



The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
June 17, 2013 Regular Board Meeting - Tolmie Boardroom, 556 Boleskine Road

MINUTES

Present:

Trustees Peg Orcheron, Chair, Bev Horsman, Vice-Chair, Catherine Alpha, Tom Ferris, Elaine Leonard, Edith Loring-Kuhanga, Michael McEvoy, Diane McNally, Deborah Nohr

Administration:

John Gaipman, Superintendent of Schools, Debra Laser, Secretary-Treasurer, Sherri Bell, Deputy Superintendent, Pat Duncan, Associate Superintendent, Deborah Courville, Associate Superintendent, Nella Nelson, Coordinator, Aboriginal Nations Education, Vicki Hanley, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m.

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

Introductions were made around the Board table.

A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING

A1. Approval of the Agenda

It was moved and seconded:

That the June 17, 2013 Agenda be approved with the following changes/additions:

A7. Trustee Reports:

- a) Trustee McNally
- b) Trustee Loring-Kuhanga
- c) Trustee Horsman
- d) Trustee Nohr
- e) Trustee Ferris

F. New Business/Notice of Motions:

- a) Trustee Ferris
- b) Trustee McNally
- c) Trustee Loring-Kuhanga
- d) Trustee Nohr

Motion Carried

A2. Approval of the Minutes

- a) It was moved and seconded:

That the May 21, 2013 Regular Minutes be approved.

Motion Carried

A3. Business arising from the Minutes

None.

A4. Student Achievement

Maryanne Trofimuk, Principal, Rogers Elementary, introduced kindergarten teacher, Kolette Cristante and thirteen of her students, who performed traditional aboriginal drumming and sang for the Board. Ms. Cristante had several of her students introduce themselves and announce the song they would be performing. After the performance the students handed out painted rocks as gifts to members of the Board.

A5. District Presentations

- a) Trustee Horsman presented Janice Simcoe with a Certificate of Appreciation for her dedication, leadership and commitment as Chair of the Aboriginal Nations Education Council and for her work on the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement.

Ms. Simcoe thanked the Board for their support of Aboriginal students in the District and acknowledged the work of the Aboriginal Nations Education Department.

- b) Chair Orcherton presented Margaret Dow, Educational Assistant at Frank Hobbs Elementary, with a Certificate of Recognition for being the recipient of the 2013 National Inclusive Educational Award awarded by the Canadian Association for Community Living and Inclusion BC.

Ms. Dow accepted the certificate and thanked the Board for acknowledging her at the meeting.

- c) Trustee McEvoy acknowledged Jack Jeffrey, a longtime George Jay Elementary, Central Middle School and Victoria High School volunteer, with a Certificate of Recognition. Unfortunately, Mr. Jeffrey was unable to attend the Board meeting to accept, however, two former students who had the pleasure of working with him when he was volunteering for the chess club, attended and accepted on his behalf. Kelly and Shara both spoke highly of Mr. Jeffrey and how his volunteering has impacted their lives.

Chair Orcherton thanked Kelly and Shara for attending and for delivering the certificate to Mr. Jeffrey.

A6. Community Presentations

- a) Stephanie Longstaff, Past President of the Sooke Parents Education Advisory Council, attended the Board meeting to provide information about the Vancouver Island Parent Conference. Ms. Longstaff encouraged the Board to attend the conference and shared stories from this year's conference and what a success it was.
- b) Vicki White, Chair of the Vancouver Island Parent Conference, attended the Board meeting to provide further details about the February 1, 2014 conference which will be held at Spectrum Community School. Ms. White was able to share a few of the presenter's names and student musical entertainment that has been arranged to help make the conference a success.
- c) John Bird, President, Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils, attended the Board meeting to introduce the newly voted in VCPAC Executive Committee and shared the priorities and initiatives for 2013/2014.

- d) Wendy Joyce, Vice-Chair, Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils provided the Board with further details and specifics with regard to VCPAC's priorities. In 2013-/2014 VCPAC will host two PAC Congresses, two PAC Chair Summits and will continue to partner with Sooke DPAC in hosting the Vancouver Island Parent Conference. Ms. Joyce extended an invitation to all Board members to attend ongoing events and meetings.
- e) Peter Milne, parent, attended the Board meeting to speak about perceived conflicts of interest within the District and the accountability of Trustees with respect to Wi-Fi technology.

A7. Trustees' Reports

Trustee McNally reported that she attended the Greater Victoria School District Primary Teachers Retirement tea at Strawberry Vale Elementary, the District Retirement Tea at SJ Willis and the Aboriginal Nations Education Recognition Ceremony and Banquet.

Trustee Horsman reported that she attended several year-end celebrations including musical events, presentations, grad celebrations and retirement functions and expressed how uplifting it is to end the school year on a high note.

Trustee Loring-Kuhanga reported that she visited Victoria High School and Reynolds High School to speak to aboriginal students prior to attending and addressing the graduates at the Aboriginal Nations Education Recognition Ceremony. Trustee Loring-Kuhanga reported that she also attended the Primary Teachers Retirement Tea at Strawberry Vale Elementary, a musical performance at Central Middle School and the Spectrum High School Award Ceremony. Trustee Loring-Kuhanga reminded Trustees that June 21st is National Aboriginal Day and spoke of the many events that will take place in and around Victoria on that day.

Trustee Nohr reported that she attend the District Retirement Tea at SJ Willis, the Aboriginal Nations Education Recognition Ceremony at SJ Willis, a musical evening at Central Middle School and the Mt. Douglas High School Graduation Ceremony.

Trustee Ferris thanked his fellow Trustees, the District Leadership Team and Superintendent Gaipman for the outstanding work that has been done this year.

Trustee McEvoy reported that he will be attending the Oak Bay High School Graduation Ceremony and addressing the graduates on June 18th which will include his daughter who is graduating.

B. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Orcherton reported that she attended a Culture and Community meeting, the Kiwanis Club of Victoria's annual student recognition luncheon, the Aboriginal Nations Recognition Ceremony, the District Retirement Tea at SJ Willis, Lambrick Park High School Grad Ceremony and the S.J. Willis Education Centre Grad Ceremony.

Chair Orcherton acknowledged the busy year it has been and thanked the Superintendent, the District Leadership Team, her fellow Trustees, administrators, teachers, counselors, support staff and parents, for all of their hard work in making the year successful for our students.

C. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

C1. Joint Education Policy Development and Operations, Policy and Planning Committee

- a) The June 10, 2013 meeting minutes were presented for information.
- b) Trustee Leonard referred to the minutes from the Joint Education Policy Development and Operations, Policy and Planning Committee meeting and presented the following motion. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) receives the 2013-2014 Achievement Contract.

Motion Carried

For: Trustees Ferris, McNally, McEvoy, Loring-Kuhanga, Orcherton, Horsman and Leonard
Against: Trustees Nohr and Alpha

D. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

D1. a) Board of Education and Standing Committee Meeting Dates

Chair Orcherton presented the following motion.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the 2013/2014 Board of Education and Standing Committee meeting dates.

Motion Carried Unanimously

b) Specialty Academy Fees

Chair Orcherton presented the following motion. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) makes available to the public via the District website, the schedules of fees that have been approved by the School Planning Councils for the District's Specialty Academy programs.

Motion Carried Unanimously

c) Enhancement Agreement

Associate Superintendent Courville presented the following motion and provided background information with respect to the history of the Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement.

Associate Superintendent Courville introduced Nella Nelson, Coordinator of the Aboriginal Nations Education Department who spoke about the work related to the Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement, her involvement in the project and acknowledged people who had been involved in the completion and signing of the agreement. Ms. Nelson finished off with a powerful presentation which showcased

aboriginal education, traditions and culture with students in our District.

After the presentation discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions being answered by Associate Superintendent Courville and Ms. Nelson.

Chair Orcherton thanked the committee for their hard work and dedication and stated how proud the Board of Education is with respect to the signing of the Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) receives the Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement.

Motion Carried Unanimously

E. REPORTS FROM TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Trustee McNally reported that she was unable to attend the Saanich Healthy Advisory Committee meeting last month, however, she will be attending this month's meeting on June 20th.

F. NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS

- F1. Trustee Ferris – Trustee Remuneration
- F2. Trustee McNally – District Health and Safety Committee Composition
- F3. Trustee Loring-Kuhanga – Suicide Prevention
- F4. Trustee Nohr – District Health and Safety, Policy 4330

G. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

H. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS

None.

I. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded:

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer