

GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, September 25th, 2024 NISS,
Port McNeill – 5:00 pm.
MINUTES

Attendance:

Shawn Gough	VINTA	Keon Birney	PHSS
Julie Nielsen	EVES	Melanie Demoe	PHSS
Leah Slake	PHSS	Jenn Hogeweide	NISS
Colette Doan	EVES	Darcy House	PHSS
Jeanine Nicholson	SVES	Brianna Bartel	EVES
Jamie Woodford	PHSS	Teresa Wadhams	CHES
Heather Jack	SSES	Kevin Ogren	SSES
Courtney Wall	PHSS	Joel Dyck	PHSS
Kristen Dahmer	Exe Me-Xi		

1. Call to Order. Courtney Wall, Chair: 5:15 PM.
2. Review/adoption of agenda dated September 25th, 2024.
Change location to correct location and add 4. Commitment to solidarity.

MOVED: Demoe/Ogren

That the agenda of September 25th, 2024, be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

3. Review/adoption of minutes dated January 24th, 2024.

MOVED: Demoe/Dyck

That the minutes of January 24th, 2024 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. Business:

- a. Social Justice Chair election

Kevin Ogren announced the election and called for any other runners. Julie Nielsen was declared after no one else stood against her. Julie Nielsen is now Social Justice Chair.

b. Bargaining Committee

Bargaining year this year and the time to put in our ideas is coming up quickly. Courteny Wall, Nimfa Casson, Sarah Soltau, Melanie Demoe, Joel Dyck, Kristen Dahmer, Jamie Woodford, we are lacking in elementary representation. Jeanine Nicholson volunteered.

MOTION: Ogren/Wall

That Courteny Wall, Nimfa Casson, Sarah Soltau, Melanie Demoe, Joel Dyck, Kristen Dahmer, Jamie Woodford and Jeanine Nicholson be on the Bargaining Committee.

CARRIED

c. Grievance Committee

Doesn't meet very often. The committee helps decide if certain grievances should go through or not. Committee members cannot be part of the executive.

MOTION: Slacke/Nicholson

That Joel Dyck, Kristen Dahmer and Jenn Hogeweide be on the Grievance Committee.

CARRIED

d. Provincial Election

Shawn Gough showed a BCTF slide show on election information. Want members to be active and involved. This riding is a swing riding. Get out and vote, and talk about it with others. The more we talk about the issues the more informed people become. We need politicians in office that care about education. All candidates meeting October 10th, 7:00PM at PHSS. 2 out of 3 candidates have responded so far to attend, it will be a public meeting.

e. Employment Standards Sick Days

TTOC's you have 5 sick days, mandated by the government. The issue was the board here wasn't apaying TTOC's for sick days. The 5 days are per calendar year, working on seeing if that can be adjusted to the school year. Contact admin and Muffy to ensure that you are paid for your sick day, you can only be paid for a sick day if you were scheduled or if you are called in on that day.

f. Review of Designations

School district directed by BCPC to review G designations. Jackson language was restored and should remain. If students aren't meeting the old terms of, what autistic is they can put many in a classroom now. We have not been given any direction on what is going on. Only effecting teachers remedy in classrooms not supports. BCTF has taken a stand on it. Jackson Award is fully supported. There is already a grievance crafted, the process may take many years.

g. Instructional Minutes

Shawn and Courtney will be talking to Rena about this at their next meeting. Right now, the high schools are running an extra 5 minutes a day which adds up to 981 minutes in the year. Elementary schools are running an extra 10-13 minutes a day. Bell schedule posted doesn't always match when the bells actually ring in the schools. There is a grievance already crafted for this.

h. Remedy

Again this issue will be brought up at the next meeting with Rena, Oct 7th. Muffy knows how much you are owed, and you can contact her for that information. Money can be spent on a non-taxable benefit to you. For example, bringing in a speaker or going on a pro-d excursion. Send Shawn a copy of any receipts for remedy so that he can keep a record.

i. Lost Prep Time

It is still owed to you. Talk to your admin to know what is still owed to you, make arrangements with them to use your time. You should keep track of your lost prep time as admin do make mistakes.

5. Reports

a) President Report

The page of notes is included in the package. The SOJI protest didn't really happen anywhere.

b) Treasurer's Report

i. Current Financial Report

We have money not much is going on in the accounts yet, no concerns.

MOVED: Demoe/Wall

That VINTA approve the current financial report.

CARRIED

c) Professional Development Report

Not here but mentioned that there are 3 new forms on the VINTA website not currently on the district site yet.

d) Bargaining Report

We will be having a meeting with Rena to discuss many of our issues on October 7th.

e) Social Justice Report

Nothing to report, just got the position.

f) Health, Safety and Wellness Report

Not here.

g) Teacher on Call Report

We have 25 on the list but very little time available.

h) Aboriginal Educators' Contact Report

Orange shirt week and in Port Hardy there is a March on Monday September 30th. Created orange shirts with encouraging messages to those that survived residential schools.

i) Local Representative

Meeting is Nov 1st and 2nd.

j) Political Action

The provincial election is in the works.

6. No other business

7. Adjournment 6:04