

**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL  
DISTRICT NO. 61 (GREATER VICTORIA)  
EDUCATION POLICY AND DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**Chairperson: Trustee Deborah Nohr**

**Monday, February 1, 2016 – 7:00 PM**

**Location: Tolmie Board Room, 556 Boleskine Road**

Dialogue with the Public is welcome during Standing Committee Meetings

*The Greater Victoria School District wishes to recognize and acknowledge the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, on whose traditional territories, we live, we learn, and we do our work.*

ITEM	PRESENTER	STATUS	ATTACH
1. Approval of the Agenda			
2. Approval of the Minutes of Education Policy and Directions Committee Meeting – January 4, 2016			Pg. 2-4
3. Business Arising From the Minutes			
4. Presentations to the Committee			
5. New Business			
A. <i>Introduction of Student Representative</i>	<i>Piet Langstraat, Superintendent and Student Representative Dana Hlasney, Spectrum Community School</i>	<i>Info</i>	
B. <i>Learner Success</i>	<i>Piet Langstraat, Superintendent, Info Deb Whitten, Associate Superintendent, James Hansen, Principal at Doncaster Elementary, Nadine Naughton, Principal at Shoreline Community Middle School, Janine Roy, District Principal of Learning Initiatives, Ted Pennell, Director of Information Technology</i>		
C. <i>Special Education Audit</i>	<i>Piet Langstraat, Superintendent</i>	<i>Info</i>	
6. Notice of Motions			
7. General Announcements			
8. Adjournment			



**Education Policy and Directions Committee  
January 4, 2016 – Shoreline Community School, 2750 Shoreline Drive**

**Regular Minutes**

**Present:**     **TRUSTEES**  
Deborah Nohr, Chair  
Tom Ferris  
Diane McNally  
Peg Orcherton  
Rob Paynter  
Jordan Watters  
Ann Whiteaker

**ADMINISTRATION**

Piet Langstraat, Superintendent of Schools  
Shelley Green, Deputy Superintendent  
Greg Kitchen, Associate Superintendent  
Deb Whitten, Associate Superintendent  
Mark Walsh, Manager, Labour Relations and Legal Services  
Nadine Naughton, Principal, Shoreline Community School  
Topher Macintosh, Principal, Central Middle School  
Kyla Cleator, District Principal, Special Education  
Cindy Graf, GVTA  
Ted Godwin, VCPAC  
Audrey Smith, VCPAC  
Read Jorgensen, VPVPA  
Jaya Scott, Student Representative  
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 January 4, 2016 regular agenda be approved.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF EDUCATION POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

It was moved:

That the December 7, 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 Jaya Scott from Esquimalt High School. Jaya 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 January 2016.

#### **B. Paddling Program**

Nadine Naughton, Principal of Shoreline Community School, welcomed the Committee to her school and introduced two Shoreline staff members, Jane Spies, Teacher Librarian, and Hilary Braid-Skolski, Teacher. Ms. Naughton proceeded to explain how the staff and students at Shoreline approach and embrace the new BC Curriculum. This was followed by Ms. Braid-Skolski and Ms. Spies outlining Shoreline's "Big Canoe Program." They reviewed various aspects of the program and how staff and students find ways to "bring the outdoors in and the indoors out."

Trustees then asked a number of questions and expressed their appreciation for the excellent learning opportunities available to Shoreline students.

#### **C. Ministry of Education Plan and Implementation**

Shelley Green, Deputy Superintendent, introduced Cindy Graf, GVTA, and thanked her for her work in her role as Professional Development Chair. Ms. Graf then updated the Committee on how the Ministry of Education and the BCTF have collaborated in order to support teachers in their exploration of the new BC Curriculum. Ms. Graf advised that a number of professional development days and events are going to take place in the next weeks and months. She advised that trustees and all other stakeholder groups are welcome to attend.

A brief question and answer period followed.

#### **D. Special Education Audit**

Kyla Cleator, District Principal, Special Education, provided trustees with information about the Special Education Audit that has been scheduled for the week of January 25, 2016. Ms. Cleator explained how the District is preparing for the audit and outlined the audit process.

A question and answer period followed.

#### **E. Yates Street Temporary Shelter**

Piet Langstraat, Superintendent, presented trustees with a draft of the 1240 Yates Street Temporary Shelter Neighbourhood Agreement as well as a breakdown of the anticipated costs to the Greater Victoria School District as it relates to the temporary shelter being established. He explained how these additional supports and costs relate to student safety.

A lively discussion ensued and additional suggestions were put forward in regards to maintaining safety for staff and students at Central Middle School. Trustees also received input from Topher Macintosh, Principal of Central Middle School, Ted Godwin, President of Central Middle School PAC, and Audrey Smith, VCPAC President.

Trustee Whiteaker moved:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61. (Greater Victoria) track and compile all additional costs and lost facility rental revenue associated with the Temporary Shelter on 1240 Yates Street with the intent to present these costs to the City of Victoria, BC Ministry of Education and BC Ministry of Housing.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

#### **6. NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

Trustee Paynter advised that he will be providing a motion for the January 11, 2016 Operations Policy and Planning Committee Meeting.

#### **7. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS - none**

#### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved

That the meeting adjourn.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.