



**Education Policy Development Committee
November 2, 2015 – Doncaster Elementary School, 1525 Rowan Street**

Regular Minutes

Present: **TRUSTEES**
Deborah Nohr, Chair
Tom Ferris
Edith Loring-Kuhanga
Peg Orcherton
Jordan Watters

ADMINISTRATION

Piet Langstraat, Superintendent of Schools
Shelley Green, Deputy Superintendent
Greg Kitchen, Associate Superintendent
James Hansen, Principal, Doncaster Elementary School
Josee Paris, Vice-Principal, Doncaster Elementary School
Cindy Graf, GVTA
Ted Godwin, VCPAC
Read Jorgensen, VPVPA
Solomon Lindsay, Student Representative
Anna Lisa Bond, Middle School Career and Transitions Coordinator
Nicola Priestley, District Career Coordinator
Connie Schmidt, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Chair Nohr 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 November 2, 2015 regular agenda be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF EDUCATION POLICY DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING – October 5th, 2015**

It was moved:

That the October 5, 2015 Education Policy Development Committee Meeting regular minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

3. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - none

4. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS - none

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Introduction of Student Representative

Superintendent Piet Langstraat introduced and welcomed Student Representative Solomon Lindsay from Victoria High School. Solomon is a first year member of the Representative Advisory Council of Students (RACS) and will be attending the meetings of the board scheduled in the month of November 2015. Solomon and Superintendent Langstraat explained that RACS and District administration are exploring ways to engage a broader student cohort in educational decisions.

B. Numeracy Presentation

James Hansen, Principal of Doncaster Elementary School, welcomed the Committee to his school and proceeded to explain the importance of learning and understanding math concepts as early as Kindergarten. This was followed by a presentation by Teacher Donna Montgomery and a group of Kindergarten to Grade 3 students. Led by Ms. Montgomery, the students demonstrated their learning and understanding of math patterns by using manipulatives and interpreting pie charts and bar graphs.

Trustees expressed their appreciation for the hands-on demonstrations and thanked Ms. Montgomery, her students and Mr. Hansen for a lively presentation.

C. The School Documentary Series for Victoria High

Piet Langstraat, Superintendent, shared with trustees a proposed filming project that would involve the school community at Victoria High School or Esquimalt High School. He explained that the overall intention of the project, which will be overseen and supported by the CBC, is to highlight the positive contributions of public education in the lives of Canadian students. He also explained that the project, brought to District Administration by Paperny Entertainment Inc., is currently in the proposal stage.

A discussion ensued and trustees expressed their appreciation for this exciting opportunity for students and their school community.

D. Board Authority Authorized Course: Introduction to Aviation 12

Greg Kitchen, Associate Superintendent, Anna Lisa Bond and Nicola Priestley, District Career Coordinators, presented trustees with the framework of a new

course, Introduction to Aviation 12. They explained that the course will provide students in grades 10, 11, and 12 with an overview of aviation fundamentals. This will be a credit course and will include a certification for the Ground School component. The course will also provide students with the opportunity to pursue a certification for their Private Pilot License on their own time and with their own resources. Introduction to Aviation 12 would be offered at Mount Douglas Secondary School and will be open to all District students.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the Board Authority Authorized course: Introduction to Aviation 12

Motion Carried Unanimously

6. NOTICE OF MOTIONS - none

7. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.