. On the Indigenous Ed Council Committee. Deep respect and humility for relationship building.

Vice Chair Katraksy met with the strategic planning sub-committee. Reached out to Gordon Lee at BCSTA for help with the strategic plan. Going to VISTA this weekend and the Provincial Council next weekend.

Trustee MacDonald stated that Fulford School is an incredibly busy place. They recently hosted a harvest lunch and a school dance.

Trustee Luporini thanked Adrian Pendergast for stepping in at Mayne Island School. Great to have the early learning presentation. Family Place on Mayne Island provides childcare two nights a week and the school PAC fills in the other two nights. The teacherage project got out into the wider community and a senior from Vancouver, made a quilt and donated it to raffle off as a fundraiser.

Trustee Pingle connected with the SSE PAC about the playground replacement. Working with facilities to bring information back to the PAC.

Trustee Lucas attended two meetings with the PAC which has new members. Exciting initiatives around food days. Good meeting with Principal Margot. Attended the first meeting with the joint health and safety committee. Framework day was a wonderful opportunity to meet with teachers. The presentation by Gwendolyn Point was incredible and a privilege. Looking forward to VISTA.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

13. QUESTION PERIOD

14. NEXT MEETING DATES

- (a) Policy Committee Meeting – December 13, 2023, via Zoom
- (b) Regular Board Meeting – January 14, 2024, at the School Board Office

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved to adjourn at 3:30 p.m.

CARRIED 80/23

Date: _____

Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Acting Secretary Treasurer

BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 64 (GULF ISLANDS)

Reference Section 72 (3) of the *School Act*

Record of Proceedings of the Regular In-Camera meeting held
at Pender School

2023 10 11

Present:	Tisha Boulter	Board Chair
	Chaya Katrensky	Vice-Chair
	Gregory Lucas	Trustee
	Deborah Luporini	Trustee
	Rob Pingle	Trustee
	Nancy Macdonald	Trustee
	Scott Benwell	Superintendent of Schools / Acting Secretary Treasurer
	D'Arcy Deacon	Deputy Superintendent
	Boe Beardsmore	Associate Superintendent
	Lori Deacon	Acting Director of Corporate Services
Anna Szul	Executive Assistant	
Regrets:	Jeannine Georgeson	Trustee

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m.

The agenda for the Regular Board meeting, In-Camera session held 2023 10 11 was adopted as amended.

The minutes of the Regular Board meeting, In-Camera session held 2023 09 13 were approved as amended.

Items:

1. Cross-Boundary Enrollment Impacts Transportation
2. June 14, 2023, Meeting Follow-Up
3. DPAC Engagement
4. Transportation Update
5. Staffing

The meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 64 (GULF ISLANDS)

Reference Section 72 (3) of the *School Act*

Record of Proceedings of the Special In-Camera meeting held
on Zoom
2023 10 26

Present:	Tisha Boulter	Board Chair
	Chaya Katrensky	Vice-Chair
	Jeannine Georgeson	Trustee
	Gregory Lucas	Trustee
	Deborah Luporini	Trustee
	Nancy Macdonald	Trustee
	Rob Pingle	Trustee
	Anna Szul	Executive Assistant
	Anne Cooper	Consultant

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m.

The Board of Education designated Anna Szul to perform the duties of the Secretary-Treasurer for this meeting.

The Board of Education waived the required 48-hour notice.

The agenda for the Special Board meeting, In-Camera session held 2023 10 26 was adopted as presented.

Items:

1. Superintendent Recruitment/Hiring

Consultant Cooper left the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 64 (GULF ISLANDS)

Reference Section 72 (3) of the *School Act*

Record of Proceedings of the Special In-Camera Meeting held
at the School Board Office

2023 11 02

Present:	Tisha Boulter	Board Chair
	Chaya Katrensky	Vice-Chair
	Gregory Lucas	Trustee
	Deborah Luporini	Trustee
	Nancy Macdonald	Trustee
	Rob Pingle	Trustee
	Anna Szul	Executive Assistant
Regrets:	Jeannine Georgeson	Trustee

The meeting was called to order at 11:47 a.m.

The Board of Education designated Anna Szul to perform the duties of the Secretary-Treasurer for this meeting.

The Board of Education waived the required 48-hour notice.

The agenda for the Special Board meeting, In-Camera session held 2023 11 02 was adopted as presented.

Items:

1. Superintendent Recruitment/Hiring

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 64 (GULF ISLANDS)

Reference Section 72 (3) of the *School Act*

Record of Proceedings of the Special In-Camera Meeting held
at the School Board Office

2023 11 02

Present:	Tisha Boulter	Board Chair
	Chaya Katrensky	Vice-Chair
	Gregory Lucas	Trustee
	Deborah Luporini	Trustee
	Nancy Macdonald	Trustee (via Video Call)
	Rob Pingle	Trustee
	Anna Szul	Executive Assistant
Regrets:	Jeannine Georgeson	Trustee

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

The Board of Education designated Anna Szul to perform the duties of the Secretary-Treasurer for this meeting.

The Board of Education waived the required 48-hour notice.

The agenda for the Special Board meeting, In-Camera session held 2023 11 02 at 3:00 p.m. was adopted as presented.

Items:

1. Superintendent Recruitment/Hiring timing considerations.

The meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands)

2025/2026 Four-Day Instructional Week Calendar

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 - ▶ November 28 School Based
 - ▶ January 16 School Based
 - ▶ February 6 District Pro D Day (GITA sponsored)
 - ▶ April 24 School Based
- Winter and Spring Breaks/ Vacation
- Semester One Graduation Assessments/School Exams: January (TBD). Semester Two begins (TBD)
- Semester Two Graduation Assessments June (TBD) / School Exams: June 22 to 25
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- 5 Pro D days (non-instructional days)
 - ▶ October 23 Provincial Day
 - ▶ November 27 School Based
 - ▶ January 15 School Based
 - ▶ February 5 District Pro D Day (GITA sponsored)
 - ▶ April 16 School Based
- Winter and Spring Breaks/ Vacation
- Indicates **possible additional days (4 needed)** to meet required number of instructional days (Ministry prescribed minimum hours of instruction)
- Semester One Graduation Assessments/School Exams: January (TBD). Semester Two begins (TBD)
- Semester Two Graduation Assessments June (TBD) / School Exams: June 21 to 24
- Administrative Day - June 25, 2027

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2026/2027 Four-Day Instructional Week Calendar

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- Required 152 instructional days (students in attendance)
 - Stat holidays
 - September 25, 2026 – Framework Day – this is a day of work (non-instructional day)
 - 5 Pro D days (non-instructional days)
 - ▶ October 23 Provincial Day
 - ▶ February 5 District Pro D Day (GITA sponsored)
 - ▶ November 27 School Based
 - ▶ April 16 School Based
 - ▶ January 15 School Based
 - Winter and Spring Breaks/ Vacation
 - Indicates possible additional days (4 needed) to meet required number of instructional days (Ministry prescribed minimum hours of instruction)
 - Administrative Day - June 30, 2026
- Semester One Graduation Assessments/School Exams: January (TBD). Semester Two begins (TBD)
 Semester Two Graduation Assessments June (TBD) / School Exams: June 21 to 24

November 8, 2023, Public Meeting

Subject: Phoenix School Closure Meeting-Public Consultation
Date: October 16, 2023
Location: Phoenix Elementary School, 163 Drake Road
From: Board Chair Tisha Boulter (personal notes)

Attendance: Boe, Scott, Tisha, Nancy, Ian, Rob, Dan, 7 recent Parents of the school (with 5+ kids), and 1 alumni student from 1991.

Summary of the Question/Answer and Public Feedback:

- Questions around how much advertising was done to increase enrolment, does the district have a policy around not promoting one school over another?
- Questions around if this decline of the school was planned, or predetermined?
- Why didn't the board give the parents the heads up that enrollment was declining and that it was causing a deficit? Frustration for lack of communication. Recommendations for the future that families be more involved in the promotion of a school if there is a decline in enrollment with the risk of closure.
- Sadness that there has been such a decline in interest of the programming, feeling the loss of a beautiful school environment that has served so many unique and sometimes vulnerable students.
- The decision of the supportive housing planned next to Phoenix was the 'Nail in the coffin' as to why a majority of parents left.
- Feeling gratitude for the school, wanting the Board to take away that this kind of learning environment is needed in the district. Factors that made it special: small class sizes, multi-age cohorts, welcoming of gender diverse kids, non-stigmatizing of neurodiverse learners, outside connection, family feel, innovated practices.
- Is there an appetite from the board to actively create/promote/support another alternative program in the district? Wishing for Trustees to know the value that Phoenix has been.
- Questions regarding the instruments and resources at the Phoenix facility and how they will be reallocated to other schools/programs? What will happen to the land/buildings?
- Desire for the Pole Carving to be completed and some recognition of Phoenix Elementary when erected. PAC wants to use some fundraising dollars to hold a celebration if a closure occurs.

November 8, 2023, Public Meeting

Subject: Notice of Motion for School Closure Phoenix Elementary School

Date: November 4, 2023

From: Online Form

ID	Your comments:
1	community member As someone who gave classes - Basketry Weaving - there in the past I feel that it would be shameful to close this wonderful school.
2	parent As someone who had 2 children in this school, I strongly believe the school should not be closed. It provides a much needed alternative education for children.
3	community member I was the [REDACTED] of Phoenix Elementary and started the school "at no cost to the district beyond what it generated by enrolment" making it a huge challenge. This I did alongside teacher extraordinaire, [REDACTED]. This was started as a school where homeschoolers could attend in staggered fashion according to family interest, etc. It also was intended to be a place where parents would come and share their interests and talents two afternoons a week during options. It was both a hugely difficult undertaking (ever had forty anti school people who believe totally different things about what alternative education means?) and a thrilling discovery of new ways of doing things. I left Phoenix in [REDACTED] and went back to Fulford as [REDACTED]. My [REDACTED] before retirement saw me return to Phoenix for very brief few months. The school had completely changed and the original tenets for what it was to be seemed absent. I cried tears of bitter disappointment that things had shifted into just another school. If Phoenix could be a true alternate educational opportunity I would fight hard for it. If it is just another regular school and there is one just down the hill with room to accommodate new students, I support closing it. [REDACTED]
4	community member Greetings! As a resident of Saltspring Island I'd appreciate a brief summary of what motivates the decision to close Phoenix school! Also I feel it would be reasonable to put this information on the Salt Spring Exchange for everyone to read! Kind Regards, [REDACTED]
5	community member Where can I find out why this step is being taken?
6	parent This closure could have been prevented with greater bridging and community outreach. The district has created this situation by refusing to allow non-traditional attendance for children not able to attend a regular school week. This school met a niche need (which is still present) on saltspring, and I am disappointed in the actions of the board which have led to this closure.
7	parent It's sad and unfortunate to have Phoenix School close. As consistent PAC members, the small group of us actively tried to campaign for the last few years to generate enrolments and were consistently shot down by administrator Dan Sparanese.



Summary Education Committee – SD 64 (Gulf Islands)

In attendance

Committee: Deborah Luporini, Nancy Macdonald, and Scott Benwell (*superintendent/acting secretary-treasurer, ex-officio*)

Trustees: Tisha Boulter (*board chair*), Chaya Katrensky, Greg Lucas, Rob Pingle

Staff: Lori Deacon (*acting director of corporate services*), D'Arcy Deacon (*deputy superintendent*), Boe Beardsmore (*associate superintendent*), Anna Szul (*executive assistant*)

Guests: Sara Miles (*DPAC*), Ian Mitchell (*GITA*)

Regrets: Jeannine Georgeson (*committee chair*)

The meeting was called to order at 11:17 a.m. by Committee Chair Boulter.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of agenda by consensus.

2. Approval of Summary

Adoption of February 22, 2023, Summary by consensus.

3. Business Arising

4. New Business

a) *Foundational Skill Assessments (FSA)*

Scott Benwell described the importance of FSAs to the district, to the Ministry, and especially to the First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) to battle the racism of low expectation. Trustee Pingle reminded the board of the Student Assessment Order in the School Act. Trustee Lucas expressed an interest in bringing the FSA topic to the British Columbia School Trustees Association.

e) *Childcare/Daycare*

There was a discussion about the increasing need for childcare and the lack of qualified ECEs in our communities despite dual credit programs. Scott Benwell stated that in order to change child care we need to drastically change the compensation for Childcare Workers in our society. Trustee Katrensky asked how the district can advocate for higher compensation for early childhood educators. Scott Benwell reminded the Trustees that their avenue for advocacy is through the BCSTA. Scott Benwell stated that SD64 is one of the few districts going into direct childcare services. We are breaking ground on new builds and the regulatory bodies are involved.



f) Trustee Question

Action: The committee agrees that these questions are relevant to the discussions Trustees have with their principals.

5. Other Business

6. Next Meeting: June 12, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

7. Adjournment: 12:12 p.m.