



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION
Board of Education, School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands)
School Board Office
2023 02 08

Present:	Tisha Boulter	Chairperson
	Chaya Katrensky	Vice Chair
	Jeannine Georgeson	Trustee
	Deborah Luporini	Trustee
	Nancy Macdonald	Trustee
	Rob Pingle	Trustee
	Scott Benwell	Superintendent of Schools
	Jesse Guy	Secretary Treasurer
	D'Arcy Deacon	Associate Superintendent
	Boe Beardsmore	Director of Instruction, Learning Services
	Lori Deacon	Executive Assistant
	Ian Mitchell	GITA President
	Angela Thomas	CUPE President
	Jennifer Kaila	DPAC Representative
	Ryan Massey	GIPVPA Representative
	Rob Magley	Gulf Islands Driftwood Rep.
Regrets:	Greg Lucas	Trustee

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chair Boulter. Trustee Macdonald recognized the efforts of Tye Swallow as a leader of SENĆOŦEN language revitalization and learning. She acknowledged that this meeting is taking place on the traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples - huy tseep q'u.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved and seconded that the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2023 02 08 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED 13/23

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Amend 10(b) to remove reference to FAF
Include Saturna Trustee School Report (11)

Moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2023 01 11 be approved as amended.

CARRIED 14/23

3. IN-CAMERA SUMMARY

Moved and seconded that the Board of Education adopts the Regular In-Camera Summary of 2023 01 11 as presented.

CARRIED 15/23

4. BUSINESS ARISING

5. CORRESPONDENCE

6. DELEGATIONS

(a) Maggie Allison – TASK and Scholarships Presentation

Ms. Allison presented an overview of the Trades Awareness Skills and Knowledge program which now operates within the SD64 Learning Hub. Courses are delivered in an intensive format, usually taken in



Moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves the changes to the signing authority for the Educational Trust Fund Account as presented in Appendix 'A ' effective the commencement of Jesse Guy, Secretary Treasurer's maternity leave.

CARRIED 17/23

Moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves the changes to the signing authority for the Operating Bank Account as presented in Appendix 'B' effective the commencement of Jesse Guy, Secretary Treasurer's maternity leave.

CARRIED 18/23

(c) Draft 2022/2023 Amended Annual Budget

Jesse Guy shared the draft 2022/2023 amended annual budget for consideration. No changes have been made to the draft amended budget since the Bylaw received first reading on January 11, 2023.

Moved and seconded that the Draft 2022/2023 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw be read a 2nd time and passed.

CARRIED 19/23

Moved and seconded that the Draft 2022/2023 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw be read a 3rd time, passed, and approved.

CARRIED 20/23

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Education Committee

The Education Committee discussed AI Chatbots, implications for use in the classroom setting, and the challenges, concerns, and opportunities that new and enhanced digital technologies bring.

(b) FAF Committee

The FAF Committee summary 2022 12 14 was received.

11. TRUSTEES REPORTS

Trustee school reports were received. Trustee Macdonald shared her school report for Fulford Elementary School.

Topic: How has the transition resulting from reconfiguration gone at your school? (Goal 2: Integrate Sustainability. Objective 2.3 Ensure the continuation of a healthy and stable financial environment.)

Fernwood Elementary School

Fulford Community Elementary School

The change to K-7 at Fulford School has been extremely successful. Principal Mullen has provided many examples of positive changes around the school. Parents from Fulford PAC have also contributed comments that reflect their satisfaction with the current configuration. These include:

- There is now a thriving Band Program with a full class of participants
- Older students are “buddying up” with younger children at lunchtime
- Students are taking leadership roles such as helping in the library
- Plans are starting for a chess club, dance program and other opportunities
- The Grade 6’s are currently helping kindergarten kids, for example
- There is a larger staff with diverse skills and interests to share
- There are more options in organization and staffing the school



Saturna Elementary School/SEEC

Saturna school has been the least directly affected by reconfiguration. Students at Saturna Elementary school continue attending kindergarten and through grade 5 and SEEC students grades 10-12. Students start attending Pender Island Elementary Secondary School (PIESS) in grade 6. We have had positive feedback from students and families about how they experience the new programming and facilities at PIESS.

In discussions with Principal Pendergast it was great to hear about what PIESS is now able to offer students post-configuration. He spoke of more exploratory and elective class selection, increased after school offerings, music is thriving, community and administration are supporting each other in drama, costume design and comedy. There is a committed disc golf community and a very enthusiastic basketball team. Principal Pendergast would like to continue to explore how he can engage in more interschool type experiences with Gulf Island Secondary School (GISS).

We also discussed the idea of students being able to “live in the now” more in grade 7 & 8. Without having to make a discussion on where to go next year the students can settle into their work and routines.

Principal Pendergast also shared a story of how one of the new washroom stalls was vandalized by a student. He was able to bring the student body together and talk about pride and respect for our new school. I appreciate his pride and approach. He left me with the quote “Great schools make big deals out of small things”.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

13. QUESTION PERIOD

14. NEXT MEETING DATES

- (a) Committee Day: February 22, 2023
- (b) Regular Board Meeting: April 12, 2023 at Saturna Island School

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved that the meeting be adjourned 2:35 p.m.

CARRIED 21/23

Date: April 12, 2023

Tisha Boulter
Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Scott Benwell
Secretary Treasurer