

**Education Policy Development Committee
April 7, 2014 – Shoreline Middle School**

REGULAR MINUTES

Present: **TRUSTEES**
Catherine Alpha – Chair
Tom Ferris
Bev Horsman
Elaine Leonard
Michael McEvoy
Diane McNally
Deborah Nohr
Peg Orcherton

Regrets: Edith Loring-Kuhanga

ADMINISTRATION

Sherry Bell, Superintendent of Schools
Pat Duncan, Associate Superintendent
Janine Roy, District Principal of Learning Initiatives
Kristine Marshall, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 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 April 7, 2014 amended regular agenda 'adding E Sundance School' be approved.

Motion Carried

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved

That the March 3, 2013 Combined Education Policy Development Committee and Operations, Policy and Planning Committee 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. Rugby Academy at Esquimalt High School

Mr. Colin Roberts, Principal of Esquimalt High School, explained the changes to the vision and rationale for the proposed Esquimalt Rugby Academy. After reviewing the feedback provided by the Board at the previous presentation, revisions were made to the application which included letters of support from the Esquimalt municipality and Rugby Canada stating their commitment to making this program a success.

Trustees asked questions and thanked Mr. Roberts.

It was moved

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the Rugby Academy at Esquimalt High School.

Motion Carried

Trustees for: Alpha, Ferris, Horsman, Leonard, McEvoy, Orcherton **Trustees against:** McNally, Nohr

B. The Canoe Project: Sharing BCSTA Presentation on Structuring Schools to Improve Engagement and Wellness

Ms. Kim Strom, Principal of Shoreline Community Middle School and Mr. Jeff Duyndam, Vice-Principal of Shoreline Community Middle School, shared their BCSTA presentation on how to create meaningful and lasting school change. The presentation explained how Shoreline staff collaboratively planned and implemented a variety of rich educational programs to engage students and promote student success. Implementing innovative programs such as Activity Based Learning (ABL) and in-class Learning Support has improved attendance, engagement and achievement.

Trustees asked questions and thanked Ms. Strom and Mr. Duyndam for their presentation.

C. Motion – Trustee McNally

Trustee McNally presented her motion and rationale. Trustees made comments and asked questions.

It was moved

That all personnel accounted for (in addition to the proposed reduction in clerical support and reduction in Learning Mentor (FTE) under “Learning Initiatives” be reassigned to appropriate positions in SD61, and the department “Learning Initiatives” be closed.

Motion Defeated

Trustees for: Alpha, McNally **Trustees against:** Ferris, Horsman, Leonard, McEvoy, Nohr, Orcherton

D. Motion – Trustee McNally

Trustee McNally presenter her motion and rationale. Trustees made comments and asked questions.

It was moved

That SD61 halt implementation of wifi router installation and any related activity in schools immediately and for the 2014-15 school year, and apply the District’s share of material, bandwidth and labour savings to the 2014-15 budget plan, savings to be itemized and provided in a detailed spreadsheet to the Board.

Motion Defeated

Trustees for: Alpha, McNally, Nohr **Trustees against:** Ferris, Horsman, Leonard, McEvoy, Orcherton

E. Sundance School

Ms. Kira Antinuk, a Sundance parent, expressed an interest in having the committee look at options for using the Sundance building once the school is closed. The terms 'community centre' and 'community school' were clarified both in terms of funding requirements and involvement of community partners.

Trustees thanked Ms. Antinuk for attending the meeting and sharing ideas. Trustees also thanked City of Victoria Councillor Gudgeon for attending the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.