

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Tuesday, September 11, 2018**  
**VINTA Office, Port Hardy – 4:30 pm**  
**MINUTES**

Attendance:

Shelley Svatos	TTOC
Wendie Jensen	PHSS
Melanie Demoe	EMX
Shawn Gough	VINTA
Ricki-Lyn McCrae	NISS
Jason Voth	PHSS
Nimfa Casson	NISS
Kevin Ogren	SES
Teresa Wadhams	Ches
Robert Fyles	PHSS

1. Expense vouchers & 'Call to Order'. Ricki-Lyn McCrae, Chair: 4:38 PM
2. Review/adoption of agenda dated, September 11, 2018.

**MOVED: Casson/Ogren**

That the agenda dated September 11, 2018 be adopted as amended, adding item (I) 2 week Spring Break.

**CARRIED**

3. Review/adoption of minutes dated, June 18, 2018.

**MOVED: Ogren/Svatos**

That the minutes of June 18, 2018 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

4. Business:

- a) Guest speaker Don Kattler

Don came to speak about his role in the community working for the government of BC on the Poverty Reduction initiative. He mentioned a lot of useful information that members can use to help students or staff.

-anyone self identifying as living in poverty is someone Don can help

-Don will guide them to the right people and ensure they are receiving all the benefits they are entitled to.

-you can do a referrals to Don

Don mentioned he would like to be invited to speak at a meet the teacher night to inform parents of services available to them that they may not be aware of.

Child poverty in our region is the third highest in the province, 1 in 3 children is living in poverty. If teachers are interested in doing any work to help raise awareness, Don would love to help.

**MOVED: Ogren/Svatos**

That the VINTA Executive Committee move into committee.

**CARRIED**

**MOVED: Ogren**

That the VINTA Executive Committee rise from committee.

**CARRIED**

The Chair reports election issues were discussed.

- b) Recommendation to combine VP and Bargaining/WLC  
Kelly Pike has moved and therefore a new Bargaining/WLC Chair will need to be elected. Going into a bargaining year, it seems too late to get someone trained and ready for the position. Shawn has suggested combining the role of VP and Bargaining/WLC Chair which would make Jason the new Bargaining Chair. This works well as he has experience and training already. By collapsing the VINTA EC by one member, the association saves several hundred dollars per year and increases the effectiveness of the VP position

**Gough/McCrae**

**MOTION:** That the VINTA EC recommend to the General Meeting that the position of Bargaining/WLC Chair be collapsed and permanently reduce the VINTA EC by one position and combine the role with that of Vice President.

**CARRIED**

**Gough/Ogren**

**MOTION:** That the VINTA EC present Recommendation 2 to the General Meeting.

**CARRIED**

- c) Staffing updates  
AND  
d) Provincial bargaining update

**MOVED: Demoe/Svatos**

That the VINTA Executive Committee move into committee.

**CARRIED**

**MOVED: Ogren**

That the VINTA Executive Committee rise from committee.

The Chair reports staffing updates and provincial bargaining were discussed.

- e) School based meetings  
Most schools have their dedicated reps now and should be scheduling meetings
- f) Grievance committee  
currently have 3 vacancies, looking for more people to join, non-executive members would be best. Will be asking people at the general meeting on Sept.19.
- g) VINTA Bargaining team  
As of now we have Jason, Melanie, Rebecca and Jackie(will be on mat leave soon). Looking for 2 more people to join. Again, will be looking for people at the general meeting.
- h) Advisory committee meetings (PD, HSW)  
Shawn emailed to all reps the calendar with all meeting dates and locations for the 2018/19 year. Hopefully this makes it easier for people to plan to be there. Some EC meetings will be on Tuesdays as Shawn travels on Wednesday afternoons for BCTF meetings.
- i) Mentoring program  
Currently we do not have a mentoring program, funding was not renewed. Stacia is interested in being involved but would need an executive member to be a coordinator as well. Nimfa has volunteered to do this.
- j) Municipal election voting  
Advance polls are Oct 10, 18 and 19. Shawn will send out an email reminding teachers and EA s that will be away for Provincial Pro D to get out and vote at the advance polls.
- k) All Candidates  
Shawn will be sending out the questions in the agenda to John Martin. Our local election contact is unable to fulfill the role right now, Shawn has taken this over. If you have an idea for a question, let Shawn know and he can add it to the list. 30 ads were also put out on the radio for a cost of \$425.25, however this cost is fully covered by a BCTF grant.
- l) 2 week Spring Break  
The deadline if wanting this to progress is February 2019, as the board needs

to know by then so they can get the school year calendar printed. John Martin did send back a proposal which was reviewed. Robert was concerned about the School Board taking away a PD day when they have no rights to doing so. If minutes need to be added to days, they need to be calculated out properly.

**MOVED: Fyles/Ogren**

**MOTION:** That in response to John Martin's opening position on the 2 week Spring Break, VINTA respectfully disagrees with the removal of a non instructional day and the number of minutes required.

**CARRIED**

5. Correspondence: None

6. Reports:

a) President Report

Shawn has a meeting with Claire Trevena on October 5.

b) Treasurer's Report

Current Financial Report

**MOVED: Fyles/Casson**

That VINTA Executive Committee/Rep Assembly approve the current financial report.

**CARRIED**

c) Professional Development report

The year's events are all planned. October is a bit low on options as it is Provincial Pro D and people generally travel to seminars targeted at their interests. Joint Pro D meeting is Sept.18. Greg Muirhead has agreed to do training on the climbing wall for the February Pro D day.

d) Bargaining report

all issues have been discussed earlier, and there are currently no open grievances

e) Social Justice report

Lots of materials if anyone is looking to incorporate SJ into your classroom. Also there are grants available, Nimfa would be happy to help with proposals.

f) Health, Safety and Wellness report

not present to report

- g) TTOC report  
Still a shortage of TTOCs, will be having a meet and greet coffee soon
- h) Aboriginal Educator report  
Teresa met Phyllis Webstat at Summer Conference, Phyllis is the woman who started Orange Shirt Day. Orange Shirt Day is Oct 30, some classes will be doing it on Oct 28. Canadian Geographic has designed a huge floor map that would need the space of a gym floor. You can book this for 3 weeks, it comes with lessons and activities. It contains proper names, territories and language for teaching.
- i) Local Representative report  
not present to give report

- 7. Any Other Business:  
Zone meeting Oct 12&13 in Nanaimo. Jason will be going as President, Mel will go as Bargaining rep, all other executive members will represent their role.
- 8. Adjournment: 6:35 PM

**MOVED: Fyles**

That the VINTA Executive Committee/Rep Assembly adjourn this meeting.

**CARRIED**