



**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 7th, 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.