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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FOR VANCOUVER ISLAND WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT 84,  
HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2019  
AT ZEBALLOS ELEMENTARY SECONDARY SCHOOL, ZEBALLOS, BC**

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**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

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Fehr called the meeting to order at 4 pm, and acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on Ehattesaht Territory.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**2019:R-015** MOVED: Trustee Smith, SECONDED: Trustee Stiglitz  
AND RESOLVED:  
*"TO approve the agenda."*

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

**2019:R-016** MOVED: Trustee Stiglitz, SECONDED: Trustee Mann  
AND RESOLVED:  
*"TO adopt the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 19, 2019."*

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

Trustee Smith reported that there are funding supports from other sources for Zeballos' tsunami evacuation site, so this has been resolved.

**PUBLIC INQUIRIES AND PRESENTATIONS:**

**a. Mr. Sean Broderick, Principal, Zeballos Elementary Secondary School**

Mr. Broderick reported on a very busy year to date. There has been some teacher turnover this year and everyone was happy to recently welcome Ms. Cindy Rodgers to Zeballos School. Ms. Rodgers, who is a veteran teacher with extensive counselling experience, is settling in very nicely and quickly becoming an integral part of the team. Another new teacher, Mr. Christopher Rolle, joined Zeballos School at the beginning of this school year and is doing a very good job with the Math/Science and highschool Physical Education Programs.

The Board had the privilege of meeting with Miss Florence John earlier in the day. Florence is the only grad this year and is looking forward to post-secondary education at Vancouver Island University where she has received a conditional acceptance for next year. A Girls' Club has been started (with a Boys' Club slated to start soon). Zeballos School provides the space, time and resources so that the girls and women of the community can spend time together to talk about families and connections, while enjoying activities, games, dinners, etc. This week, Zeballos School is hosting a family dinner as part of the consultation around the school planning process, and everyone hopes for a good turnout. A similar event occurred last year with over 100 parents and children in attendance! The School Based Team has been talking about bullying prevention and Mr. Broderick has been following up with staff to make sure that all employees (K-12) are using the same bullying prevention language. As bullying can be a symptom of unhealthy relationships, the staff will be looking at resources to enhance healthy relationships. Zeballos School recently hosted an NTC workshop with Natalie Ocean,

the Harm Reduction Coordinator from NTC, who provided education around marijuana, coping skills and calming strategies such as 'tapping' which is a physical strategy to calm one's heart and breathing.

With the assistance of the Nuuchahnulth Education Workers, Zeballos School provides K-12 language and culture lessons to students each week – primary/intermediate each day and highschool twice weekly – and dancing lessons and practice each Wednesday afternoon. Students are preparing for their performances at the upcoming Ahousat potlatch. A language and culture 'land camp' is being planned for a week in June with all Grade 7-12 students going for three days (boys and girls on separate days), and all intermediate students going mid-week for one day. The Principal has been approached by the NEWs to open a discussion about Zeballos School hosting a District potlatch next year, and that conversation will happen after Spring Break.

Mr. Elmar Nabbe, Teacher Teaching on Call, is working at Zeballos School this week to continue the ongoing hatchery and pond projects. Zeballos School has an educational partnership with the Ehattesaht Hatchery. Fish were donated to the School this year to raise onsite from the Conuma River. The restoration pond is located by Marker 37 which was originally a quarry that was excavated and developed into a restorative habitat. As the weather permits, students and teachers will work together this week to remove many invasive species and transplant native species. The teachers are interested and looking forward to getting involved in a database that can be used to integrate all of this work into the curriculum. Extensive work and support has been provided to Zeballos School by registered professional biologist Mike Wright and his company.

Ms. Emma Denhoff has been organizing bi-weekly Spirit Days at Zeballos School with many different themes that have all been very enjoyable. Ms. Denhoff, Mr. Rolle and Ms. Rodgers have also been working with the Nootka Sound Outdoor Program teacher, Ms. Jones, on upcoming day trips to different nearby locations. A ski trip is planned for April 1<sup>st</sup>, followed by a performance by a First Nations Hip Hop Artist on April 3<sup>rd</sup> – a lead-in to a very busy Spring to come with the primary students getting ready to work on their garden in the School's back yard, and the older students preparing for planting in the Ehattesaht Community Garden site. Mr. Broderick was very happy to report that the new water bottle fountain arrived today, so it should be in full working order in the very near future! He also noted that Zeballos School has an open-door policy and invited the Trustees to come and visit whenever they have an opportunity, and to feel welcome to spend time in any of the classes.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- BC Principals' & Vice-Principals' Association
- Chair, SD28 (Quesnel)
- BC School Trustees Association
- BCSTA
- F. MacMillan, Ministerial Enquiries Division
- President, BCSTA
- BCSTA
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- SD84 Board
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- Copy of Letter to Minister of Education re the School Community Mental Health Conference
- Copy of Letter to Minister of Education re All Playgrounds Being Accessible for Those with Physical Disabilities
- Headlines: Daily News for School Trustees
- BCSTA Update: Media Release: BC School Trustees Respond to the 2019 Provincial Budget
- Copy of Letter to BCSTA President re Support Services for Newcomers to Canada
- Copy of Letter to Minister of Education re BCSTA Response to Funding Model Independent Panel Report
- BCSTA Weekly: AGM Substantive Motions Deadline, Taxation of School Trustee Remuneration, HUB Update
- Headlines: Daily News for School Trustees
- Responses to the Funding Model Review Questions
- Headlines: Daily News for School Trustees
- Headlines: Daily News for School Trustees
- The Education Leader: Issue 24: Leadership Series, Mental Health, Students and Tech, Legislative Committee

- BCSTA
- BCSTA
- Ray Watkins Elementary School
- BCSTA
- Chair, SD43 (Coquitlam)
- BCSTA
- BCSTA
- Chair, SD70 (Alberni)
- Headlines: Daily News for School Trustees
- Headlines: Daily News for School Trustees
- March 2019 Newsletter
- Headlines: Daily News for School Trustees
- Copy of Letter to Minister of Education re Funding Model Review Panel's Findings and Their 22 Recommendations
- BCSTA Weekly: AGM Information, Call for Deputy Chairs and Readers, External Facilitation Services
- Headlines: Daily News for School Trustees
- Copy of Professional Learning Committee Report to VISTA Branch Spring Meeting

**2019:R-017**      **MOVED:** Trustee Stiglitz, **SECONDED:** Trustee Hanson  
**AND RESOLVED:**  
*"TO receive and file the correspondence."*

### **REPORT OF THE CLOSED MEETING:**

Chairperson Fehr reported on the discussion of two labour issues, one legal issue, and a motion was passed to adjust the mileage increase to match the teachers' provincial rate of \$.55 per kilometer.

### **TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

#### **a. School Reports**

Trustee Smith noted that earthquake drills had taken place at Zeballos School and, as Mr. Broderick had already reported, the focus will now turn to the aquaculture and other outdoor projects.

Trustee Mann reported on the Ray Watkins' PAC meeting of February 19, 2019, with one new member attending but still in need of more members to fill the executive. Some of the highlights included the purchase of new softball equipment thanks to a donation from the Mowachaht/Muchalat First Nation, discussion of a parent volunteer calendar, \$628.55 in box office proceeds were raised to offset the cost of Missoula Theatre, and the Gaming Grant has been received and deposited. At its meeting in March, PAC agreed to start fundraising for a new intermediate playground, made plans for the Spring Fling on March 10 and 11, and will be meeting with The Hub to organize a screening of the documentary, *Resilience for Parents, Caregivers and Educators*.

Upcoming events at Ray Watkins Elementary School are as follows:

- March 11 - Report cards, Art Club
- March 13 and 14 – No school in afternoon for parent/teacher interviews and Mr. Wilson will be available to meet with parents to discuss FSA results for Grades 4 and 7 students.
- March 15 – Crazy Hat Day
- March 16-31 – Spring Break
- April 03 – PALS (Numeracy)
- April 08 – PAC meeting

Trustee Hanson reported that the Kyuquot School's highschool students will, once again, be involved in a student exchange program with Ontario students this Spring. Approximately 25 students will be travelling to Hamilton, Ontario in early May with their teachers, Ms. Randall and Ms. Comeau, and the Hamilton students will arrive in Kyuquot towards the end of May. Needless to say, everyone is very excited!

Trustee Stiglitz reported that the Captain Meares secondary students are busy planning for their garden beds in the Community Garden, all part of the 'Farm to School Program'. She attended the recent PAC meeting and it was decided that this year's PAC Spring Bazaar will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 3 pm.

Chairperson Fehr reported the following activities at Gold River Secondary School:

- A very successful Mental Health Fair was held on March 26, with students attending a variety of sessions and visiting numerous exhibitors in the school lobby.
- Gold River Secondary hosted the District Basketball Jamboree and all students enjoyed the team play. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make this event a success.
- The local Science Fair will be held March 14 and the winners will compete at the Regional Science Fair in Port McNeil in April.

b. **Ministry of Education-BCSTA 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Partner Liaison Meeting**

Chairperson Fehr reported on the meeting of February 22, 2019, the theme of which was 'Improving Student Outcomes'. The Minister of Education, Rob Fleming, spoke about the Funding Model Review and the new K-12 curriculum implementation. A Collective Bargaining update was provided and there is confidence that agreements will be reached by the end of June. Districts were urged to complete their Local Education Agreements. Working groups are in place to review the Finance Review Committee's recommendations and have expanded their scope to ensure that all recommendations are reviewed before a report is submitted by the end of June.

c. **BC School Trustees Association Professional Development for Trustees**

The Trustees and Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer attended the BCSTA Professional Development event held in Campbell River on February 28 and March 1. Topics covered:

- Board governance
- Responsibility for student success
- Strategic planning
- Roles and responsibilities
- Fiduciary governance
- Annual budget – setting objectives, principles, consultation, and communication plan
- Annual budget preparation
- Implementing, managing, and monitoring the budget plan
- Annual financial statements and audit committees
- Communicating strategic directions and decisions of the board

d. **Vancouver Island School Trustees' Association Spring Meeting**



The Trustees and Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer attended the meeting in Courtenay on March 1-2, 2019. Friday evening's program included a performance by "Little Bears" and a bargaining update by Mr. Del Negro of the BC Public School Employers' Association.

Saturday's agenda included the U'mista Exhibit viewing, a performance by 'Destination Imagination', a group challenge, and presentations on the Hornby Island School fire, Blended Learning, Fine Arts Academy and Creative Collection. As evidenced by this photograph, School District 84's Trustees also enjoyed their bus trip to a French Immersion School in Comox. Saturday's business meeting included a round-table discussion on committees, special needs children, local bargaining teams, child care expenses, and student voice on the Board

e. **First Nations Education Liaison Committee Meeting**

Trustee Smith reported that the meeting focused on finalizing the Pathways curriculum tool, with the emphasis on ensuring that this will be a very helpful tool for teachers to use. The Committee also

agreed to look into the Downey Jack Foundation, which will require more consultation. The next meeting of the First Nations Education Liaison Committee is scheduled for May 21, 2019 in Zeballos.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

a. **School Calendar 2019-2020**

This calendar was circulated with the only input coming from Kyuquot School requesting its own local calendar. The Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer recommended that the Board approve the District calendar as presented so it can be sent to the Ministry for approval. He will follow up with the Kyuquot Principal to get clarification on the local calendar request.

**2019:R-017** MOVED: Trustee Mann, SECONDED: Trustee Smith  
AND RESOLVED:  
*"TO accept the 2019-2020 calendar as circulated."*

b. **Spring Community Consultation Meetings**

The meetings all took place, with a good turnout at most locations. The consultation forms are due in the Board Office by March 15<sup>th</sup>, to be considered as part of the budget and education process. The Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer stated that he enjoyed the meetings very much and everyone appreciated the informative Powerpoint presentation, created by Mr. Steve Larre.

c. **Preliminary Budget 2019-2020**

The Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer explained that, in order to start building the budget, he needs to know if the Board is comfortable with a conservative approach, a moderate approach or an aggressive approach to the budget. The Trustees all agreed on a moderate approach, and the Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer stated that all three budgets will be developed but with more in-depth detail on what things will be missing in a 'moderate' approach, all to be presented in April. The Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer reminded Trustees that this is only one step of the budget process and - as Joan Axford says - the day after the budget is passed, it will already be changing.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

a. **Student Teachers**

The Australian student teachers have come and gone, this time spending all of their time in Gold River. Their visits not only expose the District to the world, but help to make connections with international partnerships to increase the ability to hire teachers in BC. Student teachers from VIU and UBC will be in the District in the Spring, which hopefully will have a positive effect on teacher recruitment.

**SUPERINTENDENT/SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT:**

a. **District Update**

There is a Continuing Education teacher posting open in Gold River until the end of March, currently being filled by a Teacher Teaching on Call. Apart from a few support staff issues, the schools are staffed and functioning quite well.

b. **Enrollment Report**

The enrollment is at 521 students, a slight increase from last month.

c. **Finance Warrants**

The finance warrants were included in the agenda package, and the District is trending almost exactly as it was this time last year.

**TRUSTEE INQUIRIES:**

Trustee Mann asked if there were any districts with vaccination policies and districts changing their policies around vaccinations. The Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer will follow up.

**PRESS AND PUBLIC INQUIRIES:**

Nil.

**NOTICE OF MEETINGS:**

The next public meeting of the Board of Education will be held on April 8, 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 5 pm:

**2019:R-018**      MOVED: Trustee Smith, SECONDED: Trustee Stiglitz  
AND RESOLVED:  
                  "*TO adjourn.*"