



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR VANCOUVER ISLAND WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT 84,
HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2019
AT CAPTAIN MEARES ELEMENTARY SECONDARY SCHOOL**

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Arlaine Fehr, Chairperson (Gold River)
Jenniffer Hanson, Vice-Chairperson (Kyuquot)
Debbie Mann (Gold River)
Allison Stiglitz (Tahsis)
Andrew Smith (Zeballos)

ALSO PRESENT: Lawrence Tarasoff, Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer
Annie McDowell, Associate Director of Human Resources/Recorder

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Fehr called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

2019:R-049 MOVED: Trustee Stiglitz, SECONDED: Trustee Smith
AND RESOLVED:
"TO adopt the agenda."

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

2019:R-050 MOVED: Trustee Smith, SECONDED: Trustee Stiglitz
AND RESOLVED:
"TO adopt the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of September 9, 2019."

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Nil.

PUBLIC INQUIRIES AND PRESENTATIONS:

a. **Mr. Jim Baron, Principal, Captain Meares Elementary Secondary School**

This school year has brought a number of changes for the students of Captain Meares. The new and wonderful addition to the staff – Ms. Tashanna Dennis –has taken over responsibilities for Science, Math, and other subject areas. Ms. Brooke Jones has taken on more responsibilities for expanding the Nootka Sound Outdoor Program for the District, so her time at Captain Meares has been reduced to one day per week. With new staff, there have been new changes in Junior and Senior high scheduling allowing the teachers to work with smaller, more focussed curricular groups in the core subject areas.

Each day begins with morning announcements which include contemporary and classical versions of "Oh Canada", and an acknowledgement of First Nations Territories. Students provide the morning announcements on a rotational basis from Elementary to Senior High. The announcements help both staff and students to stay on top of the day's events.

Recently, the Administrative Assistant has begun compiling a monthly newsletter where students can contribute articles, pictures, poems, or ideas in addition to important information about upcoming events. The first edition was a colourful celebration of Captain Meares' accomplishments and activities.

Mrs. Jean Sanderson continues to provide a loving, learning atmosphere with thirteen students ranging from Kindergarten to Grade 6. She is supported by Mrs. Kim Anderson who helps supervise students in smaller learning groups as needed. Mrs. Sanderson uses a thematic cross-curricular approach coupled with live music, art and research projects.

The "Farm to School" Program continues to contribute fresh produce from the Community Garden. Mr. Fassbender, a certified organic farmer, continues to supervise the seasonal work of maintaining the growing beds at the Community Garden with the Junior and Senior students. Seasonal vegetables as well as canned vegetables help to augment the food orders for Captain Meares' "Chef's Training" program supervised and organized by Ms. Jones. Students continue to take on leadership roles: planning, budgeting, and ordering food for the Tuesday community lunches. Students choose their recipes and execute them as a team with their classmates. Community members as well as the RCMP regularly attend the lunches.

One of the new approaches for the Applied Design blocks for Junior and Senior High has been individual project-based inquiry and design. Each of the students is pursuing personal interest projects that may include: robotics, film, computers, metal sculpture, and guitar making. The students are responsible for project research, problem-solving, budgeting, community resources, and timelines.

The Music Program continues to develop student confidence and skills in the Performing Arts. The students are invited to the school music room every Wednesday night to share their learning with their parents and the community. Parents and community members are also encouraged to share their musical performances at these gatherings, and there have been a variety of performances including beautiful First Nations songs by one of the new students.

Academically, Captain Meares has a wide range of students and all of the teachers work hard to adapt materials and provide individualized instruction for students with learning challenges. Presently, Mr. Baron is the Learning Assistance Resource Teacher, Humanities Teacher and Administrator and hopes that additional Special Education support can be added to Captain Meares School this year.

In order to provide very interested and talented students with the opportunity to play basketball at a higher level, they have been given the opportunity to train and play on the Gold River Secondary School teams. This has been logistically difficult to find transportation for these students but the community has been very gracious in volunteering their vehicles and their time.

The year is moving along quickly as everyone prepares for the yearly District Volleyball Tournament, a trip to WE DAY, and the annual Christmas Concert. Mr. Baron is confident that this will be a most eventful and engaging year.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- BC School Trustees' Association · BCSTA Headlines: Daily News for School Trustees
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- BCSTA · BCSTA Weekly: Reminder – Register for PC and Board Chairs; BC Motions Due September 30; Allergies and Scented Products at Events; Photography Notice; External Facilitation Services; Advocacy Update; CSBA-Call for Presentations
- BCSTA · BCSTA Headlines: Daily News for School Trustees
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- BCSTA · BCSTA Headlines: Daily News for School Trustees
- BCSTA · BCSTA Weekly: PC Motions Due Tomorrow; Federal Election Advocacy Kit; Academy Registration No Open; Reminder External Facilitation Services; Reminder – Call for Presentations; Stay Connected; Letters of Interest
- BCSTA · Trustee Academy 2019 November 29-December 1 – Confirmed by PLC and BOD June 2019
- BCSTA · BCSTA Headlines: Daily News for School Trustees
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- BCSTA · BCSTA Weekly: New Protocol with UBCM Signed; The Education Leader; Academy Keynote: Severn Cullis-Suzuka; Board Chairs and Joint Partners Meeting; Reminder – Scented Products at Events; Transforming Education Together; Call for Presentations: Opinion – Should Boards be Paid by Performance?; Letters of Interest
- BCSTA · The Education Leader: From the President’s Desk; Orange Shirt Day Recalls Legacy of Residential Schools; New SOGI Funding Announced; Study: Trustees Look to Local Information First
- BCSTA · Correction – Board Chairs Meeting Date – October 17
- BCSTA · BCSTA Headlines: Daily News for School Trustees
- BCSTA · BCSTA Weekly: Academy Agenda Detail, BCSTA’s Response to Quebec’s Move to Eliminate Boards of Education; CSBA Responds to Quebec’s Intent to Abolish French School Boards; Child Care Operating Funds Open to Districts; Academy Speaker Dr. Jill Birth; BCSTA Leadership Series 2020; New – Vaping Information Now on ERASE Website; New – School Data Tool, 2019 Healthy School Communities Forum; CSBA Final Call for Presentations; National Congress on Rural Education; Connect with SFU; Opinion – Are Boards Obsolete?; October is National Principal’s Month!; Letters of Interest
- Legislative Assembly of BC · Requesting Support in Demanding Action from the BC Government to Address Surging Youth Vaping Rates
- BCSTA · BCSTA Headlines: Daily News for School Trustees
- BCSTA · BCSTA Headlines: Daily News for School Trustees
- BCSTA · BCSTA Headlines: Daily News for School Trustees
- BCSTA · BCSTA Headlines: Daily News for School Trustees
- BCSTA · Provincial Council and Standing Committee Minutes
- BCSTA · BCSTA Weekly: Reminder; Board Chairs and Joint Partners Liaison Meeting; Premier’s Awards for Excellence in Education; Academy Spotlight – Simon Jackson; Reminder: Academy Registration Open; BCSTA Academy and Hyatt Hotel Strike; New Brunswick Green Paper on Education; Canada Education Savings Grant; Opinion – Another Salvo in the Math Wars; Letters of Interest
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- BCSTA · BCSTA Headlines: Daily News for School Trustees
- BCSTA · BCSTA Weekly: Trustee Academy Venue Confirmed; Today – Board Chairs Meeting; Academy Spotlight: Brian Woodland; Write for Rights; Opinion - Public Schools Unite Us

2019:R-051 MOVED: Trustee Stiglitz, SECONDED: Trustee Mann
 AND RESOLVED:
“TO receive and file the correspondence.”

REPORT OF THE CLOSED MEETING:

Chairperson Fehr reported on the discussion of two land and five labour issues.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

a. School Reports

Trustee Mann reported that Ray Watkins Elementary School has had a great start to another school year. The staff is continuing down the path of nurturing a trauma informed school environment and are embracing the areas of focus in their long-term planning (social emotional learning, experiential education and early interventions). It is also nice to see that the District is filling its professional support

network (counsellors, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, etc.) and staff members have already noticed a positive effect on student and staff well-being and mental health.

September was busy with setting up the regular classroom routines, yearly assessments and ongoing meetings, but also had some fun. A student group called "The Clover Club" made a presentation to the Village Council and asked for support in their endeavours to work towards helping deal with climate change. The annual Terry Fox Run was another success and on a day when the weather was amazing! An 'Orange Shirt Day' assembly was held on September 30th, which capped off a week of classroom learning about the history and the continual effects of residential schools.

In October, Ray Watkins Elementary School took part in Fire Safety Awareness Week and welcomed the local RCMP, Paramedics and Fire Fighters to speak about safety and what to do in an emergency. FSA's for the Grade 4's and 7's also began and will roll through the month, which is also full of presentations: Axe Capoeira, Collage Caravan, Great BC Shakeout, Cross Country Run in Sointula, Community Lunch and two days with the Gearing Up Team from UBC exploring STEM. Near the end of the month, the annual Hallowe'en costume parade will take place – a tradition that is enjoyed by all – and the RCMP will talk to students about Hallowe'en safety.

Trustee Smith reported that the intermediate students at Zeballos School are adjusting to their new teacher. Everyone enjoyed the recent Fun Day. Trustee Smith will accompany a group of Zeballos students to Mike Downey's 'Secret Path' presentation at Gold River Secondary School tomorrow.

Vice-Chairperson Hanson reported on the well-attended 'Back to School BBQ' at Kyuquot School on September 30th which was a great success and enjoyed by all. The school participated in 'Orange Shirt Day' and the 'Great BC Shakeout'. Five elementary students, accompanied by two teachers, are on their way to Disneyland for five days. The Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' First Nation recently funded a campus tour of Vancouver Island University and North Island College for all Grade 7-12 students, and last but not least, one of the highschool students who is taking part in the carpentry trades program in Kyuquot is doing very well in the program.

Chairperson Fehr reported that Gold River Secondary has an enrollment of 99 students: 21 in Grade 12, 23 in Grade 11, 24 in Grade 10, 16 in Grade 9, and 15 in Grade 8. Included in that number are 11 International Students from Korea, Japan and Germany and another 11 students are arriving from France for a one-month stay. There are nine teachers (including the Principal and Vice-Principal), two Education Assistants, one District Counsellor, one Administrative Assistant and two custodial staff serving the small school community. The great majority of the students are enrolled in eight courses and some of the students are enrolled in either distance or blended learning experiences. The academic program offers the same kind of classes that would be expected of any high school. Gold River Secondary School also offers basketball, wrestling and track as athletic options in the BC School Sports Program.

In addition to the athletic program, Gold River Secondary is very fortunate to have an academic team called the AU Squad. This is a science fair team that competes in local, regional and national competitions and seems to always medal! There is a vigorous Student Council that is slowly evolving as a strong advocate of student rights.

Gold River Secondary's newest initiative is an effort to blend suggestions from students about course options with teacher passion projects. Teaching staff will offer short term exploration of: Beginner Auto Mechanics, Strategy Games, Dungeon and Dragons, Conspiracy Theories, Field Sports, NCN Culture and Craft, Peer Tutoring Training, Science Machines, and Fiber Crafts.

The GRSS students are supported intellectually, physically and emotionally. The school has partnerships with John Howard Society, Campbell River Family Service and the Ministry of Children and Family Development. These agencies send staff members to help our students navigate the murky waters of adolescence and give aid when needed. GRSS is also beginning a partnership with SET-BC, which is a Ministry of Education funded provincial resource program that works in partnership with BC school districts and Group I and II independent schools to support the diverse needs of their K-12 students.

b. **Working Relations Committee Meeting**

The meeting of September 16th focused mainly on booking discretionary leave using the online leave management system. A staffing report was also provided.

c. **District Policy Review Committee Meeting**

The District Policy Review Committee met earlier in the day and discussed a new structure for District policies for the future.

d. **District Earthquake Safety Committee Meeting**

The annual meeting of the District Earthquake Safety Committee was held on October 21st and started off with a review of District Policy B.28, *Emergency Preparedness*. Each of the worksite's Emergency Preparedness Plans was reviewed and a more in-depth review will occur to ensure that all plans meet the requirements. Some individual concerns were discussed around ensuring that emergency supplies are checked annually and replenished. The Committee will meet again in 2019-2020, with the date and location to be announced.

e. **BC School Trustees Association and Ministry of Education Meetings**

Chairperson Fehr provided a brief overview of two meetings that she recently attended in Vancouver: the BCSTA Meeting of Board Chairs and the BCSTA-MOE Joint Liaison Meeting. The meetings focused on strategic planning, enhancing student learning and implementation, strengthening strategies, improving student outcomes, aligning operational and financial planning, funding model implementation, and timelines.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. **Community Consultation Meetings**

The upcoming community consultation meetings will be attended by one or more Trustees, depending on the location:

- October 21 – 5:00-6:30 pm – Captain Meares Elementary Secondary School
- October 22 – 6:30-8:00 pm – School Board Office
- October 23 – 7:00-8:30 pm – Kyuquot Elementary Secondary School
- October 28 – 4:00-5:30 pm – Zeballos Elementary Secondary School
- October 29 – 4:30-6:00 pm – Tsawalk 1 Learning Centre, Nanaimo

NEW BUSINESS:

Nil.

SUPERINTENDENT/SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT:

a. **District Update**

The Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer reported on the recent Nanaimo Aboriginal Centre's Gala to recognize Orange Shirt Day. This event was truly a highlight for the District and a special thank you to all of the individuals who put their time and effort into attending this great fundraiser for students.

It is a very busy time of year for the District – and appreciation to Trustee Stiglitz for organizing Mike Downey's 'Secret Path' presentation which will be held at Gold River Secondary School on October 22nd.

b. **Enrollment Report**

The September 30th enrollment of 474.375 FTE students was higher than the Spring projections.

TRUSTEE INQUIRIES:

Nil.

PRESS AND PUBLIC INQUIRIES:

Nil.

NOTICE OF MEETING:

The next public meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at 4 pm, at the School Board Office in Gold River. 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. Board meeting minutes are posted on the District's website at <http://www.sd84.bc.ca/board-meetings-school-district-84>.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 4:23 pm:

2019:R-052 MOVED: Trustee Smith, SECONDED: Trustee Stiglitz
 AND RESOLVED:
 "TO adjourn."