



**Combined Education Policy Development Committee
and
Operations, Policy and Planning Committee Meeting
September 8, 2014 – Goward House, 2495 Arbutus Road**

REGULAR MINUTES

Present:

Elaine Leonard, Chair, Operations, Policy and Planning Committee, Catherine Alpha, Tom Ferris, Edith Loring-Kuhanga, Michael McEvoy, Diane McNally, Deborah Nohr, Peg Orcherton, Bev Horsman

Administration:

Sherri Bell, Superintendent of Schools, Debra Laser, Secretary-Treasurer, Shelley Green, Associate Superintendent, Seamus Howley, Director of Facilities, Vicki Hanley, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

Chair Leonard welcomed new student representative, Kelsey Hoi, from Mount Douglas High School, to the meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved:

That the September 8, 2014 regular agenda be approved with the addition of two items under 5.D. Public Disclosure of In-Camera Items.

Motion Carried

Chair Leonard advised Trustee Loring-Kuhanga that the matter of Clause E.80 of the Framework Agreement between the British Columbia Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) and the British Columbia Teachers' Federation (BCTF) is a labour relations bargaining issue that was discussed at the special in-camera board meeting earlier this evening and is not a topic for the public committee meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved:

That the June 2, 2014 Education Policy Development Committee Meeting regular minutes be approved.

Motion Carried

Trustee Orcherton advised that the voting record with respect to Item 9.A. of the June 9, 2014 Operations, Policy and Planning meeting minutes was incorrect and that in fact she had voted in favour of the motion and did not abstain. Secretary-Treasurer Laser advised that the minutes would be corrected.

It was moved:

That the June 9, 2014 Operations, Policy and Planning Meeting regular minutes be approved with the correction to the voting record for Item 9.A..

Motion Carried

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Trustee Horsman advised that she would be providing a Notice of Motion at the next Education Policy Development Committee meeting with respect to writing a letter in support of the Community Literacy Plan.

4. EDUCATION POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - None

5. OPERATIONS, POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

A. PRESENTATIONS - None

B. SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

1. Bylaw 9360 and Bylaw 9360.2

Secretary-Treasurer Laser explained that due to job action it may be necessary to cancel future Board and Committee meetings and recommended the following motion with respect to Bylaw 9360, General Meeting of the Board and Bylaw 9360.2, Meetings of the Standing Committees. Discussion ensued amongst Trustees with questions of clarification being asked of Secretary-Treasurer Laser.

It was moved:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agrees to cancel regularly-scheduled meetings at the call of the Board Chair in consultation with the respective Standing Committee Chair in the event that the strike continues unless there are agenda items that require immediate attention.

Motion Defeated

For: Trustee Horsman

Against: Trustees McNally, Loring-Kuhanga, Nohr, Alpha, McEvoy, Orcheron, Leonard and Ferris

C. FACILITIES PLANNING

1. Victoria High School Field Update

Randi Falls, Principal of Victoria High School updated the Committee with respect to the Multi-Purpose Sports Facility project. The project was first initiated in 2007 and since that time there has been dialogue with a number of neighbourhood groups who would like to participate in funding, including the City of Victoria. The total estimated cost of the project is approximately \$5.5 million and the City of Victoria has approved a matching grant of \$250,000. The present amount of fundraising sits at \$179,000. Ms. Falls outlined the next steps for this project and answered questions from Trustees.

2. Capital Projects

Seamus Howley, Director of Facilities Services, updated the Committee with respect to the work completed on the major capital projects in the District as follows:

- The \$9.0 million seismic upgrade at Quadra Elementary is nearing completion and the school is ready to receive students.
- Phase one of the \$3.0 million seismic upgrade at Tillicum Elementary was completed this summer, and the plan is to complete the seismic upgrade next summer.
- The \$5.0 million seismic upgrade of George Jay Elementary has begun and will be completed by September 2015. The students have been temporarily re-located to the former Richmond Elementary while the work is underway.
- The Oak Bay High School Replacement Project is ahead of schedule and on target to open in September 2015. Discussion ensued amongst Trustees with questions being asked of Mr. Howley.

D. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS

Chair Leonard reported out the following motion from the Special In-Camera board meeting that was held prior to this evening's committee meeting:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) publically calls upon BCPSEA to agree to binding arbitration without preconditions in the current labor dispute between BCPSEA and the BCTF. And, further that any cost associated with an arbitrated settlement be borne in totality by the BC Provincial Government and that no costs be down loaded to BC Boards of Education.

Chair Leonard further reported out that the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) would be sending an Open Letter to the Community regarding the current labour dispute between BCPSEA and the BCTF and to watch for the letter in the media and on the District website in the next few days.

E. NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS - None

F. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

G. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.