



**Education Policy and Directions Committee
October 3, 2016 – Victoria High School Library**

Regular Minutes

Present: **TRUSTEES**
Deborah Nohr, Chair
Tom Ferris
Edith Loring-Kuhanga
Diane McNally
Peg Orcherton (regrets)
Rob Paynter
Jordan Watters
Ann Whiteaker

ADMINISTRATION
Piet Langstraat, Superintendent of Schools
Shelley Green, Deputy Superintendent
Deb Whitten, Associate Superintendent
Greg Kitchen, Associate Superintendent
Randi Falls, Victoria High Principal
Ilda Turcotte, GVTA Representative
Eilidh Morrison, Student Representative
Karen Walters-Edgar, Recording Secretary

GUEST:
Carrie Raye - Dietitian

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

Chair Nohr welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting.

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 October 3rd, 2016 regular agenda be approved with the following amendment: Under *New Business*, topic **5D - Food Awareness** be moved up on the agenda to follow immediately after the Superintendent's introduction of this month's Student Representative.

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chair Nohr stated she would like to address the issue of Point of Order on page 3 of the Minutes.

Discussion ensued amongst trustees.

It was moved:

That on Page 3 of the September 12th, 2016 Minutes, the last 5 paragraphs under **Technology Stewardship Committee** Report be stricken from the Minutes.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved:

That the September 12th, 2016 Minutes of the Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting be approved as amended.

Motion Carried Unanimously

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - none

4. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE - none

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Introduction of Student Representative

Superintendent Piet Langstraat welcomed Student Representative, Eilidh Morrison, from Reynolds Secondary School. Eilidh will be attending scheduled Board meetings for October 2016.

B. Food Awareness

Deputy Superintendent Green asked trustees for direction on what the Board would like to see as the focus of food awareness so that the District can begin to work on those items.

Discussion ensued amongst trustees.

It was moved:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) request the Deputy Superintendent to bring forward to the March 6th, 2017 Education Policy and Directions meeting, an interim report to the Board of Education on the District's food awareness initiative.

Motion Carried Unanimously

C. Fast Track

Associate Superintendent Deb Whitten spoke to her report which outlined the past need for Fast Track. Associate Superintendent Whitten also explained what currently happens when students are in need of support.

A brief question and answer period followed.

The following motion was then put forward:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) receive the Fast Track Update report.

Motion Carried Unanimously

D. Codes of Conduct / Dress Codes

Superintendent Langstraat presented his report on Codes of Conduct and Dress Codes.

Discussion ensued amongst trustees.

The following motion was put forward:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) give direction to the Superintendent of Schools to develop a policy and regulation based on the Board's values, as expressed in the Strategic Plan, and as also included in the Ministerial Order 27/06/07 on Codes of Conduct.

Motion Carried Unanimously

E. Trustee Watters Motion

Trustee Watters presented her motion and rationale. Discussion ensued amongst trustees.

Superintendent Langstraat suggested that he write a memo that provides solid background as to how the District is currently funded and the pressures we are currently experiencing and added that then he could put this item on the next Ed Policy agenda detailing the funding and specifics.

Trustee Watters agreed to withdraw her motion.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) instruct the Chair to write a letter to the Minister of Education expressing the challenges of providing learning resources to fully support the new curriculum, and requesting that additional funds be provided for this purpose.

Motion Withdrawn

F. MOTION

Trustee Whiteaker presented her motion and rationale.

It was moved:

That the Policy Sub-Committee review Regulation 3510.2 *Stray Animals in Schools* to consider leashing language for dogs during school hours on school property.

Motion Carried Unanimously

6. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS - none

7. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved:

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.