



**Education Policy and Directions Committee  
February 1, 2016 – Tolmie Board Room, 556 Boleskine Road**

**Regular Minutes**

**Present:**     **TRUSTEES**  
Deborah Nohr, Chair  
Tom Ferris  
Edith Loring-Kuhanga  
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, Secretary-Treasurer  
Ted Pennell, Director, Information Technology  
Dave Shortreed, Coordinator, Educational Technology  
Nadine Naughton, Principal, Shoreline Community School  
James Hansen, Principal, Doncaster Elementary School  
Janine Roy, District Principal, Learning Initiatives  
David Futter, GVTA  
Audrey Smith, VCPAC  
Read Jorgensen, VPVPA  
Dana Hlasny, Student Representative  
Solomon Lindsay, Student Representative  
Connie Schmidt, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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**

Trustee McNally advised that she will add a Notice of Motion for the February 9, 2016 Operations Policy and Planning Committee Meeting under item 6. Notice of Motions.

It was moved:

That the February 1, 2016 regular agenda be approved with the following addition:

**6. Notice of Motions**

a. Trustee McNally

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF EDUCATION POLICY AND DIRECTIONS  
COMMITTEE MEETING – January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

It was moved:

That the January 4, 2016 Education Policy and Directions 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 welcomed Student Representative Solomon Lindsay from Victoria High School who filled in for Jaya Hlasny, Student Representative from Spectrum Community School. Jaya joined the meeting later and was introduced as a first year member of the Representative Advisory Council of Students (RACS). Jaya will be attending the meetings of the board scheduled in the month of February 2016.

**B. Learner Success**

Superintendent Piet Langstraat outlined a Learner Success plan that highlighted aspects of today's classroom, shared district observations, big ideas, and presented ways to provide support for teachers. He talked about the importance of equitable access and thoughtful distribution of learning resources across the District for both teachers and students. He spoke about collaborative learning and the need for cohesive, meaningful technology support. Dave Shortreed, Coordinator of Educational Technology, assisted with the presentation by showcasing various learning environments and sharing highlights of his conversations with educators.

Principals Nadine Naughton, James Hansen, and Ted Pennell, Director of Information Technology, contributed to Mr. Langstraat's presentation by sharing their observations and experiences.

Superintendent Langstraat invited feedback from trustees, stakeholder group representatives and the public.

### **C. Special Education Audit**

Superintendent Langstraat informed the Board that the Special Education Audit took place January 25 to 29, 2016. He explained that 400 files were audited and all 400 files have passed the audit. He congratulated all Special Education staff in schools and departments for their excellent work and remarkable professionalism.

## **6. NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

Trustee McNally advised that she will bring the following motion to the February 9, 2016 Operations Policy and Planning Committee Meeting:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) authorize the Chair to sign on as a signatory, on behalf of the Board, to the 1240 Yates Street Transition Shelter Neighbourhood Agreement.

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

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved:

That the meeting adjourn.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.