



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR VANCOUVER ISLAND WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT 84,
HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023,
AT CAPTAIN MEARES ELEMENTARY SECONDARY SCHOOL, TAHSIS, BC**

- TRUSTEES PRESENT:** Arlaine Fehr, Chairperson (Gold River)
Jenniffer Hanson, Vice-Chairperson (Kyuquot)
Katie Unger (Gold River)
Allison Stiglitz (Tahsis)
Cyndy Rodgers (Zeballos)
- ALSO PRESENT:** Lawrence Tarasoff, Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer (Zoom)
Annie McDowell, Associate Director of Human Resources
Ryan Brennan, Director of Human Resources
Stephen Larre, Director of Instruction and Staff Development
Luke Charlton, Executive Assistant
Jim Baron, Principal, CMES
Two Members of the Public

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Fehr called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm, acknowledged and gave thanks that the meeting was taking place on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

2023:R-038 MOVED: Trustee Stiglitz, SECONDED: Trustee Unger
AND RESOLVED:
“TO approve the agenda.”

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

2023:R-039 MOVED: Trustee Unger, SECONDED: Trustee Stiglitz
AND RESOLVED:
“TO adopt the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of September 11, 2023.”

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Nil.

PUBLIC INQUIRIES AND PRESENTATIONS:

a. Mr. Jim Baron, Principal, Captain Meares Elementary Secondary School

Principal Baron noted that the start of this school year has been overwhelmingly positive. CMES received way more applications for open positions than they would have normally, and have filled all teaching positions. There are now three learning cohorts including primary, intermediate, and secondary.

Other activities at the school include: secondary students’ passion projects, learning recognition assemblies, a music club, a media club, and preparing for upcoming events such as a volleyball tournament, Halloween festivities, and a Christmas concert.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Ray Watkins Elementary School (RWES)	Open House and Calendar
BC School Trustee Association	School Act Amendment

Ministry of Education and Child Care	Strong Start Funding (SD70)
BCSTA	Family Connection Centers
BC Public School Employers Association (BCPSEA)	Fall Update
Premier of British Columbia	BC Teachers Federation
BCPSEA	Annual Report
BCSTA	Daily News
BCSTA	Weekly News
BCSTA	Weekly News
BC Ombudsperson	Fairness Day!
Vancouver Island School Trustee Association (VISTA)	Fall Conference Agenda

2023:R-040 MOVED: Trustee Stiglitz, SECONDED: Trustee Unger
 AND RESOLVED:
“TO receive and file the correspondence.”

REPORT OF THE CLOSED MEETING:

Chairperson Fehr reported that the Board discussed one land and two labour issues.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

a. **School Reports**

RWES
 New Nuu-chah-nulth Education Worker
 Outdoor classes
 Student Council election has taken place
 Terry Fox, Orange Shirt Day
 Cook is in place at RWES

CMESS
 Terry Fox run in Tahsis.
 Happy that the cook is in place at CMESS

b. **Strathcona Accessibility Partner Meeting**

Director Brennan gave an overview of this item. The Strathcona Regional District has created a reporting tool with the School District able to include a SD84 specific reporting tool on our website.

c. **District Policy Review Committee Meeting**

Chairperson Fehr noted that Policy Review Committee met today, that the Trustee Code of Ethics Policy needs to be amended to correct a spelling mistake from ‘code of conduct’ to ‘code of ethics’ and for it to be distributed for comment to staff.

2023:R-041 MOVED: Trustee Stiglitz, SECONDED: Trustee Hanson
AND RESOLVED:
“NOTICE OF MOTION to amend Policy 4, Trustee Code of Ethics.”

d. **Indigenous Education Committee Meeting**

Superintendent Tarasoff gave an overview of this item. Next meeting is October 30th in Kyuquot.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Nil.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. **Five Year Capital Plan**

Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer Tarasoff provided an overview of this item. The Board is required to pass a resolution.

2023: R-042 MOVED: Trustee Stiglitz, SECONDED: Trustee Hanson
AND RESOLVED:
“THAT the Board approve and submit the five-year capital plan.”

b. **Exempt Staff Compensation**

Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer Tarasoff provided an overview of this item.

2023: R-043 MOVED: Trustee Unger, SECONDED: Trustee Stiglitz
AND RESOLVED:
“THAT the Board accept the Exempt Staff Compensation report.”

c. **Community Consultations**

Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer Tarasoff provided an overview. Poster is on our website and people can register to attend with Executive Assistant Charlton. Slides will also be made available.

Schools are asked to send out Community Consultation posters to all parents. Executive Assistant Charlton will share with Principals to invite parents and staff.

d. **Signing Authority**

The Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer recommended the addition of Ryan Brennan, Director of Instruction and Human Resources and Luke Charlton, Executive Assistant as signing authorities for the District. To add Ryan Brennan and Luke Charlton

2023:R-044 MOVED: Trustee Stiglitz, SECONDED: Trustee Hanson
AND RESOLVED:
“THAT Ryan Brennan and Luke Charlton be granted signing authority for School District 84.”

SUPERINTENDENT/SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT:

a. **District Update**

Things are going well. Many staff have been hired and things are going fairly smoothly. School trips have started. Succession planning has begun in the School District Office.

b. **Finance Warrants**

The School District is spending more money this year. This is due to more staff and also due to inflation in general.

c. **Enrollment Report**

The School District currently has 339 students, eight of which are continuing education students.

TRUSTEE INQUIRIES:

Trustee Rodgers noted that at the end of June, it was discussed about Neurodivergent Adaptive Education – resource provided talks about how to do an Individual Learning Plan for neurodivergent students and other affirming resources.

New Agendas Items from Trustees are to go to Chairperson Fehr first, and then will be sent to the Executive Assistant to be added to the agenda.

PRESS AND PUBLIC INQUIRIES:

Comment from a member of the public: As a parent of a neurodiverse child, the pressure to fit in can be tough on children/students. Affirming support at school is very helpful.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS:

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on November 14, 2023, at 4 pm, at the School Board Office in Gold River. The public is invited to attend. Any requests for public presentations should go to lcharlton@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 4:42 pm:

2023:R-045 MOVED: Trustee Unger, SECONDED: Trustee Stiglitz
AND RESOLVED:
"TO adjourn."