

# MINUTES

## SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60 (Peace River North)

### REGULAR MEETING

Monday, October 21, 2024

5:30 p.m.

*Present:* Helen Gilbert, Chair – Board of Education (Area 5) *(via Zoom)*  
Madeleine Lehmann, Vice-Chair (Area 1)  
Ida Campbell, Trustee (Area 4)  
Nicole Gilliss, Trustee (Area 3)  
David Scott-Moncrieff, Trustee (Area 2)  
Bill Snow, Trustee (Area 5) *(via Zoom)*  
Tom Whitton, Trustee (Area 5)

Stephen Petrucci, Superintendent of Schools  
Angela Telford, Secretary-Treasurer  
Leah Reimer, Recording Secretary



*(Guests/Media)*

*None*

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**This Regular Board Meeting will be recorded and uploaded to our district website**

**Disclaimer: The definitive documentation and decisions of the Board are documented in the meeting minutes**

**Any use of an electronic device such as a computer or cell phone is related to the business of the meeting**

The core values that guide the work of the school district are *RESPECT, COMPASSION, HONESTY, RESPONSIBILITY, and RELATIONSHIPS.*

### Call to Order

Chair Gilbert called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

*Acknowledgement that today's Board Meeting is being held within the traditional territory of the Dane Zaa and Treaty 8.*

### Agenda

Approval of the Agenda

### Motion #129-24

Whitton/Scott-Moncrieff  
THAT the agenda be accepted as presented with the following additions:  
11.1 BCSTA - NIB Branch Report Out  
10.2 Business Arising - Remembrance Day Ceremony Representation  
CARRIED.

## Presentations/Delegations

### **Bamfield Marine Science Camp for Visually Impaired High School Students** *(Attachment)*

*Trista Triska, Teacher*

*Summer & Irina, Students*

- Presentation was made and questions were answered from trustees and district staff

## Trustee Engagement/Celebrations

At this time, opportunity was given for Trustees to report on activities undertaken and/or information of interest:

### Trustee Campbell (Area 4)

- Thank you to the trustees that made deliveries for Staff Appreciation week
- BCSTA Provincial Council voter training for the meeting this weekend
- SUP-PAC meeting tomorrow
- Will attend Remembrance Day Ceremony in Taylor

### Trustee Gilliss (Area 3)

- Hudson's Hope PAC Meeting
- Bert Bowes Volleyball Tournament

### Vice-Chair Lehmann (Area 1)

- NIB in Prince George
- SUP-PAC Meeting
- Upper Halfway Gym Grand Opening
- Staff Appreciation deliveries
- Clearview, Charlie Lake and Robert Ogilvie PAC meetings – all had good attendance and no issues
- District Joint Health & Safety Committee Meeting
- Lunch with DPAC Executive

### Trustee Scott-Moncrieff (Area 2)

- In contact with liaison schools
- Delivered trays for Staff Appreciation
- Upper Halfway Gym Grand Opening
- Visited Buick Creek

### Trustee Snow (Area 5)

- NIB Meeting
- Upper Halfway Gym Grand Opening
- NPSS for Shadow Box unveiling
- Thank you to trustees who delivered the snack trays for Staff Appreciation

### Trustee Whitton (Area 5)

- Delivered some trays for Staff Appreciation
- Family Camp Out in August
- Got married the end of August

Chair Gilbert (Area 5)

- Key Learning Center PAC Meeting – online learning leads to different conversation about connection
- SUP-PAC Meeting
- Organization of NIB & Leadership Series meetings in Prince George
- Upper Halfway Gym Grand Opening – loved ordering gym equipment and watching the students use it
- Rural and Remote Network meeting on October 8 – thank you to district staff for providing information needed. We can celebrate that our message is getting out there.
- Delivered snack trays to locations for Staff Appreciation

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting**

Approval of the Minutes

Motion #130-24

Lehmann/Snow

THAT the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2024 be adopted.  
CARRIED.

Business Arising from the Minutes

The following business arose from the above noted Minutes:  
*None*

**Approval of Excerpts**

Motion #131-24

Scott-Moncrieff/Campbell

THAT the excerpts from the June 17, 2024 In Camera Meeting Minutes be approved and appended to these Regular Meeting Minutes.  
CARRIED.

Motion #132-24

Snow/Lehmann

THAT the excerpts from the June 24, 2024 “Special” In Camera Meeting Minutes be approved and appended to these Regular Meeting Minutes.  
CARRIED.

**Announcements & Reminders**

October 22	SUP-PAC Meeting ( <i>Campbell/Scott-Moncrieff</i> )	12:00 p.m.	Board Room
October 25	NID Day (Pro-D Provincial)		
October 25/26	Provincial Council Meeting		Vancouver
November 4	COTW Meetings	1:00 p.m.	Duncan Cran School
November 4	NPAA Meeting	4:45 p.m.	DKMS
November 11	Remembrance Day		
November 18	Board Meetings	5:30 p.m.	Board Room
November 18-20	Volleyball Tournament (Elementary)		Anne Roberts Young
November 21-23	Trustee Academy		Vancouver
November 26	SUP-PAC Meeting	12:00 p.m.	Board Room
November 27/28	Early Dismissal Days		
November 29	NID (Parent-Teacher Interviews)		
December 2	COTW Meetings	1:00 p.m.	Charlie Lake School
December 5	NPAA – Christmas Dinner	5:30 p.m.	
December 14	District Christmas Dinner & Dance		Pomeroy Hotel
December 16	Board Meetings	5:30 p.m.	Board Office
December 23 to January 3	Christmas Vacation		

## Senior Staff Reports

### Superintendent's Report

A written and electronic report was presented. Topics discussed and reported included:

#### **Human Resources Summary for Teachers & AO's**

- For information purposes

### **Superintendent's Report**

<https://togetherwelearn.prn.bc.ca/2024/10/16/superintendents-report-october-2024/>

**ACTION:** Trustees have requested that the Superintendent provide more details on "remedy"

#### **Cybersecurity in SD 60**

- Refer to Superintendent's Report link for more additional information
- Posters and cards have been distributed to trustees and will be posted and circulated throughout the district

#### **Out-of-District Field Trips**

- *See motion below*

#### **Community Coaches**

- *See motion below*

#### Motion #133-24

Snow/Gilliss

THAT the Board of Education accepts the Superintendent's Report with the exception of Out-of-District Field Trips and Community Coaches.

CARRIED.

#### Motion #134-24

Snow/Scott-Moncrieff

THAT the Board of Education approve the attached Out-of-District Field Trips as presented.

CARRIED.

#### Motion #135-24

Campbell/Gilliss

THAT the Board of Education approve Community Coaches as presented.

CARRIED.

### Secretary-Treasurer's Report

A written report was presented. Topics discussed and reported included:

#### **Finance Update to September 30, 2024**

##### **Enrollment Update**

- Closer in estimation than in previous years
- Numbers based on preliminary 1701 count; there may still be minor adjustments
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##### **Human Resources Summary Report**

- For information purposes

- Some EA postings still out. Hours and allocations are evolving at the schools which will result in further postings coming out.

Motion #136-24

Snow/Whitton

THAT the Board accept the Secretary-Treasurer's Report.

CARRIED.

**Reports of Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting**

Approval of the Minutes – October 7, 2024

Motion #137-24

Scott-Moncrieff/Snow

THAT the Board accept the Regular Committee of the Whole minutes of October 7, 2024 and its recommendations

CARRIED.

Business Arising from the Minutes

The following business arose from the above noted Minutes:

**Remembrance Day Ceremony Representation**

- Fort St. John – Trustees Snow & Whitton
- Taylor – Trustees Campbell & Scott-Moncrieff as well as students
- Cecil Lake – Vice-Chair Lehmann
- Hudson's Hope – Trustee Gilliss as well as students

Policy Committee

- Nothing to report

**Other Reports**

**BCSTA**

Provincial Council – no motions at this time to go to Provincial Council. Will be discussing budget.

NIB Report Out

- Chair Gilbert – BCSTA Rural & Remote report was the discussion for Friday night. Saturday was owned by BCSTA. FNEESC presented – asking hard questions about attendance data...want clarity around processes. Child Youth Care presentation provided us with a lot to think about. EcoCycle Planning teaching was woven throughout the day...what trustees need to be aware of what they need to do action on
- Vice-Chair Lehmann – Rural & Remote report - surprised to see we have 40 rural districts and 20 urban categorized. Tracey's Toyota clip on how to improve...if you do it well, share it. Bill 40 – FNEESC presentation – learned the difference between First Nation and Indigenous. Indigenous includes Metis and Inuit, whereas First Nation does not. Distinction based approach is enshrined in legislation
- Trustee Snow – FNEESC – a lot to it. The breakdown with Rural & Remote was good. Networking...hearing firsthand what rural is. Talking about attendance here compared to Fort Nelson, Vancouver and the reasons why
- Friday there were 35 in attendance...Saturday attendance higher 40. (If every NIB trustee and district staff members came it would be a total of

68.) All districts were represented except Fort Nelson. More came on Saturday for the BCSTA Leadership Series. NE districts were well represented.

- Discussion followed around attendance and communication with teachers

**BCPSEA**

- Vice-Chair Lehmann has forwarded email re: “conflict of interest” to trustees.
- October 24 (BCPSEA reps, Sup’t, ST) and October 29 (all trustees) presentations being offered. Register through the link in the email
- Update provides clarity, no changes. Will come up again because of bargaining ratification.
- Vice-Chair Lehmann is attending the Symposium November 7 & 8, 2024
- One of the BCPSEA directors has now declared being “in conflict” so there will be an election to fill the position

**Board Pro-D Committee**

- *None*

**Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2024/25-CPSD60-03**

- Amendment required due to the approval of a capital project for an addition to Dr. Kearney Middle School

Motion #138-24

Lehmann/Gilliss

THAT in accordance with Section 68(4) of the *School Act*, all three readings of the Capital Bylaw No. 2024/25-CPSD60-03 be given at this meeting  
CARRIED.

Motion #139-24

Scott-Moncrieff/Gilliss

THAT the Board adopt the First Reading of Capital Bylaw No. 2024/25-CPSD60-03  
CARRIED.

Motion #140-24

Campbell/Whitton

THAT the Second and Third Reading be read in short form  
CARRIED.

Motion #141-24

Snow/Whitton

THAT the Board adopt the Second Reading of Capital Bylaw No. 2024/25-CPSD60-03  
CARRIED.

Motion #142-24

Scott-Moncrieff/Lehmann

THAT the Board adopt the Third and Final Reading of Capital Bylaw No. 2024/25-CPSD60-03  
CARRIED.

**Correspondence**

*None*

**Unfinished Business**

The following unfinished business arose from the previous meeting minutes:  
*None*

**New Business**

*None*

**PRNTA Update – Donna Bulmer, President**

*No report – not present*

**CUPE Local #4653 Update – Jennie Copeland, President**

*No report – not present*

**District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) Report – President**

*No report – not present*

**Questions from Press/Public**

At this time, opportunity was given for questions from the press  
*None present*

**Suspension & Move into In-Camera Meeting**

Motion #143-24

Scott-Moncrieff/Whitton  
THAT the Board suspend the Regular Meeting and move into the In-Camera Meeting.

CARRIED.

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Motion #144-24

Whitton/Gilliss  
THAT the Board resume the Regular Meeting and those Motions made In Camera be brought forward for implementation.

CARRIED.

**Adjournment**

Motion #145-24

Scott-Moncrieff/Gilliss  
THAT the meeting be adjourned. (7:43 p.m.)

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HELEN GILBERT, CHAIR,  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

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ANGELA TELFORD,  
SECRETARY-TREASURER



**Bamfield Marine  
Science Camp  
for Visually Impaired High  
School Students**

**April 2024**





**bmsc** BAMFIELD MARINE SCIENCES CENTRE



# Thanks to:

## Vision Teachers & Co-ordinators

Lynn Wales SD 23

Sofeya Devji SD 8



## UBC Professors

Dr. Kim Zebehazy

Dr. Erika Fundelius



## Funders

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MILITARY POLICE FUND  
FOR BLIND CHILDREN



Central Okanagan  
Public Schools

Together We Learn



School District 8  
Kootenay Lake

# Summer & Irina



# Learning from an Indigenous Elder





BEACH CLEAN-UP: GIVING BACK

# Accessible Science Taught by Scientists

## Marine Mammal Adaptations Lab



# Marine Invertebrate Diversity Lab



Touch tanks in the labs.



# Ocean Plastics; Seabirds as Indicators of Ecosystem Health



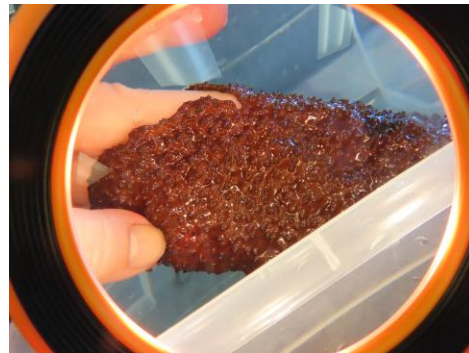
Hands-on exploration of taxidermy sea birds and the plastic garbage found in their stomachs.



Dredging the ocean floor.



# Seaweed Lab



Inspecting seaweed with a hand-held magnifier.

# Temperate Rainforest Hike

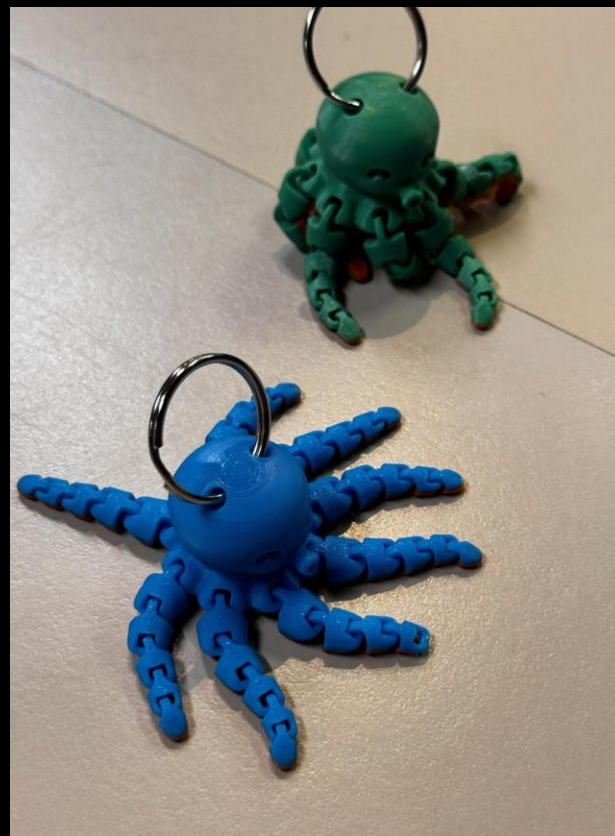


Measuring the height of a tree root using a white cane.

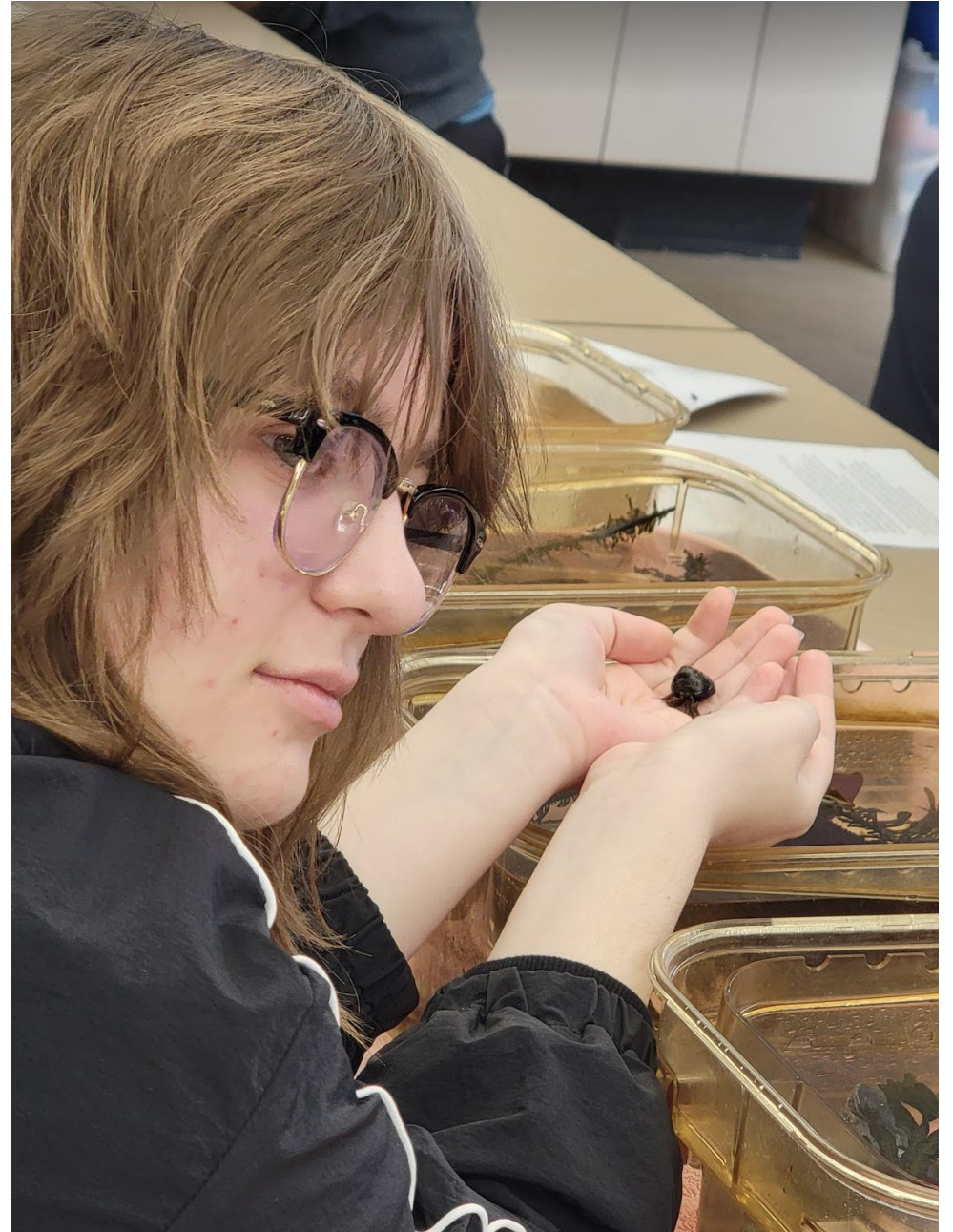


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and  
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# Lasting Impact





Questions  
or  
Comments

