



## Board Meeting Highlights

Unofficial Summary of the Public Board Meeting, held November 9, 2022

### *Inaugural Meeting of the Board of Education*

Trustees were sworn in for the inaugural meeting of the new Board of Education. Trustee elections were held and some committee positions were filled as follows:

Tisha Boulter	Board Chair
Chaya Katrensky	Vice-Chair and BCSTA Provincial Council Rep
Rob Pingle	BCSTA Alternate
Nancy Macdonald	BCPSEA Rep.
Jeanine Georgeson	BCPSEA Alternate
Indigenous Ed. Advisory Council	Jeannine Georgeson/Tisha Boulter
Drake Rd. Steering Committee	Rob Pingle
DPAC and Fulford PAC	Nancy Macdonald
Fernwood and SSE PAC	Rob Pingle
GISS and Phoenix PAC	Tisha Boulter
Galiano Island School PAC	Jeannine Georgeson
Pender Islands School PAC	Greg Lucas
Saturna Island School PAC	Chaya Katrensky
Mayne Island School PAC	Trustee position to be filled

**64GO Presentation:** District Principal Lyall Ruehlen presented on the district's online learning school 64GO. The program continues to grow and currently serves more than 40 Gulf Islands students.

**Strategic Plan Renewal:** This year, the Board will undertake a review of its Strategic Plan. This work will be done through the Committee of the Whole.

### *Board Approvals:*

- Mayne Island Lions Club received approval to serve alcohol at its dinner and dance on November 19<sup>th</sup>.
- French Immersion exchange trips to Quebec were approved for GISS (Feb 2-9) and SSE (Feb 1-9).

**LOU 4:** The district continues to work with GITA in support of equitable hiring practices and the implementation of LOU 4 (Employment Equity). LOU 4 empowers districts apply to the Human Rights Tribunal for exemption to allow preferential of Indigenous employees.

**Staffing and Enrolment:** Although the district saw an increased enrolment in September from earlier projections, imbalances at the school level may indicate a need for mid-year staffing adjustments. BCPSEA is anticipating ratification of the provincial teachers' agreement on November 21, 2022.

**Leadership Development:** The district has taken a lead role in the implementation of a local BCSSA chapter leadership development initiative to bring teacher leaders, from across Vancouver Island and neighboring school districts, together to connect with and share promising practice and expertise.

**EPIC School Visits:** EPIC grants have been provided to each school again this year on a per student FTE basis to support school planning and inquiry. Senior staff are visiting schools this fall to see how schools are focusing on learning, implementing strategies, and building capacity as outlined in their EPIC school plans in order to meet the needs of their school community.



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**Informational Updates:**

- The Ministry has announced that districts will not be required to make up the instructional time that was lost due to the Day of Mourning on September 19<sup>th</sup>.
- The Drake Road Steering Committee will meet on November 21, 2022, to discuss future development plans for the CRD owned property.
- The monthly operating expense reports from July to October were presented. Expenses are currently within budget.

**Electric School Busses:**

Two new electric school buses have been delivered and will be added to the fleet and put on the road once bus driver training has occurred. One of the buses is wheelchair accessible. A third electric school bus has not yet been delivered for use on Mayne Island. The district is still seeking a bus driver for a new Mayne Island route and will provide training and certification for a successful candidate.

***Amended 5-Year Minor Capital Plan***

The five-year minor capital plan submission was amended and approved to include the request for replacement of Fulford School's playground equipment.