



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FOR VANCOUVER ISLAND WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT 84,  
HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2018  
AT CAPTAIN MEARES ELEMENTARY SECONDARY SCHOOL, TAHSIS, BC**

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:** Jenniffer Hanson, Chairperson (Kyuquot)  
Kathy Kennedy, Vice-Chairperson (Gold River)  
Ken Pringle (Gold River)  
Gwen Alsop (Zeballos) (via telephone)

**TRUSTEE ABSENT:** Fern Eastcott (Tahsis)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Lawrence Tarasoff, Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer/Operations Supervisor  
Annie James, Associate Director of Human Resources/Recorder  
Four Members of the Staff and Public

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Hanson called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**2018:R-049** MOVED: Trustee Pringle, SECONDED: Trustee Kennedy  
AND RESOLVED:  
*"TO approve the agenda."*

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

**2018:R-050** MOVED: Trustee Pringle, SECONDED: Trustee Kennedy  
AND RESOLVED:  
*"TO adopt the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 10, 2018."*

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

Nil.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Partnership Agreement with Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Vancouver Island**

The Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer explained that the District has been working with the Boys and Girls Club of Central Vancouver Island since the beginning of the first Learning Centre in Nanaimo, four years ago. The BGCCVI has asked if the Board of Education would like to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to work on various projects together. The MoU is a partnership agreement with no financial implications, although financial agreements could be attached as separate addenda. It is basically around the idea of having a partnership, having cooperation and communication, and working together on key interests as listed in Section 4.1 of the MoU. The MoU is a formalization of the ongoing partnership, and would remain in effect until either party gives 60 days' notice. The Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer recommended Board approval of the MoU and that the Chairperson sign on behalf of the Board.

**2018:R-051** MOVED: Trustee Pringle, SECONDED: Trustee Alsop  
AND RESOLVED:  
*"TO approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Vancouver Island (BGCCVI) and School District 84."*

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Medical Health Officer, Island Health
- Access to Cannabis in Canada – and Ensuring Students are Minimally Impacted by Cannabis Retail Operations

- BC School Trustees Association
  - Ministry of Education
  - BCSTA
  - Ray Watkins Elementary School
  - BCSTA
  - BCSTA
- BCSTA Weekly: Registration for Trustee Academy Opens September 17<sup>th</sup>; BCSTA is Hiring; Motion Submission Deadline; Elections and Nominations Reminder
  - Invitation – Premier’s Awards for Excellence in Education
  - BCSTA Weekly: Registration Open for Trustee Academy; Board Chairs, Partner Liaison and Other Important Dates; BCSTA Education Services Supports for Trustees and School Boards; School Trustee Election Procedures; Trustee Elections Bulletin – Issue 05; Advocacy Update; BCSSA 2018 Fall Conference
  - September Newsletter
  - BCSTA Weekly: Provincial Council Update; Request for Further Feedback on Draft BSTA-MOE Memorandum of Understanding; School Boards and Income Tax Act (Canada) Amendments; Celebrate Public Education Student Presentation; Board Chair Meeting; The Education Leader – Share Your Stories
  - The Education Leader: Issue 20: What is a Meeting? / BC’s Commissioner for Teacher Regulation / Trustee Academy / #ProudToBeASchoolTrustee / BCSTA SOGI Summary

**2018:R-052**      MOVED: Trustee Pringle, SECONDED: Trustee Kennedy  
AND RESOLVED:  
                          *“TO receive and file the correspondence.”*

**REPORT OF THE CLOSED BOARD MEETING:**

Chairperson Hanson reported that the Local Education Agreement negotiations are now complete, and the Agreement is ready to sign. The Board discussed five labour issues and one land issue during the in-camera meeting and a motion was passed to refer a request for an expanded bus service in Zeballos to the next Board meeting. The Board also enjoyed meeting with the Captain Meares’ Students’ Council during the afternoon.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

**a.      School Reports**

Trustee Kennedy reported on the September 11<sup>th</sup> PAC meeting at Gold River Secondary School. Principal Ken Lees was very welcoming and informed everyone that Mrs. Parsey was back in her role as Administrative Assistant, as well as seven teachers and five support staff. The day calendar has been altered to a five-block rotation with three morning blocks at 50 minutes and two afternoon blocks at 80 minutes. The girls’ soccer team will be revived in the Spring and basketball is on the go. The Grade 12 students are peer tutoring, the New Zealand-bound exchange students head off in November and the New Zealanders arrive in Gold River in June. The Gold River Days’ school booth was well attended and several folks manned it with many old-time stories being remembered. The accounts are holding steady, two positions have been filled on the PAC executive and two are still available. The next meeting will be held on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

On September 17<sup>th</sup>, Trustee Kennedy attended the Ray Watkins PAC meeting and everyone was welcomed by Principal Rob Wilson. All positions on the PAC are open and ready to be filled. Mr. Wilson informed everyone that the school year had a great start with 116 children enrolled. The school newsletter is now available on the PAC Facebook page and copies are available at the office and will be end home as well. The Emergency Preparedness Plan and Code of Conduct are also available at the office. September events include the Kyuquot Cup soccer games, the Terry Fox Run, the Orange Shirt Day, and fire, intruder and earthquake drills, as well as WITS which is an anti-bullying program facilitated by the RCMP. The month of October brings Fire Prevention Week, the Great BC Shakeout, ‘Tiny Islands Jazzology’ ArtStarts performance, and school photos. The PAC

accounts are healthy with many ideas on how best to spend some of the funds. The Healthy Eating Program is on the front burner with much discussion on how best to prepare breakfast items in a short span of time. There will be upcoming meetings to discuss this further and to arrange a Food Safe Program for parent volunteers. Mr. Wilson is asking for volunteers for school clubs and sports, keeping in mind all volunteers must have a criminal record check to work with children. One thing on the RWES wish list is baseball gloves and if anyone has gloves at home, donations are gladly being accepted! The next PAC meeting date will be announced.

The Board's community consultation meetings will start today in Tahsis, followed by the Nanaimo consultation meeting on October 10<sup>th</sup>. The dates for the Gold River, Kyuquot and Zeballos meetings will be announced.

Trustee Kennedy summarized by saying that this was her last Board meeting and her last school report. Four years ago, she started with her All Candidates' speech with "I'm a wife, a Mum and not a politician" – and fast forward, she is still a wife, a Mum and she is still not a politician. The last four years have gone so quickly and Trustee Kennedy was proud to say that she attended all 40 meetings. She has spoken to many people over her term and told them she attended all Board meetings through the time her son was in school so knew she was full of knowledge and ready to jump right into the job of being a Trustee. Well, not so. Trustee Kennedy explained that there is an incredible amount of learning which, four years later, she is still learning. She wanted to thank her husband Doug and their son Dillon for giving her the push to run. Without their faith, she may not have had the confidence to throw her hat in the ring – and thanks to all who voted for her and gave her strength. Trustee Kennedy expressed a really big thanks to her fellow Trustees for sharing their wealth of knowledge and having the ability to get along together – and to Lawrence and Annie for having so much patience with her. She expressed appreciation to all of the staff at the schools who have always included her and made her feel so welcome. A big, 'Welcome Aboard' to those Trustees who have been acclaimed, good luck to those in the election process – and thanks for the memories, and peace to everyone.

Chairperson Hanson reported that the Kyuquot School Principal, Vice-Principal and team have been doing tremendous work with the students and the number of students who are now so eager and willing to be in school and to learn is amazing! So many of the students who were missing school for whatever reason are now loving school and enjoying everything that is there for them. Kyuquot School has a full staff this year and everyone is 'so awesome'. There is a girls' basketball team and an outdoor club and the atmosphere has been really positive. Everyone is really pleased with the hard work that has gone into Kyuquot School so far this year!

Chairperson Hanson apologized for having to leave the Board meeting early – and wanted to express appreciation to Trustees Ken, Kathy, Gwen, and Fern for working together over the years and for teaching her so much over the years. Trustee Pringle expressed the same sentiment, and expressed appreciation to the all of the staff and parents in each of the District's communities. He took his job as School Trustee very seriously and appreciated the time that he had on the Board. Trustee Alsop also expressed her appreciation, noting that she will miss everyone and that she can be contacted at any time. Although Trustee Eastcott was absent, she sent a message that everyone has been a family for her when she needed a family.

The meeting recessed for a 10-minute cake break, after which time Trustee Kennedy took over as Chairperson.

**b. District Policy Review Committee Report**

Policy E.10, *Alcohol and Illicit Substances – Possession or Consumption* – A housekeeping change is required to include cannabis, which will be treated the same as alcohol and illicit substances.

Procedures Amendment Bylaw – A housekeeping change is required in Section 1 to indicate that the term of office of a trustee elected at a general school election begins on the first Monday after November 1 (rather than December 1).

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

a. **2018 School Trustee Election**

Advanced polls are just around the corner, with the general local election taking place on October 20. Election details have been published and are also posted on the School District's website. A special welcome to the three acclaimed Trustees – Allison Stiglitz (Tahsis), Arlene Fehr (Gold River) and Debbie Mann (Gold River); happy retirement wishes to Trustee Alsop; and, good luck to Trustee Hanson who is running for re-election in Kyuquot.

b. **Community Consultation Meetings – Round One**

This round of community consultation meetings will address the District's Education Plan and the Pathways Program, which is the NTC's curriculum being developed around Aboriginal ways of learning. The first 10 lessons and the teachers' outlines have been finalized and the consultation meetings in Gold River, Kyuquot and Zeballos will be held on-reserve to provide opportunities for community members to provide feedback about the Program's progress to date.

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

a. **District Update**

With the exception of some added teaching positions which are still vacant, the District is staffed. A special thank you to Jean Sanderson at Captain Meares School for coming out of retirement to fill the temporary teacher posting there. The Principals and HR Department are diligently working at trying to find more teachers and on-call employees. The restored Collective Agreement language has resulted in more money and more teachers, but in small districts like SD84 where there are no teachers, it has been extremely challenging. The International Program continues to flourish in its own way as it has many things that attract parents and students, and things that don't. The Nootka Sound Outdoor Program is going very well, led by Mr. Parkes and Ms. Jones, and the students and communities love it! A transition has started in Nanaimo, with no end date at this time, but the Ministry is definitely looking at trying to do something with the community and its district to come together so that the programs currently run by School District 84 can be eventually run by School District 68. In the meantime, School District 84 will continue its work in Nanaimo which has increased the District's enrollment and funding, but increased its responsibility. Although Esperanza Elementary Secondary School is not in operation this year, but it has not been officially closed.

b. **Enrollment Report**

The District is back to 464 FTE for the first time in about 10 years or more – and of those, 114 students are attending the two Learning Centres in Nanaimo.

**TRUSTEE INQUIRIES:**

In response to Trustee Alsop's inquiry, two new modular teacherages were recently set up in Zeballos. They still need hydro and some repairs from the move, as well as finishing, and will be very nice homes once completed.

**PUBLIC INQUIRIES AND PRESENTATIONS:**

a. **In Recognition of Trustee Eastcott's Service as School Trustee (Tahsis)**

Chairperson Kennedy reported that the Board visited Trustee Eastcott earlier in the day and presented her with a BCSTA pin to recognize her three-term service as School Trustee for Tahsis.

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

Mr. Baron reported on a very busy month and a half since school began at Captain Meares Elementary Secondary School. The year started right away with morning announcements organized and led by students from primary up to Grade 12. Every morning the 'Student of the Day' acknowledges being on the traditional territory of the Mowachat-Muchalaht First Nations. The entire school stands for a unique version of Oh Canada performed by: The Nylons, Shania Twain, The Toronto Orchestra, Walk off the Earth, or the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra. The announcing student follows through with announcements including reminders for both teachers and students.

This year a school election was held for Student Council with representatives from intermediate to senior classes. The group is just now becoming active planning a series of events starting with Halloween festivities.

Some of the senior students had the opportunity to "snorkel with salmon" in the Conuma River giving them a chance to literally rub shoulders with the spawning fish. Some of the students were able to actually lift the salmon up out of the water and hold them as these salmon were in the late stages of spawning. NSOP also offered Surfing Tofino and a fantastic canoe-camp-out trip run by Phil Parkes and Brooke Jones.

Captain Meares' Terry Fox Run included the whole school running a carefully planned course around the town. One of the younger new students, Reese, read the story of Terry Fox and helped to kick start the event with most of the students actively participating.

Powered by a generous donation from the Literacy Society and a very successful outdoor concert last year, Captain Meares' new music program took a quantum leap with no less than nine lead singers ranging from grades one to twelve. The students are becoming independent enough to begin playing and singing as a group without a teacher leading them. All of the students in the school work together twice a week on improving their musical literacy and instrumental skills, working on piano, guitar, recorders, drums, bass guitar, xylophones, and lead vocals.

The Senior students have been working hard on a variety of creative writing exercises to challenge their imaginations and writing skills. The students are creating the rough drafts of their stories in old school style with pencil and lined paper. For many of the students it has been an eye-opener re-developing their spelling skills. Their stories have ranged from serious to hilarious and they have all been given the opportunity to share them with their teacher and classmates.

All of the students' hard work preparing the Farm to School Garden last year with Mr. Fassbender has been paying off with harvests of carrots, potatoes and cucumbers. The vegetables from this Community School Garden are now finding their way to the children by way of the hot lunch program. Recently a large bag of cucumbers was expertly converted into pickles for the student lunch program.

The primary-intermediate students invited the secondary students to share in their stone soup and homemade pretzels afternoon. The primary-intermediate students had been reading the story of "stone soup" and decided to create stone soup in their classroom. The sharing activity was enjoyed by everyone – teachers included.

Last year, Village volunteers helped to maintain the "Hot Lunch Day" and treated everyone to many amazing lunches. This year, the senior students are using their Food Safe Instruction and have taken over the hot lunch program entirely themselves under the careful direction of Miss Jones as part of their Foods and Nutrition Program. The students have a revolving head chef who is responsible for planning the lunch and staying within their carefully planned budget. The students have prepared and served two meals so far this year.

**NOTICE OF MEETINGS:**

The Inaugural Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 4 pm, in the School Board Office, followed by the Regular Board Meeting. 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:**

Chairperson Kennedy declared the meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.