



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR VANCOUVER ISLAND WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT 84,
HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2017
IN THE SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE, GOLD RIVER, BC**

- TRUSTEES PRESENT:** Kathy Kennedy, Chairperson (Gold River)
Fern Eastcott (Tahsis)
Ken Pringle (Gold River)
Gwen Alsop (Zeballos)
- TRUSTEE ABSENT:** Jenniffer Hanson, Vice-Chairperson (Kyuquot)
- ALSO PRESENT:** Lawrence Tarasoff, Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer/Operations Supervisor
Sheldon Lee, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
Annie James, Associate Director of Human Resources/Recorder
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CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Kennedy called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- 2017:R-031** MOVED: Trustee Pringle, SECONDED: Trustee Eastcott
AND RESOLVED:
*"TO approve the agenda with the addition of New Business (f): Calendar Change for
Kyuquot Elementary Secondary School."*

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

- 2017:R-032** MOVED: Trustee Pringle, SECONDED: Trustee Alsop
AND RESOLVED:
"TO adopt the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 12, 2017."

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Nil.

PUBLIC INQUIRIES AND PRESENTATIONS:

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Ben Westwood
- Hannah Charette
- Jazmyn McAllister
- SD71 (Comox Valley)
- James Frame
- BC School Trustees' Association
- BCSTA
- BCSTA
- Chair, SD23 (Central Okanagan)
- Chair, SD52
- Thank you for District Authority and Vocational and Technical Scholarships
- Thank You for Raj Jaswal Academic, District/Authority and Special Recognition District Awards
- Thank You for Citizenship and Service Award, Special Recognition District Award, and Harris & Company Scholarship
- VISTA Fall 2017 Conference Registration and Conference Room Rates
- Thank You for Scholarship
- Update: Travel to the United States
- Announcement re BCSTA-Board Chairs Meeting – October 26, 2017
- BCSTA Update: New Minister of Education Announced
- Copy of Letter to Minister of Education re Congratulations on New Appointment and Invitation to Visit District
- Copy of Letter to Minister of Education re Classroom Enhancement Fund

- (Prince Rupert)
· Chair, SD52 · Copy of Letter to Minister of Education re Mental Health Services
- (Prince Rupert)
· Chair, SD52 · Copy of Letter to Minister of Education re Prince Rupert Middle School Seismic Project
- (Prince Rupert)
· Chair, SD52 · Copy of Letter to Minister of Education re Classroom Enhancement Fund
- (Prince Rupert)
· President, Vancouver Island School Trustees' Association · Copy of Letter to Minister of Education with Invitation to the VISTA Meeting of March 2, 2018
- BCSTA · BCSTA Update: Premier's Mandate Letter to the Minister of Education
- Chair, SD8 · Copy of Letter to Minister of Education and Minister of Finance, re \$10 Per Day Child Care Plan
- (Kootenay Lake)
· BCSTA · Second Announcement: Provincial Council Motions Due by September 22
- BCSTA Thompson · Copy of Letter to Minister of Education Calling for a By-election for SD83 (North Okanagan/Shuswap) to Ensure People Have the Representation They Deserve
- Okanagan Branch · Science Fairs in the News
- Science Fair
Foundation BC
- President, BCSTA · Copy of Letter to Minister of Education re BCSTA Motions and Initiatives Regarding Aboriginal Education
- President, BCSTA · Copy of Letter to Deputy Minister of Education re BCSTA AGM Motions for Changes in Government Policy
- BCSTA · Announcement: Registration Opens Today – BCSTA Provincial Council and Committee Meeting October 27-28, 2017
- BCSTA · Announcement: Registration Opening – BCSTA Meeting of Board Chairs Thursday, October 26th at the Hilton Hotel in Richmond
- President, BCSTA · Copy of Letter to Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs re The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as the Framework for Reconciliation
- President, BCSTA · Copy of Letter to Minister of Education, Refugees and Citizenship re Federal Funding for Support Services for Immigrant Families
- President, BCSTA · Copy of Letter to Prime Minister of Canada re A National Statutory Holiday Honouring the First Nations, Inuit and Metis Peoples of Canada
- President, BCSTA · Copy of Letter to Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training re Increased Educational Assistant Training Places at Post-Secondary Institutions
- President, BCSTA · Copy of Letter to Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, re Consultation Before BC Ferries Schedule Changes
- Eve Flynn, VISTA President · VISTA Fall Business Meeting – Request for Agenda Items by September 15
- President, BCSTA · Copy of Letter to Minister of Finance re BCSTA Response to Announcement Regarding PSEC Consultation on BCPSEA

2017:R-033 MOVED: Trustee Pringle, SECONDED: Trustee Eastcott
AND RESOLVED:
"TO receive and file the correspondence."

REPORT OF THE CLOSED MEETING:

Chairperson Kennedy reported on the discussion of one land and one labour issue.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

a. School Reports



The Board of Education welcomes Mr. Jim Baron as the new Principal of Captain Meares Elementary Secondary School and Esperanza Elementary Secondary School! After teaching for several years throughout BC, Mr. Baron joined the teaching staff of Kyuquot Elementary Secondary School in September 2016 and enjoyed a successful year there. Trustee Eastcott was very pleased to be able to introduce Mr. Baron to the Tahsis Seniors' Group at their recent meeting, and to welcome him to the Village of Tahsis. Mr. Baron is very happy to be in Tahsis and looks forward to many new and exciting experiences ahead!



The Board also welcomes Mr. Sean Broderick as the new Principal of Zeballos Elementary Secondary School. Mr. Broderick joined the District on August 1st, after spending several years as Program Consultant and teacher in Nunuvut and Nanaimo. Trustee Alsop delivered greetings from Zeballos Elementary Secondary School and a special welcome, also, to new teachers Emma Denhoff (Intermediate), Dereck Mejias (Junior-Senior Math, Science and Electives) and Lowell Orr (Junior-Senior English, Social Studies), and to the new Administrative Assistant, Cherie John. David Gledhill continues at ZESS this year, with a new position as

full-time Learning Assistance Resource Teacher. The Zeballos StrongStart is funded again this year, with Florence John as StrongStart Facilitator. Kim Johnson continues to work in the school library, and Zeballos School is excited for the opportunity to expand the literacy program this year with her assistance. The District is still actively recruiting for a new Youth and Child Care Worker. Last week was a busy time for staff and students as everyone focussed on getting to know each other and working on expectations and routines. Staff and students are excited and looking forward to the first full week of school. The ZESS calendar will be updated online to include dates and times for PAC meetings, community consultations, and a formal welcome back September celebration, along with other dates and activities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Nil.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. The New School Year Begins!

The Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer reported on a very busy start-up with the District now having seven schools: the re-opened Esperanza Elementary Secondary School and Tsawalk Learning Centre (which was previously considered an annex of Gold River Secondary School). The first week of school was a short week of only three school days, and staff and students are very busy getting settled in for the new school year.

b. 2016-2017 Audited Financial Statements

The Assistant Secretary-Treasurer presented the audited 2016-2017 Year End Financials report to the Board. He reviewed the student achievement goals and educational highlights of the year, and reported an overall unallocated surplus (contingency) of \$452,000 going into 2017-2018.

2017:R-034 MOVED: Trustee Pringle, SECONDED: Trustee Alsop
AND RESOLVED:
"TO approve the 2016-2017 Audited Financial Statements, as presented."

c. Actions for Learning Projects

The Board reviewed the following Actions for Learning reports from the 2016-2017 school year:

- Board Games for Instruction - Ken Lees and Missy Haynes from Gold River Secondary;
- Facilitating Nature-based Environmental Learning Experiences using Outdoor Classrooms – Joshua Ogden and Mike Preston from Kyuquot School;
- TPRS (Teaching Proficiency through Reading and Storytelling) as a Method for Learning the Nuu-chah-nulth Language – Mindy Ogden and Helen Jones from Kyuquot School;
- As Easy as Raspberry Pie: Building an RC Car – Adam Barber and David Gledhill from Zeballos School, and Lukas Mudge, VIWTU President.

d. Community Consultation Meetings for 2017-2018

The tentative dates for community consultation meetings are as follows:

- Tahsis – October 10, following the 4 pm public Board meeting at Captain Meares School;
- Kyuquot – October 16, time and place TBA;
- Zeballos – October 17, Zeballos School, time TBA;
- Nanaimo – October 19, Tsawalk Learning Centre, time TBA;
- Gold River – November 13, School Board Office, following the 4 pm public Board meeting.

e. Thank You to Summer Custodial and Maintenance Staff

The Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer expressed sincere appreciation to all of the summer custodial and maintenance staff for the terrific work this past summer. It was extremely busy for everyone, and much was accomplished thanks to the dedicated staff of this District.

f. Calendar Change for Kyuquot Elementary Secondary School

The staff of Kyuquot Elementary Secondary School would like to swap their January 12th NIS Day to November 30th, so that they are able to attend this year's FNEESC (First Nations Education Steering Committee) Conference. All staff have agreed to this change, and the parents will be provided with ample notice.

2017:R-035 MOVED: Trustee Alsop, SECONDED: Trustee Eastcott
AND RESOLVED:
"TO approve the calendar change for Kyuquot Elementary Secondary School, as presented."

SUPERINTENDENT/SECRETARY-TREASURER/OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

a. District Update

Staffing: It has been a challenging start to the school year with a number of unanticipated staffing changes and extremely difficult teacher recruiting conditions. The District is happy to welcome Mr. Sean Broderick as the new Principal of Zeballos School and Mr. Jim Baron as the new Principal of Captain Meares and Esperanza Schools. The District is fortunate to have been successful in securing two educators with their vast experience to lead these schools, and will continue all recruiting efforts to fill any remaining vacant positions.

New Curriculum Day: September 22nd will be the first District Curriculum Implementation Day. Dr. Paige Fisher and three colleagues from Vancouver Island University (VIU) will be facilitating the day with a focus on assessment and the new curriculum.

International Summer Program and Growth: School District 84 welcomed 15 Chinese students from Guangdong Province to Gold River for two weeks of English language learning and outdoor fun! The students and their chaperones stayed in the newly-constructed dorms and the District anticipates further visits and even exchanges from this group in the near future. Looking forward, the District is expecting students from Korea (12), Japan (4), France (10), China (30), and Germany (1) at various times and for various lengths of stays this year. In addition, Gold River Secondary School will be sending 10 students to France this Spring!

Early Years Grants: School District 84 is partnering with the Vancouver Island Children’s Health Foundation to open an early health care services “Hub” in the old School Board Offices in Gold River, with outreach to all SD84 communities. The Hub will provide a place for the various itinerant children’s service providers to meet with children and families in a comfortable setting. In addition, the District received a grant from Island Health to conduct research into the factors impacting on early childhood development in the District’s region. This research is well underway and the full report is expected in March of 2018.

Esperanza Elementary Secondary School: For the first time since 1983, there is a school at Esperanza. Mrs. Cindy Bowden will be working with her students to emphasize experiential learning in nature throughout the year in this most beautiful and remote setting.

Experiential Learning and Career Training: The District is continuing with many experiential and career oriented learning opportunities including: the Nootka Sound Outdoor Program (NSOP); forklift operator, traffic flagging, small vessel operator, Food Safe and many other training certifications; Science Fair; Maker Labs; the Adventure Class; and more. Mr. Levering is continuing to place secondary students into a wide variety of work experience settings both within and without the School District.

b. Enrollment Report

	<i>Projected</i>	<i>Actual at September 10</i>	<i>Difference</i>
RWES	123	124	1
NK (Nanaimo)	30	30	0
GRSS	87	94	7
TLC (Nanaimo)	50	44	-6
ZESS	37	40	3
KESS	48	38	-10
CMESS	23	14	-9
EESS	0	2	2
NSOP	17	17	0
District	415	403	-12

c. Operations Report

GRSS Heat Pump: The heat pump is in place and waiting for a new electrical switch gear. When the switch gear arrives (estimated end of October), the power will need to be off for three days to install it. At this time, the contractor is targeting the Remembrance Day weekend.

RWES Lighting: All classroom and office lighting has been upgraded to LED.

Gold River Paving: The RWES track and GRSS parking lot are both repaired and partially repaved.

KESS Painting: The entire exterior of the main building and portables and the interior of the gym are repainted.

KESS Gym Floor: A new floor is installed. The District is seeking a contractor to paint the lines on it.

Old Board Office: The building has been renovated with new flooring, interior paint and redesign in preparation for the opening of the Children's Health Hub. The contractor has not yet painted the outside of the building.

Maintenance Building Roof and Painting: All materials are on site for the roof which should be completed by October 15. The contractor has not yet painted the outside of the building (not the Board Office and smaller maintenance buildings).

KESS Teacherage Roof and Grounds: A new roof was completed on the admin trailer in Kyuquot. Between roofing tasks, maintenance completed substantial brush clearing around all seven teacherage sites as well as the school.

ZESS Teacherages: Maintenance completed substantial brush clearing around all teacherage sites as well as the school and the vacant properties.

Board Office Generator: The project to install a generator to protect the District's computer servers in the event of a power outage lasting more than 20 minutes is underway.

The Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer reported that this was the busiest and most productive summer of maintenance projects that he can remember. The entire team worked extremely hard all summer to make it happen!

TRUSTEE INQUIRIES:

Nil.

PRESS AND PUBLIC INQUIRIES:

Nil.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS:

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held at 4 pm on Tuesday, October 9, 2017, at Captain Meares Elementary Secondary School in Tahsis. The public is invited to attend. Any requests for additions to the agenda should be forwarded to the School Board Office two weeks prior to the meeting.

Note: Board meeting minutes are posted on the District's website at <http://www.sd84.bc.ca/board-meetings-school-district-84>.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Kennedy declared the meeting adjourned at 5 pm.