

**GENERAL MEETING**  
**Wednesday, September 19, 2018**  
**Eagle View Elementary, Port Hardy – 5:00 pm.**  
**MINUTES**

Attendance:

Ricki McCrae	NISS	Rebecca Mackenzie	NISS
Shelley Svatos	TTOC	Nimfa Casson	NISS
Shawn Gough	VINTA	Kevin Ogren	SES
Scott Craig	NISS	Susan Beatty	Sunset
Brian Heller	PHSS	Teresa Wadhams	CES
Robyn Gordon	PHSS	Jason Voth	PHSS
Jessica Tuttle	EVES	Joel Dyck	PHSS
Robert Fyles	PHSS	Heather Miller	EVES
Fred Robertson	TTOC		

1. Call to Order. Jason Voth, Chair: 5:15 PM
2. Review/adoption of agenda dated, September 19, 2018.

**MOVED:Fyles/Craig**

That the agenda of September 19, 2018 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

3. Review/adoption of minutes dated, January 17, 2018.

**MOVED: Ogren/MacKenzie**

That the minutes of January 17, 2018 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

4. Commitment to Solidarity

5. Business:

a) Guest speaker, Clint Johnson (BCTF 2<sup>nd</sup> VP)

Lots going on in terms of bargaining. Regional meeting for local presidents to discuss issues. Zone meetings happening Oct 12&13. Glen and Terry met with the new TRB chair, things that are in public interest should be sent to the TRB, items that should and should not be dealt with at the TRB level will be sent out.

Keith Godin, Assistant Deputy Minister produced a draft of the new policy for

student success. Look for this on the ministry's website in the near future. A few failure to fill grievances where the employer did not make an appropriate actions to fill the position have completed arbitration and BCTF is waiting on an answer. Regarding semester 2 remedy, board has 21 days from the start of semester 2, it does not matter if this starts and ends in the same month. BCTF presented their final response regarding Special Ed language and definitions, waiting for an answer on that, hopefully in the spring. BCTF did ask to start the bargaining early on Dec.1, this was not accepted. Hopeful for a February start now, but the government is not receptive to start bargaining earlier. BCTF Conference is Oct 26&27, bargaining will be discussed. Glen, Terry and Clint want to hear what members want! They will be looking to travel around and hear ideas. The objective is to have the deal done by June 30.

b) Recommendations from EC

These recommendations are regarding dissolving the Bargaining/Working and Learning Conditions Chair and combining it with the Vice President role and amending the VINTA Constitution.

**MOVED: Ogren/McCrae**

That the VINTA put the recommendations from the EC on the floor.

**CARRIED**

Recommendation 1 (requires 78% approval)

The Executive Committee recommends that Section 5.1 of the VINTA Constitution be amended by substitution as follows:

**5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

5.1 Executive Committee: The officers of this Association shall be: President, Vice President/Bargaining/Working and Learning Conditions, Past President/Member-At-Large, Secretary-Treasurer, Local Association Representative and the Chairpersons for the following Standing Committees: Aboriginal Education, ~~Bargaining/Working and Learning Conditions~~, Health and Safety, Local Elections Contact, Professional Development, Social Justice, and Teachers Teaching On Call.

**MOVED: Ogren/McCrae**

That the VINTA accept Recommendation #1.

**CARRIED**

Recommendation 2 (simple majority vote)

That pursuant to the amendment to Section 5.1 of the Constitution, Jason Voth be awarded the position of Bargaining/Working and Learning Conditions Chair in addition to his elected role of Vice President.

**MOVED: Craig/Ogren**

That the VINTA accept Recommendation #2.

**CARRIED**

c) Provincial Bargaining update

**MOVED: MacKenzie/Beatty**

That the VINTA move into committee.

**CARRIED**

**MOVED:Ogren**

That the VINTA rise from committee.

**CARRIED**

The Chair reports Provincial Bargaining was discussed.

d) Grievance committee

Currently looking for members to join the Grievance committee.

Brian Heller and Robyn Gordon volunteered.

**MOVED: McCrae/Beatty**

That the VINTA accept Brian Heller and Robyn Gordon as part of the VINTA Grievance committee.

**CARRIED**

e) VINTA Bargaining team

Currently looking for members to join the bargaining team.

Rebecca MacKenzie and Jessica Tuttle volunteered to join.

**MOVED: Craig/Svatos**

That the VINTA accept Rebecca MacKenzie and Jessica Tuttle as part of the VINTA Bargaining team.

**CARRIED**

Brian Heller also volunteered to join.

**MOVED: Beatty/McCrae**

That the VINTA accept Brian Heller as part of the VINTA Bargaining team.

**CARRIED**

- f) Advisory committee meetings  
Schools should have their reps by now. Shawn sent out an email with all scheduled committee meetings for the 2018-19 year so all members are aware of the dates.
- g) Municipal Elections and Proportional Representation  
There will be no election for School Trustees, all candidates were acclaimed as there was just enough.  
Port Hardy will have Jeff Field, Leighton Wishart, and Leanne Farrell  
Port McNeill will have Paul Cann and Lawrie Garrett  
Regional District will have Eric Hunter and Carol Prescott  
Elections for Mayor and Councillors will take place on Oct 20. Advanced polls in Port Hardy are Oct 5, 17 and 18. Shawn was unsure when advanced polls are in Port McNeill and other communities. Need to remind staff to do early polls as they may be away for Provincial Pro D on Oct 20.  
Proportional Representation evens out the playing field, meaning if a party gets 30% of the vote, that party gets 30% of the seats. Seth Klein works for the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives and he put together a great presentation explaining how Pro Rep works. It was presented at the BCTF meeting and will be presented at the Zone meetings in October.

**MOTION: Ogren/Heller**

That the VINTA amend the agenda to remove items 7a, and 7c-7i under Reports, and make 7b the new 7a.

**CARRIED**

- h) 2 week Spring Break update  
EC has seen the first proposal from the board. There were a few items the EC didn't agree with and will be going back countering those points in the updated proposal.
- i) FSA tests  
Shawn has letters that will be distributed to parents/guardians of Grade 4 & 7.
- j) BCFed Convention  
Takes place Nov 26-30, usually the local President attends. VINTA currently has no budget for this and the cost would be around \$3000.

**MOVED: Ogren/MacKenzie**

That the VINTA not send a representative to the BCFed Convention due to lack of budget.

**CARRIED**

Shelley Svatos recorded her negative vote.

6. Correspondence: none
7. Reports:
  - a) Treasurer's Report
    - i. Current Financial Report

**MOVED: Fyles/McCrae**

That the VINTA approve the current Financial Report.

**CARRIED**

8. Any Other Business: HSW report, see attached letter
9. Adjournment – 6:50 PM

**MOVED: Fyles**

That the attendees of this VINTA General Meeting adjourn.

**CARRIED**