



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR VANCOUVER ISLAND WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT 84,
HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2015,
IN THE SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE, GOLD RIVER, BC**

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Kathy Kennedy, Chairperson (Gold River)
Jenniffer Hanson, Vice-Chairperson (Kyuquot)
Fern Eastcott (Tahsis)
Gwen Alsop (Zeballos)
Ken Pringle (Gold River)

ALSO PRESENT: Lawrence Tarasoff, Superintendent of Schools/Secretary-Treasurer
Annie James, Human Resources Administrator/Recorder
Thirteen Staff, Students and Public

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Kennedy called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

2015:R-035 MOVED: Trustee Pringle, SECONDED: Trustee Alsop
AND RESOLVED:
"TO approve the agenda."

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

2015:R-036 MOVED: Trustee Pringle, SECONDED: Trustee Alsop
AND RESOLVED:
"TO adopt the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 8, 2015."

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Nil.

PUBLIC INQUIRIES AND PRESENTATIONS:

a. In Honour of Mrs. Robin Hutchinson, Retiree



On behalf of the Board of Education, Chairperson Kennedy thanked Mrs. Robin Hutchinson for the dedication that she has shown over the past 17 years as Custodian 3 for the Gold River Worksite. Robin has always taken pride in her work and ensured that the schools were looking their best for the students, staff and parents. Chairperson Kennedy also thanked Robin for serving on the Health and Safety Committee at Ray Watkins Elementary School to help ensure a safe working environment for her fellow employees. Robin's kindness and soft manner have always been appreciated by those around her, and she will certainly be missed. Chairperson Kennedy wished Robin a long, healthy and well deserved retirement, stating her hope that Robin and her husband will retire in Gold River because they are the kind of folks who make Gold River so great!

b. Our Trip to Italy – Presentation by GRSS Students

The Board enjoyed an informative and entertaining presentation by students from Gold River Secondary School who travelled to Italy during last school year. Many thanks to Lucinda Grant, Emma Tarasoff, Hannah Charette, Keith Johnson, Garrett Peters, Jasmine McAllister and Josh Woodruff for putting together such a great report about their unforgettable trip!

CORRESPONDENCE:

- BC School Trustees' Association President
- Chair, SD5 (Southeast Kootenay)
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- BC Poverty Reduction Coalition
- William Westwood
- BCSTA
- Chair, SD23 (Central Okanagan)
- BCSTA
- Chair, SD5 (Southeast Kootenay)
- Chair, SD8 (Kootenay Lake)
- SD84 Board
- Claire Trevena, MLA, North Island
- BCSTA
- Chair, SD5 (Southeast Kootenay)
- Chair, SD63 (Saanich)
- Daniel Lake
- President, BCSTA
- BCSTA
- Chair, SD52 (Prince Rupert)
- BCSTA
- BCSTA
- BCSTA
- President, BCSTA
- Jay Chalke, BC Ombudsperson
- BC Public School Employers' Association
- Executive Director, Ministry of Education
- BCSTA
- BCSTA
- Vancouver Island School Trustees' Association
- BC School Sports
- BCSTA
- Safe Stop
- Update from BCSTA President Teresa Rezansoff
- Copy of Letter to Minister of Education and Minister of Finance and Gov't House Leader re Exempt Staff Wage Freeze
- Copy of Letter to BC Premier and Minister of Education re The Recent Passing of Bill 11 – Education Statutes Amendment Act
- In Support of Strong School Board Policies for LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer) Students
- Thank You for Vocational and Technical Scholarship and Emcon Bursary
- Boards Making a Difference – Stories from Your Communities Issue 02: Developing the Pathways to Learning – SD 48's New Education Plan
- Copy of Letter to Minister of Education, Minister of Finance and Public Sector Employers' Council re Management and Excluded Staff Compensation Freeze
- First Reminder: Provincial Council Motions Due by September 18th
- Re: Invitation to Respond on Issues Affecting the Quality of Public Education that British Columbians Expect and Deserve
- Copy of Letter to BC Premier, Minister of Education and Minister of Finance to Urge the Government of BC to Move Forward and Develop a Comprehensive Poverty Reduction Strategy with Public Education as its Centerpiece
- Announcement re School Leadership Changes and Appointments for September 2015 – Johnson, Alsop and Lapointe
- Official Report of the Debates of the Legislative Assembly – Statement (Standing Order 25B) – Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement for SD84
- Framework for Student Learning Consolidated Feedback June 15, 2015
- Copy of Letter to Minister of Finance and Gov't House Leader, and Minister of Education, re SD5 Needs Budget
- Copy of Letter to Minister of Education re Funding Restraints
- Thank You for District/Authority Award Scholarship
- End-of-Year Message
- New Protocol to Strengthen Collaboration on Aboriginal Education
- Copy of Letter to Minister of Education re Exempt Staff Compensation Freeze
- Mapping Our Way Forward: The BCSTA Strategic Plan 2015-2016
- BCSTA Participation in Learning Forward Vancouver 2016 Confirmed
- BCSTA Update: Special Committee on Local Elections Expense Limits Releases Final Report
- Thank You to SD84 for Renewing Membership with BCSTA
- 2014-2015 Annual Report
- Permanent Appointment of Renzo Del Negro as Chief Executive Officer of BCPSEA
- Update: Employment Practices Liability Program Launch
- BCSTA E-Alert: New Minister of Education Appointed: Dave Bernier, MLA for Peace River South
- Second Reminder: Provincial Council Motions Dues by September 18th
- Notice of VISTA Fall Conference 2015 – October 2-3, 2015 – Hosted by Gulf Islands School District 64
- Information on BC School Sports
- Request for Expressions of Interest: BCSTA Trustee Representatives to Participate on New BCPSEA Advisory Committee
- Safe Stop – Increase Fine/Penalties

- Executive Director, Ministry of Education
- BC Government News
- BCPSEA
- BCSTA
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- President, BCSTA
- BCSTA
- Harris & Company
- Employment Practices Liability Program – Go Live September 8!
- News Release: New Funding Supports School Upgrades
- e-Xpress: Brian Chutter, Managing Consultant, Labour Relations, Leaving BCPSEA to Join Post-Secondary Employers' Association as Executive Director, Labour Relations
- Reminders, re Participating in BCPSEA School District and Government Advisory Committee, and October's Provincial Council Motions
- BC Gov News Release: School Districts Blaze Online into Next Generation
- BCTA Board of Directors Meeting Highlights
- BC Gov News Release: Education by the Numbers
- Copy of Letter to BCSTA President re Exempt Staff Compensation Freeze
- Employment Practices Liability Program – Go Live September 8!
- Welcome Back to School
- BCSTA Update: BCSTA Announces Two New Staff Members
- Audit of Financial Statements

2015:R-037 MOVED: Trustee Pringle, SECONDED: Trustee Hansen
AND RESOLVED:
 "TO receive and file the correspondence."

REPORT OF THE CLOSED MEETING:

Chairperson Kennedy reported that the Board discussed four labour issues and one land issue.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

a. School Reports

Trustee Eastcott reported that Captain Meares Elementary Secondary School is off to a great start for what promises to be a very exciting year. A couple of families left over the summer, and a couple of families relocated to Tahsis so the school has started the year with very similar enrollment numbers to last June. The Kindergarten class has five students registered, one of the largest K classes for some time. Captain Meares also said goodbye to some staff members, but have been joined by Cindy Bowden, who is teaching the secondary math program this year. Cindy is a familiar face around CMESS as she has been the Youth and Child Care Worker, a Teacher Teaching On Call and also taught in the intermediate program a number of years ago.

Looking forward, Captain Meares is already making plans for a number of exciting trips and activities this year. The high school students are planning for WE Day in Vancouver next month – this will be the third time attending this event. Everyone looks forward to collaborating with Mr. Parkes and NSOP on a number of exciting outdoor activities, as well as other trips to Victoria and perhaps a SEVEC exchange trip to Quebec. The students from CMESS are fortunate that they have the opportunity to participate in so many trips and activities. The school is fortunate that the positive attitude and exemplary behaviour of its students make it possible to provide these opportunities.



Positive behaviour is an important part of the school culture. As part of the ongoing efforts to reinforce behavioural expectations, CMESS is now displaying its PBS graphic and slogan in the hallways and classrooms. The slogan is CMESS CARES about ourselves, our community and our world. (CARES = Cooperation,

Attitude, Respect, Engagement, Success). The graphic and slogan will be used as a discussion point during assemblies and lessons on social responsibility. On a final note, CMESS is also rolling out a new school logo this year. The logo has the letters CMESS nestled between mountains, trees and the ocean. The logo contains the three colours of our house teams – green, red and blue.



Trustee Hansen reported that this year will be Kyuquot School's 30th anniversary and planning for the celebration is already underway – with the date to be in June. The Principal announced today that Kyuquot School has been approved for another student exchange to Ontario!

Trustee Alsop reported that the Zeballos students attended for two hours on the first day of school, played team-building games and got re-acquainted after the summer. Teachers and Education Assistants were busy arranging the new Learning Resources Room in the high school wing, and setting up the Life Skills programs. Zeballos School is continuing with Sewing and building on its success last year. The Grade Seven student coming into the program is enjoying Outdoor Pursuits and Carpentry while the good weather holds. He will soon return indoors to work on skills in handling money and telling time and looks forward to the extra space for arts and crafts. The high school is planning a trip to Vancouver for WE Day in October with Mr. Stapff driving the bus and the students joining up with the Captain Meares students at the Jericho Beach Hostel. It will be interesting to see what global humanitarian project comes out of this experience. The secondary students are also already planning for the February school exchange to Ottawa, where the Winter Carnival could be quite the adventure. Students are looking forward to Mr. Parkes' visit tomorrow with the NSOP canoes. There is much excitement all around, and Zeballos School is off to a great start to the year!

Chairperson Kennedy reported that June 12th was the Grade 7 graduation at Ray Watkins Elementary School with Mr. Cooper as the Master of Ceremonies. Eighteen students were very excited to be heading to Gold River Secondary School! Chairperson Kennedy attended the Gold River Secondary School awards ceremony on June 25th, which was well attended by parents and staff. That afternoon, she also attended the awards ceremony at Ray Watkins where many trophies were presented. She enjoyed the Nuuchahnulth Graduation and Scholarship Ceremony in Port Alberni on July 4th where several of the School District 84 students were honoured: Grade 12 graduates – Darian Wilson, David Johnson, Drake James-Murphy, Neil Blackburn, and Waylon Savey; Grade 6 award-winning students – Jonathan Savey-Johnson, Terrence Jack, Samara Amos, Alexa James-Thomas, Zander Corfield-Jack, and Francis Howard. The Grade 12 keynote address was presented by Jeffrey John, a fine young speaker who was well prepared and spoke of his accomplishments and his future. These students have made everyone so proud to be from Gold River, and another school year starts!

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Actions for Learning Reports

The Superintendent of Schools/Secretary-Treasurer reported on the Actions for Learning projects that took place during the 2014-2015 school year. There were two projects at Gold River Secondary School – one to investigate the 21st Century Teacher, and one to explore teaching in a mosaic of learning environments. Seven teachers at Zeballos School pursued collaborate technology projects - one to pursue collaborative technology to equip every SMART board and the hallway television with Apple TV's to display information, pictures and videos sent from an Ipad, one to pairing secondary students with primary students to pursue language projects using Ipads, one using technology to answer the question "What factors drive curiosity and engagement and how does this relate to measurable learning outcomes?", and one to explore the use of Ipads, Apple TV's and SMART Boards as a delivery mechanism for differentiated reading.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS/SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT:

a. New School Year Begins!

During the first week of school, the Superintendent of Schools/Secretary-Treasurer visited the Gold River and Tahsis Schools and the Principal of Special Education, Student Learning and Technology visited the Zeballos and Kyuquot Schools. Everyone seemed happy and content to be back at work and school! Each school is down in enrollment at this time.

b. 2014/15 Audited Financial Statements

The Director of Business Operations presented the audited 2014/15 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 \$401,000 going into this year. Chairperson Kennedy asked if districts ever run out of money and the answer was yes, but districts cannot be in deficit so are required to pay back any funds owing to the Ministry.

2015:R-038 MOVED: Trustee Pringle, SECONDED: Trustee Eastcott
AND RESOLVED:
"TO approve the 2014/15 Financial Statements as presented."

c. Community Consultations 2015-2016

This year's community consultations will focus on the District's use of facilities, to provide feedback to the Board in terms of any changes to implement regarding the use of buildings and grounds in the 2016-2017 school year and beyond.

Process Timeline:

- September 14 Board Meeting: Draft Process Outline published online at www.sd84.bc.ca with feedback due by October 1.
- October 26-29 Community Consultations: Focus on facilities, student learning and collecting data/ideas for the Board to consider.
- November 9 Board Meeting: Data/ideas from Community Consultations.
- December 1 – Draft Summary published online with feedback due by December 18.
- January 11 Board Meeting: Final Summary.
- February TBA Community Consultations: Focus on Final Summary.
- March 14 Board Meeting: Final Report based on all aspects of process
- April 11 Board Meeting: Final Report used in budget development
- May 9 Board Meeting: Budget presented for Board approval

Feedback on this process outline is to be sent to the Superintendent of Schools/Secretary-Treasurer by October 1, 2015: ltarasoff@viw.sd84.bc.ca.

Community consultations will also address student learning and other educational ideas for the Board to consider in its development of the 2016-2017 budget.

Tentative dates and times are as follows:

- October 26, 2015 – Kyuquot Elementary Secondary School, 6:30-8:00 pm;
- October 27, 2015 – Zeballos Elementary Secondary School, 4:00-5:30 pm;
- October 28, 2015 – Captain Meares Elementary Secondary School, 6:30-8:00 pm;
- October 29, 2015 – School Board Office in Gold River, 6:30-8:00 pm.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS/SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT:

a. Enrollment Report

District-wide, the projected enrollment is down 30 FTE.

b. Operations Report

It was a busy summer for the Maintenance Crew, who spent large portions of the break in Zeballos and Kyuquot. A roof replacement in Zeballos was brought to the Operations Supervisor's attention late in the school year, which forced some rescheduling and delayed other projects. The crew worked hard, putting the teacherages projects as a first priority for teachers' returning. As a result, the painting of the portables is not finished, nor is the quonset hut in Zeballos, but will be completed as soon as possible. The custodial staff did well to complete their tasks to give the schools a fresh look for the new school year. All buses and District vehicles were inspected and/or serviced as required, and the Activity NSOP Bus has been given a new look to rid it of the "institutional" stigma. Doesn't it look great? A couple of power issues involving Ray Watkins School have and continue to cause concern and expense to some of the more delicate electronic equipment. Protecting equipment and diagnosing the problem is ongoing.



c. **Curriculum Update**

The Superintendent of Schools/Secretary-Treasurer provided a curriculum update. The new K-9 curriculum is ready to go with this year being a trial year and next year being mandatory. Next year will be the trial year for the new 10-12 curriculum which will become mandatory in 2017-18. This year, Provincial Exams and FSA will continue but next year will be a trial year for new Provincial Exams and the new FSA. The K-12 Reporting Order is changing as well, to be implemented over the next two years.

TRUSTEE INQUIRIES:

Nil.

PRESS AND PUBLIC INQUIRIES:

Nil.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS:

The next public meeting of the Board of Education will be held at 4 pm on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 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 Board Office two weeks prior to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Kennedy declared the meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.