



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR VANCOUVER ISLAND WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT 84,
HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2018
AT THE SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE, GOLD RIVER, BC**

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Arlene 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
Three Members of the Public

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Fehr called the meeting to order at 4:12 pm, and acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the Mowachaht/Muchalat Territory. She also expressed appreciation to Kathy Kennedy and Ken Pringle for their service as former School Trustees for Gold River.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

2018:R-053 MOVED: Trustee Hanson, SECONDED: Trustee Stiglitz
AND RESOLVED:
"TO approve the agenda."

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

2018:R-054 MOVED: Trustee Stiglitz, SECONDED: Trustee Smith
AND RESOLVED:
"TO adopt the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 9, 2018."

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Nil.

PUBLIC INQUIRIES AND PRESENTATIONS:

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- BC School Trustees' Association
- BCSTA
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- Chair, SD46 (Sunshine Coast)
- Chair, SD5 (Southeast Kootenay)
- BCSTA
- Inquiry from BCSTA Working Group – Student Initiatives
- BCSTA Legal Services – Upcoming Projects
- BCSTA Weekly: Written Submission to the SSCoF; Feedback on Draft MOU; 2019 Prime Minister's Awards
- Dates Arising from the School Act and Financial Disclosure Act
- Copy of Letter to Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, re 2019-2020 Provincial Budget Deliberations
- Copy of letter to Minister of Education re Foundation Skills Assessment
- BCSTA Weekly: Provincial Council Reminder; Letters from Boards of Education; Winners & Finalists of the Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education Awards; Election Results; Board Chairs Meeting Reminder; New Superintendent, SD72; Living in Hope – Mental Health Documentary

- Vancouver Island School Trustees' Association
- BC Public School Employers Association
- BCSTA
- BCSTA
- Ray Watkins Elementary School
- BCSTA
- BCSTA
- VISTA
- BCSTA
- Congratulations to Re/Newly Elected Trustees from VISTA President
- Legislative Update Bulletin No. 2018-04 – New Cannabis Regulations
- The Education Leader: Post-Election Thoughts from BCSTA President Gordon Swan
- Updating Academy Registration; Copyright Survey; HUB Update
- November Newsletter
- School Trustee Elections Bulletin & Consent to Receive Commercial Electronic Messages
- BCSTA Weekly: MoE FMR Update at Academy; Upcoming Events; New Erase Website
- VISTA Business Meeting Agenda
- BCSTA Provincial Council Agenda Package Distribution

2018:R-055 MOVED: Trustee Stiglitz, SECONDED: Trustee Mann
AND RESOLVED:
"TO receive and file the correspondence."

In response to the BCSTA Student Initiatives Working Group's request for information on how the District collects feedback and/or ensures that the student voice is heard, Chairperson Fehr will report that the Board has delegations of students meet with them to talk about what they like and do not like about their school (education) as well as asking for their ideas on anything they would like to see changed about their education or their school. This is done at each school in the District. Students can volunteer to be part of this process or they are asked by their Principal.

REPORT FROM THE CLOSED MEETING:

The closed meeting will be held after this meeting, and will be reported out at the December Regular Board meeting.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Nil.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Community Consultation Meetings – Round One

The Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer reported on a successful round of community consultations at the end of October, which were facilitated by the Area Trustee and two Education representatives from the Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council (one meeting still to come - November 26th in the Ehatis Administration Building). The Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer provided a general overview and the NTC provided a presentation on the Pathways Program – its development, curriculum and teachers' guide - and training for teachers will be scheduled for the Spring. Mr. Larre attended some of the meetings to discuss the District's Education Plan and to gather feedback which will be used to build the first draft, to be shared at the next round of community consultation meetings in February.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. BCSTA Trustee Academy 2018

The Trustees will be attending the BCSTA Academy on November 29-December 1, in Vancouver. The Academy has a full slate of workshops, presentations and meetings, including a Provincial Council

meeting and a Vancouver Island School Trustees' Association meeting, and will provide an excellent learning opportunity for the new Board of Education.

SUPERINTENDENT/SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT:

a. District Staffing

The District is still recruiting for a temporary teacher for Gold River Secondary School, and has recently hired the current student teacher at Ray Watkins Elementary School to become the first-call Teacher Teaching On Call as soon as she finishes her schooling at the end of the month.

A group of students from Gold River Secondary School will be leaving shortly for a two-week language and culture exchange trip to New Zealand – with the New Zealand students coming to Gold River in May.

There are nine international students in the District this year, with seven registered for next year. The Nootka Sound Outdoor Program is going great guns and students are looking forward to the upcoming ski season. Gold River Secondary School is also looking to start a Ski Club this year as a separate extra-curricular activity, and Mr. Larre has plans for the Gold River Secondary School Basketball Team. Captain Meares recently hosted another very successful District Volleyball Tournament, and were the Tournament Champions! Another popular event, the District Basketball Tournament, is scheduled for the New Year at Gold River Secondary. Students are already working hard to prepare for the Science Fair, with the hopes of making it to the Nationals again this year. In Kyuquot, people are talking about the fantastic start to the school year, and very happy with how everything is going so far. One of the Zeballos School teachers resigned early into the school year but another teacher has been hired and has been fitting in very well already. The new teacherages in Zeballos are still awaiting hydro hook-ups but hopefully they will be ready to move into within the next few weeks. All in all, it has been a very good start to the school year and the Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer looks forward to working with the new Board of Education.

b. Enrollment Report

The District currently has 497 students registered, which is one of the highest enrollments in a number of years.

TRUSTEE INQUIRIES:

Nil.

PRESS AND PUBLIC INQUIRIES:

It was announced that the RCMP will be hosting a meeting at 6 pm this evening, in the House of Unity, about the legalization of cannabis.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS:

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for December 10, 2018 at 4 pm in the School Board Office. 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 4:28 pm:

2018:R-056 MOVED: Trustee Hanson, SECONDED: Trustee Mann
AND RESOLVED:
"TO adjourn."