

**Education Policy Development Committee  
January 6, 2014 – Tolmie Boardroom**

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**REGULAR MINUTES**

**Present:**        **TRUSTEES**  
Catherine Alpha, Chair  
Bev Horsman  
Tom Ferris  
Michael McEvoy  
Diane McNally  
Deborah Nohr  
Peg Orcherton  
Edith Loring-Kuhanga

**Regrets:**       Elaine Leonard

**ADMINISTRATION**

John Gaipman, Superintendent  
Sherri Bell, Deputy Superintendent  
Seamus Howley, Director of Facilities  
Jim Soles, Supervisor of Building Projects  
Dave Thomson, Principal of Oak Bay High School  
Janine Roy, District Principal of Learning Initiatives and Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Chair Alpha recognized and acknowledged the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, on whose traditional territories we live, we learn, and we do our work.

**1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

It was moved

That the January 6, 2014 regular agenda be approved.

**Motion Carried**

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

It was moved

That the December 2, 2013 combined Education Policy Development and Operations, Policy and Planning Committee Meeting regular minutes be approved.

**Motion Carried**

- 3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – none**
- 4. PUBLIC REQUEST TO THE COMMITTEE – none**
- 5. CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE – none**
- 6. MOTIONS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE - none**
- 7. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS - none**

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

### A. The New Oak Bay High School

Superintendent John Gaipman introduced Oak Bay High School Project Designer Darryl Johnson and Project Architect Adam Fawkes with Hughes, Condon and Marler Architecture who are part of the Design/Build team of Farmer Construction and HCMA Architecture. Superintendent Gaipman also recognized District staff who have been responsible for the Oak Bay Design/Build project from the beginning, including Director of Facilities Seamus Howley, Supervisor of Building Projects Jim Soles and Principal Dave Thomson.

Director of Facilities Seamus Howley gave an overview of the project's history. Construction has been underway since August 2013 and the building contract was awarded to Farmer Construction. This 21<sup>st</sup> century facility is scheduled to be completed in September 2015. It was recognized that the last new high school constructed in the District was Spectrum Community School in 1976, so it has been a complex and exciting opportunity to develop this innovative facility to meet the needs of current and future students within the Oak Bay community.

Darryl Johnson provided a presentation on the planning and construction of the Oak Bay High School project. Sustainability is a fundamental component of this project by incorporating leading-edge environmental initiatives in relation to Bowker Creek, storm water management, cycling paths and pedestrian walkways. He described the facets of the Arrival Plaza, Student Plaza, Aboriginal Space and the four pillars of excellence of Oak Bay High School incorporated into the building's design: academics, citizenship, arts and athletics. The building will also include community integration: a Performing Arts Center including 430 seat theatre, multi-purpose spaces for learning, athletics areas including two gyms and a fitness facility open to the public after school hours, and a Neighbourhood Learning Centre. The Neighbourhood Learning Center will be open to the community and include a daycare and a teen center, There will be a wide variety of flexible multi-purpose spaces to accommodate learning both inside and outside of classrooms. An overview was given of the school's science wings, general instructional areas in both English and French Immersion, and a collection of classrooms called small learning communities.

Once the walls start to form the construction will happen quickly reported Director of Facilities Seamus Howley. Oak Bay High School Principal Dave Thomson reported that it is unfolding rapidly.

Trustees asked questions and commented on the progress. District staff and Oak Bay High School staff were congratulated for their work with the community to ensure that this is a facility which can be used by both students and community members. Teachers and staff at Oak Bay were recognized for their involvement in the planning from the initial stages, and it was reported that their input was key in many of the details incorporated into the building's design.

Chair Alpha thanked the presenters for their informative presentation. She recognized the importance of sustainability and creating an inclusive community by including a daycare center and a teen center into the design. Chair Alpha expressed appreciation for the work that everyone has done.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved

That the meeting adjourn.

**Motion Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.