



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR VANCOUVER ISLAND WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT 84,
HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2023,
AT THE SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE, GOLD RIVER, BC**

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Arlaine Fehr, Chairperson (Gold River)
Jenniffer Hanson, Vice-Chairperson (Kyuquot) (Zoom)
Katie Unger (Gold River)
Allison Stiglitz (Tahsis) (Zoom)
Cyndy Rodgers (Zeballos)

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Fehr called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm and acknowledged and gave thanks that we work, play and live on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Nuu-chah-nulth peoples, specifically the Ehattesaht, Ka:'yu:'k't'h/Che:k'tles7et'h', Mowachaht/Muchalaht, and Nuchatlaht Nations. We honour our relationship with these Nations and with all other First Nations, Metis, and Inuit peoples who reside in the territories we serve.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

2023:R-006 MOVED: Trustee Unger, SECONDED: Trustee Hanson
AND RESOLVED:
"TO approve the agenda with the addition of 10.c. Capital Bylaw 2022/23 ."

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

2023:R-007 MOVED: Trustee Rodgers, SECONDED: Trustee Hanson
AND RESOLVED:
"TO adopt the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 9, 2023."

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Nil.

PUBLIC INQUIRIES AND PRESENTATIONS:

a. **Mr. Sean Broderick, Principal, Gold River Secondary School**

Principal Broderick expressed thanks for being blessed to live and work on the traditional territory of the Mowachaht/Muchalat First Nations. Highlights for this school year are as follows:

Operations:

- Hydro transformer moved out of the building – started the year on generator power
- New boilers to be installed soon to replace temporary heating system

Student Population:

- 84 students current enrollment (13 international students)
- Approximately 50% identify as Indigenous

International Program:

- Continues to attract students to the Nootka Sound Outdoor Program but also to the Shops and Foods programs - thank you to Mr. Parkes
- 13 students currently – five left around Christmas Break, five more just arrived last week and two more to come
- Six students here for the whole year and one Grade 9 student is here to graduate
- Countries represented this year: Germany, Spain, South Korea, and Sri Lanka

Culture Program:

- Thanks to Eva Johnson, Joni Johnson and Jeff Rockwell, with community support from many adults such as Jimmy Johnson, Hilary Savey
- Many more participating this year in culture (drumming/singing/dancing/language)
- A highlight was the trip to invite Kyuquot to perform at the upcoming cultural event
- Elders and knowledge keepers prepared students with the protocol to perform an invite to other schools to attend the SD84 Student Cultural Event on May 18 – went to Zeballos and Tahsis to perform and extend invitations as well
- John Amos from MMFN coming to do a drum-making workshop on February 17, and March 17 is held for another day of activity with John

NSOP:

- Thank you to Mr. Parkes, who has a long list of events for this school year
- Value added at no cost to the students
- Incredible experience for domestic students and a draw for international students

Athletic Programs – Ms. Chan

- Long distance training in the fall
- Basketball season with several tournaments, most recently the North Island Boys
- Organized and hosted the first annual Winter Welcome Back invitational BB tournament
- SD84 Basketball jamboree coming up March 8/9
- Track and field late spring – excited to see who makes it to the Provincials this year after last year's success

Shop Program's Return – Mr. Graves

- Individual projects (car/chainsaws/woodwork → forge/jewelry)

Student Spirit Committee – Ms. Chan and Ms. Kornyló

GSA – Ms. Chan – recent workshop

Science Fair – Ms. Kornyló – Regionals coming up March 2

Workshop Presentations: Naloxone/Overdose, Gender Identity, Trauma, Consent

Grad

- 14 potential grads this year
- Working on post-secondary applications
- Next - scholarships and funding
- Grad trip this year is to Edmonton (West Edmonton Mall and a visit with Mr. Ken Lees)

Term 2 Report Cards – will be distributed on February 24

Parent-Teacher Interviews

- Term 1 – Tsaxana and GRSS
- Term 3 - again

CORRESPONDENCE:

- BC School Trustees Association
- BCSTA
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- BCSTA Headlines: Daily News for School Trustees
- BCSTA Weekly: VP Nominations Open; BC Motion Deadline; AGM Motion Deadlines; Key Dates for Boards; Academy Photos; Prime Minister's Awards; Farm to School BC Conference; Reminders; Deadlines for Boards; Virtual Orientation; Board Chairs and Partners Meeting; Reconciliation Award; BCSTA Scholarships
- BCSTA Headlines: Daily News for School Trustees
- Upcoming Changes to BC Privacy Laws
- BCSTA Weekly: BCSTA's Strategic Plan; VP Nominations Closing; PC News and Notes; PC Voting Training; PC Motion Deadline; AGM Motion Forms and Deadlines; Social and Emotional Learning Webinar; Dental Benefit for Kids; Opinion – AI Will Change Education; Reminders

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- RWES
 - BCSTA
 - Chair, SD83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap)
 - BCSTA
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 - BCSTA
 - SD84 Children's Health Services Navigator
 - BCSTA
 - January Newsletter
 - BCSTA Headlines: Daily News for School Trustees
 - Copy of Letter to Minister of Education and Child Care, and Minister of Finance re Funding Restraints and Request for Significant Increase to Funding
 - BCSTA Weekly: VP Nominations Closed; Provincial Council; BCTEA Transportation Meeting; Updated Expense Claim Form; Reduced Child Care Fees; ChildCareBC News; Pink Shirt Day; Report It Tool; School Garden Mentorship; Opinion – AI in Schools is Not a Threat; Reminders
 - BCSTA Headlines: Daily News for School Trustees
 - BCSTA Weekly: Deadline for Boards; Virtual Orientations; BCSTA Branch Pages; Learning Guide – Human Resources & Labour Relations; K-12 Anti-Racism Plan; BCTC Annual Report; Child Care Fee Reduction; Connecting Families; School Food Campaign; Copyright Matters; Census Survey; Online Learning; Opinion – How AI Can Help with Lesson Plans; Letters; Reminders
 - BCSTA Headlines: Daily News for School Trustees
 - BCSTA Update: Preparing for Provincial Council at AGM
 - Service Providers Day Conference at the HUB – March 6, 2023
 - BCSTA Weekly: Provincial Council Agenda; Vice-President Candidate Statement; Throne Speech; Imagine a Canada; Integrated Child & Youth Teams; Great Big Crunch; ChildCare BC Bulletin; French Resources; Opinion – AI-Generated Unit Plans & Assessments; Reminders

2023:R-008 MOVED: Trustee Rodgers, SECONDED: Trustee Unger
AND RESOLVED:
"TO receive and file the correspondence."

Trustees interested in attending the Hub's Service Providers Day Conference will notify Chairperson Fehr.

REPORT OF THE CLOSED MEETING:

As the Closed Board meeting had not yet adjourned, this report will be presented at the next Board meeting.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

a. **School Reports**

Trustee Stiglitz reported that everything is going well at Captain Meares School. Parent-teacher interviews were held last month and students are gearing up to go to Mt. Washington this week, with the hope of other field trips to come.

Vice-Chairperson Hanson reported that Kyuquot School is very busy and going strong – getting ready for the cultural event and for the graduation ceremony set for June 9th.

Trustee Unger reported that the Ray Watkins' Christmas concert in December was a big success, with each class performing. The students had fun and there was a big community turn out. Money from the Ministry of Education grant was used to make a Christmas lunch for all the students in the gym, with help from some great volunteer parents in preparing the food. The students really enjoyed the delicious food and the chance to hang out together to eat. Money from the grant was also used to provide each student with a \$250 gift certificate to spend at the new Gold River Co-op. The school is also very thankful for the help of Marianne Flamm and Christina McAuley for helping with the Breakfast Program in the mornings.

Mr. Chris Cooper has taken the older classes out rock-wall climbing in Campbell River, downhill skiing and cross-country skiing. Another Fun Friday event took place during the afternoon of February 3rd, with students being able to choose two of the following: ice skating, making ceramic figures, escape room, art class, and making Valentine's cards.

Trustee Rodgers provided a play-by-play – January’s history and February/March’s future!

January

- Grade 6 students moved to join the Grade 7/8 class, bringing the class sizes closer to parity and a better educational and emotional fit for the students
- High School Basketball trip to GRSS Tournament – Girls Team placed 2nd in the Tournament!
- Donna and Kirsty from NTC came to present information about funding Continuing Ed for NTC members
- Jan 19th – Trustee Rodgers attended the BCSTA’s “Governance, Legislation, Roles and Responsibilities” session via Zoom
- Jan 26th – Trustee Rodgers attended the “Implementing a Mindfulness Based Social and Emotional Approach” webinar

February – The month of high school trips!

- Feb 1st – High school basketball day trip to Port Hardy
- Feb 2nd – First PAC meeting with 11 people in attendance - next meeting in March (vicarious trauma)
- Feb 3rd – Celebrate Us Assembly (11:30) and Community BBQ
- Feb 7th – Julie C. Food Prep Planning with Intermediate Class (9:00 AM)
- Feb 8th – Grad Planning Meeting (hoping to decide on a date for grad)
- Feb 9th – Boys Basketball Team to Nanaimo
- Feb 12th – Girls Basketball Team to Victoria
- Feb 21 – VIU High School Tour
- Feb 23rd - Trustee Rodgers will attend “Strategic Oversight of School Board Systems” via zoom
- Feb 24th to March 3rd – Exchange Trip – Nelson
- March 7th – Visit from GRSS – Culture Trip – Drumming and Dancing
- March 8th – Basketball Jamboree – in Gold River
- March 13th – Tentative Strategic Tour and Ski at Mt Washington
- March 15th - CAF Presentation to High School Students about Summer Programs

Chairperson Fehr hosted her bi-annual consultation with students at Gold River Secondary School, and provided them with the opportunity to write down their thoughts if they preferred that over speaking. The students were very forthcoming, including the International students. She followed up with a meeting with the Principal and Vice-Principal, and noted that it was a very good session.

b. **Working Relations Committee Meeting**

The meeting was held on January 12 to continue discussion on recruitment/retention/retirement, as well as the new September 30th statutory holiday, liability concerns in general regarding teacherages, the history of the Joint Rental Accommodations Committee, and reviewing the informal agreement for reducing scheduling conflicts with after-school meetings.

c. **Enhancement Agreement/Local Education Agreement Meeting**

The meeting was held on January 23 to discuss equity in action, community reports, the Ministry meeting for North Island Districts on January 19, the student teacher program, the VIU courses, support staff training, and student-hosted cultural event coming up in May. The next meeting is scheduled for February 27 in Zeballos.

d. **Equity Scan Meeting**

The Ministry hosted this meeting on January 19 in Campbell River, with Ian Caplette (NTC), Vicki Wells (Ehattesah), Audry Smith (Nuchatlaht), Marie Lavoie (Mowachaht/Muchalat), and Lawrence Tarasoff (SD84) in attendance. It was good to hear from other districts about what they are doing around their Indigenous education and equity work, and it was a good opportunity to share with each other.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. **Community Consultation Meetings Reminder**

- February 13 – Gold River (SBO) – 6:30-8:00 pm
- February 14 – Tahsis (CMESS) – 4:30-5:30 pm
- February 27 – Kyuquot (KESS) – 6:30-8:00 pm
- February 28 – Zeballos (ZESS) – 6:30-8:00 pm

b. **School Calendar**

The School Calendar for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 have been changed to delete the first 'not in service' day in September and to add the new statutory holiday on September 30. The calendars will be circulated to all parents, along with a cover letter to request any feedback to be sent to the Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer. The Board will consider these changes and feedback at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. **Amended Annual Budget 2022-2023**

The Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer presented the Amended Annual Budget for 2022-2023 and answered questions.

2023:R-009 MOVED: Trustee Rodgers, SECONDED: Trustee Unger
AND RESOLVED:
"TO have all three readings of the bylaw in one."

2023:R-010 MOVED: Trustee Stiglitz, SECONDED: Trustee Unger
AND RESOLVED:
"THAT the Board of Education approve the Amended Annual Budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year in the amount of \$13,238,256, as presented."

b. **Enrollment Projections and Preliminary Budget 2023-2024**

The projected enrollment for next school year is 331 FTE, and it will be broken out by school at the community consultation meetings. These projections will be sent to the Ministry and the Board will provide direction to the Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer at the next meeting, in terms of taking an aggressive, conservative or moderate approach to building the new budget. A moderate approach for budget and staffing has been taken for the last 15 years because the revenue is unconfirmed until after September. However, with the current recruiting challenges, it may require a more aggressive approach to hiring.

c. **Capital Bylaw 2022/23**

2023:R-011 MOVED: Trustee Rodgers, SECONDED: Trustee Unger
AND RESOLVED:
"TO have all three readings of the bylaw in one."

2023:R-012 MOVED: Trustee Hanson, SECONDED: Trustee Stiglitz
AND RESOLVED:
"TO adopt the amended Capital Bylaw of the Board for the 2022/23 Capital Plan as presented."

SUPERINTENDENT/SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT:

a. **District Update**

The Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer stated that almost everything has been covered under School Reports, and he is very excited that the students are involved in so many activities – noting that he had just signed off on a one-week exchange trip to Nelson for the Zeballos students. The District is still short on staffing but a little less than previously.

b. **Enrollment Report**

Enrollment continues to remain steady with 336 students registered including homeschoolers, continuing education and international students.

c. **Finance Warrants**

Nil.

TRUSTEE INQUIRIES:

Nil.

PRESS AND PUBLIC INQUIRIES:

Nil.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS:

The next Regular Board meeting will be held on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 4 pm in the School Board Office. The public is invited to attend. Any requests for agenda additions should go to amcdowell@viw.sd84.bc.ca 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 5:20 pm:

2023:R-013 MOVED: Trustee Stiglitz, SECONDED: Trustee Hanson
AND RESOLVED:
"TO adjourn."