



The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
January 23, 2017 Regular Board Meeting - Tolmie Boardroom, 556 Boleskine Road

MINUTES

Present:

Edith Loring-Kuhanga, Chair, Tom Ferris, Vice-Chair, Diane McNally, Debra Nohr, Peg Orcherton, Rob Paynter, Ann Whiteaker

Regrets:

Jordan Watters, Elaine Leonard

Administration:

Piet Langstraat, Superintendent of Schools, Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer, Shelley Green, Deputy Superintendent, Deb Whitten, Associate Superintendent, Greg Kitchen, Associate Superintendent, Katie Hamilton, Manager, Community Engagement and Communications, and Tina Carleton, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m.

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

A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING

A1. Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Trustee Orcherton and seconded:

That the January 23, 2017 Agenda be approved with the following additions/changes:

C2. Trustee Reports

- c) Trustee Ferris
- d) Trustee Whiteaker
- e) Trustee Nohr
- f) Trustee Paynter

Motion Carried Unanimously

A2. Approval of the Minutes

a) It was moved by Trustee Ferris and seconded:

That the December 12, 2016 Regular Board Minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A3. Business arising from the Minutes – None

A4. Student Achievement

- a) Ingrid Fawcett, Principal, Pam Ewart and Natalie McIlmoyle from Frank Hobbs Elementary School reviewed the areas of focus for their school including differentiating learning experiences within an inclusive learning environment and developing an inquiry based mindset with all of their students.

Chair Loring-Kuhanga thanked Mrs. Fawcett, Ms. Ewart and Mrs. McIlmoyle for their presentation.

- b) Amanda Chambers Grade 8 student reviewed her experience attending the Choices Conference at Victoria High School, a one-day girls' conference, led by local women, providing the opportunity to explore a variety of career pathways.

Chair Loring-Kuhanga thanked Miss Chambers for her presentation.

A5. District Presentations – None

A6. Community Presentations – None

B. CORRESPONDENCE

B1. VPVPA

A letter from the Greater Victoria Principals' and Vice Principals' Association was received for information.

B2. BCSTA President

A letter from the BC School Trustees Association President was received for information.

B3. Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education and BCSTA President

A letter from the Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education and the BCSTA President was received for information.

B4. Minister Bernier, Ministry of Education

A letter from Minister Bernier was received for information.

B5. Assistant Deputy Minister Farkas, Ministry of Education

A letter from Deputy Minister Farkas was received for information.

C. TRUSTEE REPORTS

C1. Chair's Report

Chair Loring-Kuhanga reviewed her various activities over the past month and announced the Committee membership changes.

C2. Trustees' Reports

- a) Trustee Ferris presented the French Advisory Committee Semi Annual Report.
- b) Trustee Watters presented the Aboriginal Nations Education Council Semi Annual Report.
- c) Trustee Ferris reviewed his various activities since the last meeting.
- d) Trustee Whiteaker spoke about her activities over the last month.
- e) Trustee Nohr described her activities over the last month.
- f) Trustee Paynter informed trustees about the upcoming BCPSEA AGM and reviewed the motions that will be discussed.

D. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**D1. Education Policy and Directions Committee**

- a) The January 9, 2017 meeting minutes were received for information.
- b) Trustee McNally moved and it was seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the recommended motion from the January 9, 2017 Education Policy and Directions Committee Meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Trustees asked questions of clarification.

- i) 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

D2. Operations Policy and Planning Committee

- a) The January 16, 2017 meeting minutes were received for information.
- b) Trustee Ferris moved and it was seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the recommended motions from the January 16, 2017 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) delete Policy 4135.4 – *Teacher Staff Grievance Procedure*.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- ii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) delete Policy 5126 – *Awards and Recognition*.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- iii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) delete Policy 5127 - *Recognition Ceremonies*.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- iv) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the posting of the following 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 school year calendars on the School District's website for a period of one month:

2017/2018 School Year Calendar*

School Opening –	September 5, 2017
First non-instructional day –	September 18, 2017
Thanksgiving –	October 9, 2017
Second non-instructional day – (Province wide)	October 20, 2017
Remembrance Day –	November 13, 2017
Third non-instructional day –	November 24, 2017
Schools close for Winter vacation –	December 22, 2017
Schools re-open after Winter vacation –	January 8, 2018

Family Day –	February 12, 2018
Fourth non-instructional day –	February 23, 2018
Schools close for Spring vacation –	March 16, 2018
Good Friday –	March 30, 2018
Easter Monday –	April 2, 2018
Schools re-open after Spring vacation –	April 3, 2018
Fifth non-instructional day –	April 20, 2018
Sixth non-instructional day –	May 18, 2018
Victoria Day –	May 21, 2018
Administrative Day and School Closing –	June 29, 2018
*Seventh non-instructional day to be chosen by each school	
2018/2019 School Year Calendar*	
School Opening –	September 4, 2018
First non-instructional day –	September 17, 2018
Thanksgiving –	October 8, 2018
Second non-instructional day – (Province wide)	October 19, 2018
Remembrance Day –	November 12, 2018
Third non-instructional day –	November 23, 2018
Schools close for Winter vacation –	December 21, 2018
Schools re-open after Winter vacation –	January 7, 2019
Family Day –	February 11, 2019
Fourth non-instructional day –	February 22, 2019
Schools close for Spring vacation –	March 15, 2019
Schools re-open after Spring vacation –	April 1, 2019
Good Friday –	April 19, 2019
Easter Monday –	April 22, 2019
Fifth non-instructional day –	May 17, 2019
Victoria Day –	May 20, 2019
Administrative Day and School Closing –	June 28, 2019
*Sixth non-instructional day to be chosen by each school	
Motion Carried Unanimously	

- v) Regulations 5133.1 *Organizations - Safety Patrols and Regulation 5134.1 Police Sponsored Youth Activities in Schools* will be deleted.

E. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

E1. Superintendent's Report

- a) Superintendent Langstraat presented his report.

It was moved by Trustee Orcherton and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) receive the Superintendent's report as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- b) Interim Funding Updates

Superintendent Langstraat explained that the school district received \$1.6 million as its portion of the funding being provided to begin to address the outcome of the Supreme Court of Canada ruling. This equates to approximately 34 FTE teaching positions for the remainder of the school year. In addition, 7 new teaching positions are being funded from the remaining Education Fund grant. Trustees asked questions of Superintendent Langstraat.

c) **Trustee Questions**

Superintendent Langstraat responded to Trustee questions.

E2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

a) Secretary-Treasurer Walsh presented his report.

It was moved by Trustee Nohr and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) receive the Secretary-Treasurer's report as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously

b) Secretary-Treasurer Walsh explained that the school district has completed Seismic Project Identification Reports (SPIR) in support of the planned high risk portion of the seismic program. School districts can now utilize funds from within the restricted capital account, with the written approval of the Ministry of Education, to cover the SPIR costs. It is recommended that Ministry approval be requested to use restricted capital funds in the amount of \$235,753 to fund the completed SPIR work. Trustees asked questions of clarification.

It was moved by Trustee Orcherton and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to make application to the Ministry of Education to access \$235,753 in restricted capital to fund the completed SPIR work.

Motion Carried Unanimously

F. QUESTION PERIOD – None

G. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS – None

H. NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS

H1. New Business

a) Trustee Whiteaker – Honourary President Resolution

Trustee Whiteaker presented her motion and rationale. Trustees asked questions and provided comments.

It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) submit the extra-ordinary resolution "Removal of Honourary President" as presented, to the BCSTA AGM.

Motion Carried Unanimously

H2. Notice of Motions – None

I. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Trustee Orcherton and seconded:

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer