



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR VANCOUVER ISLAND WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT 84,
HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024,
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) (Zoom)

ALSO PRESENT: Lawrence Tarasoff, Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer
Ryan Brennan, Director of Instruction (Human Resources)
Stephen Larre, Director of Instruction (Student Learning)
Deane Johnson, Director of Instruction (Operations)
No members of the Public Present

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Fehr called the meeting to order at 4:01 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:

2024:R-01 MOVED: Trustee Rodgers, SECONDED: Trustee Unger
AND RESOLVED:
"TO approve the agenda."

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

2024:R-02 MOVED: Trustee Hanson, SECONDED: Trustee Rodgers
AND RESOLVED:
"TO adopt the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of December 11, 2023 with the addition of the trustee reports from BCSTA Academy and VISTA."

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Nil.

PUBLIC INQUIRIES AND PRESENTATIONS:

Presentation by Natasha Toth, Principal of RWES

CORRESPONDENCE:

Ray Watkins Elementary School	School Newsletter (January)
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2024:R-03 MOVED: Trustee Unger, SECONDED: Trustee Rodgers
AND RESOLVED:
"TO receive and file the correspondence."

REPORT OF THE CLOSED MEETING:

Chairperson Fehr reported that the Board discussed one labour issue.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

a. **School Reports**

CMESS: The Christmas concert was well attended and enjoyed by all.

GRSS:

RWES

ZESS: A Brief Catch-Up

Students and Staffing

ZESS student enrollment has remained constant at 45.

Nich Vander Meulen has finished his practicum and is now employed at the school as a First Call TTOC.

On-Going Programs

Every morning there is a breakfast program. Many students access the morning offerings including cereals, fruit, pancakes, home make toast, French toast, waffles and eggs.

We have continued with our morning exercise and meeting. This runs for about 15 minutes at the start of each school day. Students and staff do a variety of physical activities including calisthenics, dance, yoga, stretching, and then circle up for a quick lesson or activity on Social Emotional Learning, and/or the goal of the week. The goal of this is to use a brief physical activity to get students ready for learning and then introduce SEL topics or weekly school goals based on the core competencies to the students.

This year, we have started a daily hot lunch program. In partnership with Nuchatlaht and Ehatis, two hot lunch cooks were hired through the Nations. Using the Feeding the Futures money, ZESS is providing the food.

We have a weekly school cultural practice attended by community members to help provide signing and dance instruction.

School Operation Improvements

Vince Smith, our Elder in residence has started work to paint our sensory room. Work should be finished by the next board meeting and I should have some pictures to share.

We are excited that Head Start had started in the school. This program is run through the Ehatisaht Nation and will provide space for up to eight pre-Kindergarten children. Selena Rondeau is the Head Start facilitator. The program will run daily and provide a learning environment for young children.

December Events

On December 7th, we had a school wide field trip to Port McNeill to stake at the arena and watch a Christmas movie together at the movie theatre complete with popcorn It was a big event with 40 students attending, and 16 staff and volunteers from the community.

Upcoming Events

Jan 11 ICBC Driving Safety Presentation

Feb 5 NTC Post Secondary Information Meeting

Feb 2 Celebrate Us Assembly and Community BBQ

KESS: A great back to school.

- Students in Renovated Gym
 - is almost complete; but we are loving having it so much!!
 - Began the week by welcoming the new year with whole school Song and Dance practice in the Gym on Monday – the acoustics are amazing!!!
 - Ended the week with whole school Intermural Game challenges in the gym. So fun!!!
- Basketball is started!
 - ZESS has joined Kyuquot's basketball this year!
 - 3 Tournaments in January
 - Duncan - January 15th
 - Travelling to Ucluelet and Nanaimo before end of Month
 - Jr. Girls in Chilliwack Feb 2nd ..
- Exhibition of Learning in Gymnasium January 25
 - Museum walk through of student learning
 - Primary Play
 - Dinner / Grand Opening of Gym

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Nil.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Administrative Procedure 445 – Remote Work

DI Brennan outlined the new AP.

- b. Budget 2024/25

Begin budget process in February with projections and staffing requests

c. Community Consultations

Dates need to be set soon for late February/early March

SUPERINTENDENT/SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT:

a. District Update

Shared many exciting things happening in all the schools.

b. Finance Warrants

As presented

c. Enrollment Report

As presented

TRUSTEE INQUIRIES:

The next SRD Accessibility Advisory meeting is January 25 in Campbell River. Trustee Rodgers will attend and report back on progress at the February Board meeting. She will also inquire about any press releases from the committee that can be shared on the District website.

PRESS AND PUBLIC INQUIRIES:

Nil.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS:

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, February 12, 2024, at 4:00pm, at the School Board Office in Gold River. The public is invited to attend. Any requests for agenda additions should go to ltarasoff@viw.sd84.bc.ca two weeks prior to the meeting. Board meeting minutes are posted on the District's website at sd84.bc.ca/about-sd84/board-meetings/.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 4:45 pm:

2024:R-04 MOVED: Trustee Unger, SECONDED: Trustee Rodgers
AND RESOLVED:
"TO adjourn."