



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR VANCOUVER ISLAND WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT 84,
HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023,
AT ZEBALLOS ELEMENTARY SECONDARY SCHOOL**

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Arlaine Fehr, Chairperson (Gold River)
Jenniffer Hanson, Vice-Chairperson (Kyuquot)
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
Six Members of Staff and Public

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Fehr called the meeting to order at 4:02 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-019 MOVED: Trustee Rodgers, SECONDED: Trustee Stiglitz
AND RESOLVED:
"TO approve the agenda."

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

2023:R-020 MOVED: Trustee Hanson, SECONDED: Trustee Stiglitz
AND RESOLVED:
"TO adopt the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 13, 2023."

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Nil.

PUBLIC INQUIRIES AND PRESENTATIONS:

a. **Mr. Adam Barber, Principal, Zeballos Elementary Secondary School**

Operations:

Houle Electric has been working over the year to replace incandescent and florescent lighting with bright LEDs. This has made a noticeable difference of the amount of light in the gym and outside at night. There is some work left to install the new lampposts in the parking lot.

Electrical work is started to run power lines to side of the school for a generator to be installed. So far this year we have been fortunate with only two hours of missed school because of power-outage. Usually there have been many more days missed and the completion of the generate installation will ensure fewer missed days in the future.

Bussing:

The electric bus is experiencing its second lengthy out-of-service time and the school is currently waiting for parts and using the Ford Transit Van as out run bus. Having the Transit van at Zeballos School has been essential for field trips and as a back-up for the electric bus.

Planned Field Trips:

The second half of the Experience Canada trip will be in later May, when eight students from Nelson visit ZESS. The Nelson teacher is Mr. Graham Muncaster, a former student teacher who was at ZESS last year. Mr. Chris Rolle is the sponsor teacher at ZESS.

Right after the Nelson Exchange group, Mr. Rolle and Ms. Bonnie Smith are planning a senior trip to Toronto including a time at the Alive Outdoor program, a day at Canada's Wonderland, and Niagara Falls.

Grad, June 15:

There will be three graduates from Grade 12 this year, which is our full compliment. It is good to see their hard work paying off. Most have applied for post-secondary education. As well, we will be celebrating other transitions in the school, students coming into the high school and joining the Kindergarten having completed their time in StrongStart.

Preparation for Cultural Sharing – May 18:

We are mindful that May's Cultural Sharing day is coming up fast. Students are preparing, practicing songs and dances, as well as making gifts and practicing protocols. It will be a busy six weeks to get prepared!

Goal Setting Evening:

For our second Early Dismissal Day for parent/student/teacher meetings, the staff chose to have a theme of 'Goal Setting' to complete the year. Teachers are working with students to come up with goals to share and consult with their parents. The idea is to have students finish the year strong with goals that will be reported back to parents as part of the final report card. This is the first time we are trying this type of parent/student/teacher meeting. It seems like a good way to bridge into the new reporting order for next year, with a direct tie into Core Competencies. Also, Principal Barber is excited about the 22 pizzas that are in the fridge for tomorrow's meetings!

Additional Support for Students:

Nuchatlaht Band has hired additional support for children in the community. As part of this extra support, Ms. Bonnie Smith and Ms. Natalie Goodall work with students in the school as volunteers. This is typically extra support for students who need support. After this week, the plan is to have them alternating every week with a significant portion of their time in the school. Ms. Goodall, who is a certified boxing instructor, will also be starting a non-contact boxing program with students – something that she has done in other locations. This will be an exciting addition to the PHE program.

PAC:

The PAC has not been meeting at ZESS since before COVID. The rejuvenation of PAC has been promoted by Trustee Rodgers and the school. Our second meeting is scheduled for Thursday. There are many things to sort out as there are very few records from the past. Orders of business need to include elections, a constitution and likely setting up a bank account.

Morning Activities:

Since Spring Break, ZESS has been getting active with a school-wide morning physical activity. This has been taking place right after the morning breakfast program in the gym. The goal is to get students ready for learning by activating large muscle groups and including movements with joint compressions. This promotes self-regulation and can be very calming, regulating, and organizing for the brain and nervous system. Admin and teachers have taken turns leading the 5-10 minute activity in the gym. This has also been a fun way for everyone to start the day.

Hot Lunch:

With funding from the Nations, hot lunch has been a success every Wednesday. Students enjoy a variety of different lunches

Elder in Residence:

Mr. Vince Smith is the Elder in Residence who helps in classes and promotes culture. He is planning art work for the new drums that we made, and starting painting gifts with students for May 18th.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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- Copy of Letter to Kootenay Boundary Branch President, SD84 (Kootenay Lake) re Kootenay Boundary Branch Requests
- BCSTA Headlines: Daily News for School Trustees
- BCSTA Weekly: Join Us at AGM 2023; BCTF Agreement; Grievance Webinar; Holocaust Remembrance; BC Hydro Learning Resources; Talking About Belonging; Outward Bound Scholarships; Boards at Work – Students Raise Money for Earthquake Relief; Letters; Reminders
- BCSTA Headlines: Daily News for School Trustees
- BCSTA Weekly: ‘Level Up’ at AGM 2023; Join a Committee; Support Staff Collective Bargaining Update; Mental Health in Schools Conference; Disability Alliance BC Resources; Key Dates for Boards; ChildCareBE Bulletin; Nomination Deadline; Deputy Chairs and Readers Needed; AGM Motions; Virtual Orientations; CSBA Congress; Grievance Webinar
- BCSTA Headlines: Daily News for School Trustees
- Copy of Letter to Minister of Finance and Minister of Education and Child Care re Funding for Exempt Staffing Compensation
- Copy of Letter to Minister of Education and Child Care re Continue Funding the Student and Family Affordability Fund
- BCSTA Headlines: Daily News for School Trustees
- BCSTA Update: Voting Powers at AGM
- BCSTA Weekly: AGM Keynote – Jody Wilson-Raybould; AGM Voter System Training; Feeding Futures School Food Program; Learning Guide – Student Success; Dates for Boards; Voices of Indigenous Youth Leaders; Food is Science; CSBA Bulletin; ChildCareBC Bulletin; BC-CHSF News; SD44 Safety & Emergency Open House; Child and Youth in Care Recognition Awards; Opinion – Are Our Funding Allocation Models Flawed; Letters; Reminders

2023:R-021 MOVED: Trustee Rodgers, SECONDED: Trustee Unger
AND RESOLVED:
“TO receive and file the correspondence.”

REPORT OF THE CLOSED MEETING:

Chairperson Fehr reported that the Board discussed two labour issues.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

a. **School Reports**

The Trustees reported that the students really enjoyed the recent basketball jamboree at Gold River Secondary School!

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

The Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer reported on the March 13th meeting held by Zoom. Topics of discussion included the teacher education program, the post-secondary Early Childhood Educator and/or Education Assistant training and planning for the next five years (EA and LEA). The May 18th student-led cultural activity at Gold River Secondary School is full-steam ahead, and the students

have done a great job with their formal invitations and protocol. It is expected that this will be very well attended, and will start at 9 am.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 24/25 in Campbell River and will focus on community direction/guidance to those doing the work on the next EA and LEA over the summer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Strategic Plan Update

The Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer reviewed the District Data received to date, which shows that results seem to be trending in the right direction in the three focus areas:

- Building a Strong Foundation in Literacy (Foundation Skills Assessment)
- Student Engagement and Connection to School (Graduation Rates and Attendance)
- Equipping Learners for Success (Post Secondary Transitions)

The FSA literacy results are based on a three-point scale - emerging, on track or exceeding – with the goal to have students 'on track' with anywhere in the Province. Every year, students in Grades 4, 7 and 10 take online assessments in the areas of reading, numeracy and writing. The FSA assessment for Grade 4 literacy shows that 69% of SD84 students are on track, compared to 63% in the Province and Grade 4 numeracy shows 77% of SD students being on track, compared to 58% in the Province. Grade 7 literacy and numeracy results show a higher percentage of SD84 students emerging, rather than on track.

The six-year grad completion shows a steady improvement, and the post-secondary transitions within three years of graduation have been above the provincial average over the last three years.

Student attendance continues to be a challenge, with a District average of 47% of students missing more than 20% of their schooling.

b. Preliminary Budget 2023-2024

Work on the budget is underway. The Board has indicated its wish to keep all staff in the District, plus continuing to support the three focus areas of the Board's strategic plan. The budget will be presented for approval at the May Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nil.

SUPERINTENDENT/SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT:

a. District Update

The Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer reported that there continues to be many exciting activities going on for students, and many more planned. He expressed appreciation for the extra work that the staff do to ensure that jamborees and field trips happen, as these build relationships with students which helps them to learn.

The District's architect has almost signed off on the new gym for Kyuquot School, and some preliminary preparations are underway for this project that will hopefully be under construction this summer. Renovations on Captain Meares School are continuing, in preparation for part of it being removed to become the Tahsis Fire Hall. Zeballos School has new lighting and a new generator, and the outdoor murals are to be repainted.

b. Enrollment Report

The enrollment increased slightly to 336 students registered including homeschoolers, continuing education and international students.

c. **Finance Warrants**

The finance warrants were reviewed and the District remains on track with its spending.

TRUSTEE INQUIRIES:

Nil

PRESS AND PUBLIC INQUIRIES:

Nil.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS:

The next Regular Board meeting will be held on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 4 pm in Kyuquot Elementary Secondary School. 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 4:54 pm:

2023:R-022 MOVED: Trustee Rodgers, SECONDED: Trustee Hanson
AND RESOLVED:
"TO adjourn."