

**GENERAL MEETING**  
**Wednesday, January 23, 2019**  
**Port Hardy Secondary, Port Hardy – 5:00 pm.**  
**MINUTES**

Attendance:

Ricki McCrae	NISS	Ben Donoghue	PHSS
Holly Kunstar	PHSS	Nimfa Casson	NISS
Shawn Gough	VINTA	Kevin Ogren	SES
Scott Craig	NISS	Mike Cleary	PHSS
Charlene Fiander	EVES	Teresa Wadhams	CES
Robyn Gordon	PHSS	Jason Voth	PHSS
Kevin McGhee	PHSS	Joel Dyck	PHSS
Robert Fyles	PHSS	Sherri Williams	PHSS
Kendra Sharpe	NISS	Wendie Jensen	PHSS
Olivia Goyette	EVES	Melanie Demoe	PHSS
Barry Korven	NISS	Sherri McCulloch	TTOC

1. Call to Order. Jason Voth, Chair: 5:07 PM
2. Commitment to Solidarity
3. Review/adoption of agenda dated, January 23, 2019.

**MOVED: Fyles/Craig**

That the agenda of January 23, 2019 be adopted as amended

**CARRIED**

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

**MOVED: McCrae/Ogren**

That the minutes of October 30, 2018 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

5. Business:

- a) AGM Delegate election

There is one space available, need to elect a member to attend. The LP and LR will also be attending.

Melanie Demoe volunteered to be the BCTF AGM rep.

There were three calls for further nominations for BCTF AGM rep.  
**Melanie Demoe** was acclaimed.

**MOTION: Demoe/Craig**

To support Shawn Gough as a continued member on the BCTF Executive.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION: Craig/Fyles**

That Shawn Gough has a budget of up to \$200 for advertising and campaigning.

**CARRIED**

b) Meeting with Minister Fleming

Shawn and the BCTF Executive met with Minister Fleming on Friday, January 25 in Vancouver and unfortunately it was disappointing. Minister Fleming was given 10 minutes to open the meeting, and the rest of the hour was given to the executive to present concerns. As of now, Minister Fleming has done nothing different than the liberals over the last 16 years have done, and he has not accomplished anything on his mandate letter. He was challenged to be the Minister to make a difference. He mentioned there will now be 2 stand alone exams in Grade 10, numeracy and literacy and the grade will be on the students' transcript. Says the government is about 40% of the way to implementing the new prevalence funding model.

c) Funding Model Review

This model will have per person funding for students with a medical diagnosis. All other funding will be done on a percentages (prevalence) by region. This could negatively impact rural areas, where testing happens infrequently or care givers are hesitant to have the testing done at all. Work groups will be starting in March to see how this model will be implemented. BCTF members will be on each of these committees.

d) Graduation Program and Assessment

Just before Christmas it was announced that there will be a literacy and numeracy exams in Grade 10. These are stand alone exams and the mark will be on the student's transcript. There will also be one in Grade 12. 80 credits to graduate will stay the same. Stakeholders asked for stand alone First Nations courses, but this is not happening.

e) Provincial Bargaining update

**MOVED: Ogren/Wadhams**

That VINTA move into committee.

**CARRIED**

**MOVED: Gordon**

That VINTA rise from committee.

**CARRIED**

The Chair reports Provincial bargaining was discussed.

f) Spring Break

VINTA and the Board have a signed Letter of Understanding from October. In November, a group of parents attended the Board meeting to express their anger over how the Spring Break is attached to Easter. This issue was discussed at length at the EC meeting and the EC decided to leave the issue alone and let the trustees make their decision. The next Board meeting is on February 11, 2019, where the trustees will make a decision. VINTA needs to be prepared that the trustees may come to us and ask to reopen negotiations. If this happens, Shawn will then conduct another site by site vote.

g) Grievance Update

**MOVED: Ogren/Demoe**

That VINTA move into committee.

**CARRIED**

**MOVED: Gordon**

That VINTA rise from committee.

**CARRIED**

The Chair reports grievances were discussed.

6. Correspondence: none

7. Reports:

a) President Report

United Teachers' of LA are currently on strike. BCTF has strong connections with UTLA. BCTF sent Kip Wood down to LA to bring greetings and support.

b) Treasurer's Report

i. Current Financial Report

**MOVED: Casson/Gordon**

That the VINTA approve the current Financial Report.

**CARRIED**

c) Professional Development Report

A reminder to everyone that for the most part all activities for the District day

in February is outside so dress appropriately. Sign up if you haven't already done so.

d) Bargaining Report

Draft language is drawn up for local bargaining. The bargaining committee is meeting on Friday, January 25. Local bargaining should be starting early March.

e) Social Justice Report

UNESCO is an international network that links your school up to other schools globally. This needs to be a whole school initiative, not just a class and also needs to be signed off by the principal.

f) Health, Safety and Wellness Report

District meeting happened and a few issues were discussed. Mainly the phone systems not working yet. Lock down communication is also an issue. A reminder to always fill out the 6A forms when an injury occurs.

g) Teacher on Call Report

Board is actively trying to recruit TTOC's to the district. Have heard there is possibly 3 coming to the district soon.

h) Aboriginal Educators' Contact Report

Teresa spoke with Irene who said to make sure you are using your First Nations support worker to get people into your classroom to teach things like weaving, sewing, etc. There is funding through the board office for this. Irene has a list of people with who are able to come into the classroom to teach these things. There is a FNEC meeting happening soon as well.

i) Local Representative Report

RA is next weekend. Should notice a slight increase on pay due to pension amount going down. Due for next raise May 1/19

8. Any Other Business: none

9. Adjournment – 6:29 PM

**MOVED: Fyles**

That the attendees of this VINTA General Meeting adjourn.

**CARRIED**