



**Education Policy and Directions Committee  
January 9, 2017 – Rockheights Middle School**

**Regular Minutes**

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

**ADMINISTRATION**

Shelley Green, Deputy Superintendent  
Deb Whitten, Associate Superintendent  
Greg Kitchen, Associate Superintendent  
Katie Hamilton, Communications and Community Engagement  
Ilda Turcotte, GVTA Representative  
Maryanne Trofimuk, VPVPA Representative

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

Chair Whiteaker welcomed everyone to tonight’s meeting.

Chair Whiteaker recognized and acknowledged the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, on whose traditional territories we live, we learn, and we do our work.

Chair Whiteaker thanked outgoing Education, Policy and Directions Chair, Deborah Nohr, for her leadership as Chair of this committee for the past 2 years.

**1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

It was moved by Trustee Orcherton:

That the January 9, 2017 Education, Policy and Directions agenda be approved.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

It was moved by Trustee Ferris:

That the December 5th, 2016 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting regular minutes be approved.

**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**

Both Superintendent Piet Langstraat and Student Representative, Elidih Morrison, from Reynolds High School, were unable to attend tonight's meeting and sent their regrets.

### **B. Learning Support Plan**

Harold Caldwell, District Principal-Learning Support Team, presented the Learning Support Plan through a PowerPoint presentation. He introduced the 54 member team and described the learning support plan.

Mr. Caldwell also outlined the priorities, described the goals and explained the strategies. He provided several examples of strategies being used to achieve the goals. Mr. Caldwell concluded with an overview on the work to date and described what will follow over the rest of the year and into next year.

Questions regarding the learning support plan followed the presentation.

### **C. District Middle School Review Committee - Terms of Reference**

Associate Superintendent, Deb Whitten, spoke to the Terms of Reference for the District Middle School Review Committee.

Trustees asked questions and made suggestions following the explanation of the Terms of Reference.

The following motion was then put forward:

It was moved by Trustee Nohr:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) accept the Terms of Reference for the District Middle School Review Committee with the following amendments: Under **Timeline** delete the word final and change the reporting from the Operations, Policy and Planning Committee to the Education, Policy and Directions Committee.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

It was moved by Trustee Nohr:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) accept the Terms of Reference for the District Middle School Review Committee as amended.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**6. NOTICE OF MOTIONS - None**

**7. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS - None**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved:

That the meeting be adjourned.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.