



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR VANCOUVER ISLAND WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT 84,
HELD ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 13, 2024,
AT THE SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE, GOLD RIVER, BC**

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

TRUSTEE ABSENT: Katie Unger (Zoom)

ALSO PRESENT: Lawrence Tarasoff, Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer
Ryan Brennan, Director of Instruction
Stephen Larre, Director of Instruction
Deane Johnson, Director of Instruction
Gillian Leask, Assistant Secretary Treasurer
Ellena Gjesdal, Executive Assistant
Public – 1 (Zoom)

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Fehr called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm, acknowledged and gave thanks that we work, play and live on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Nuu-chah-nulth peoples and Mowachaht/Muchalaht, First Nations.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

2024:R-15 MOVED: Trustee STIGLITZ , SECONDED: Trustee RODGERS
AND RESOLVED:
“TO approve the agenda.”

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

2024:R-16 MOVED: Trustee STIGLITZ , SECONDED: Trustee RODGERS
AND RESOLVED:
“TO adopt the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of February 12, 2023.”

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Nil.

PUBLIC INQUIRIES AND PRESENTATIONS:

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nil.

REPORT OF THE CLOSED MEETING:

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

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

- a. School Reports
 - i. GRSS: Students in France and Grad Class is going to Hawaii during spring break.
 - ii. RWES: Jan-Feb 2023- RWES Board Report - We welcomed two new teachers to staff, Christina Andrews and Rheanne Lancaster. Both of who recently graduated from our local VIU Teacher Training Program. We have continued with our monthly assemblies. The students have been doing a really good job and are beginning to feel more relaxed about presenting in front of a large group. We held teacher-parent interviews on February 8th. Turnout was not too bad and parents / guardians that could not attend were contacted by teachers to offer them a quick update and / or alternate meeting time. Fun Fridays are still a big hit. We try to have one a month. Some of the intermediate students went to the local skating rink for one of our Fun Friday activities. The student council and PAC worked together to hold a Valentine's dance in the afternoon on Valentine's Day. Some parents volunteered to supervise, and the student council members ran the dance for the primary students. The student council also organized some spirit days: Sports jersey day, Canadiana day and pink shirt day. Teachers held their own pink shirt activities in their classrooms. Our second Learning Update will be going out on the 14th.
- b. IEC Report - LEA Agreement and Enhancement Agreement dates in May. Meeting with First Nation Communities requesting representation at Curriculum Implementation Day. Student teacher program expanding to include SD47 and SD70, next meeting in Zeballos in May 2024.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Community Consultation – Online February 27th and 28th – six members of the public attended; no feedback received to date. Feedback forms can be found on the School District website.
- b. Playground – CMESS, DI Johnson and Brenda Lenahan met with Jim Baron met regarding the construction of the new playground. Accessibility Plan implementation will help solve grant process and funding. DI Johnson reported that they have a mechanism to reach a solution.
- c. AP431 – Recruitment and Selection – Principal/Vice Principal – Amendment to existing to procedure. Change to AP to add the ability to utilize pools of candidates for Principal and Vice Principal hiring. No formal obligation or contract until placement is found. Help solve hiring issues, unforeseen changes and assist in succession planning.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Annual Review Feedback – see attached for Board Information. The District appreciates the feedback around a lack of student involvement and feedback in the process.
- b. Preliminary Budget 2024-2025 – The District is well-staffed this year. The District is trending to spending all of the current Budget. The Board of Education has given directions to the Superintendent Secretary Treasurer and Assistant Secretary Treasurer to have a Moderate approach to the Budget creation for the 2024-25. Final budget surplus amounts will not be available until August after the Audit has been completed.
- c. Trustee Rodgers – requested that Mr. Davie from SD70 – Pacific Rim give a presentation to the Board regarding relationships, reconciliation and protocol when communicating with First Nation Communities. It was decided that DI Larre will speak with Tim Davie at the BCSTA AGM in April regarding his availability to do so.

SUPERINTENDENT/SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT:

- a. **District Update** – GRSS Students in France, and Hawaii. Looking forward to the three day cultural sharing event at Kyuquot Elementary Secondary School in May .
- b. **Finance Warrant** – thirty five percent of the school year remaining, with thirty five percent of funding unspent. The District is on track with its finances.
- c. **Enrollment Report** – see attached District is currently at 376 students with 325 of them being K-12 students.

TRUSTEE INQUIRIES:

- a. Will there be a decent connection in Zeballos for the upcoming board meeting?. School connection is the best available in Zeballos. DI Johnson will ensure all systems are in place for wifi connections.

PRESS AND PUBLIC INQUIRIES:

NOTICE OF MEETINGS:

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 5:30pm, at the Zeballos Elementary Secondary School in Zeballos. The public is invited to attend. Any requests for agenda additions should go to egjesdal@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 6:43 pm

2024:R-17 MOVED: Trustee HANSON , SECONDED: Trustee STIGLITZ
AND RESOLVED:
"TO adjourn."