



**Combined Education Policy and Directions Committee and  
Operations Policy and Planning Committee Meeting  
March 6, 2017 – GVSD Board Office, Boardroom**

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**REGULAR MINUTES**

**Present:** Ann Whiteaker, Chair, Jordan Watters, Chair, Diane McNally, Rob Paynter, Elaine Leonard, Edith Loring-Kuhanga, Deborah Nohr, Tom Ferris

**Regrets:** Peg Orcherton

**Administration:**

Piet Langstraat, Superintendent of Schools, Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer, Greg Kitchen, Associate Superintendent, Deb Whitten, Associate Superintendent, Katie Hamilton, Manager, Community Engagement and Communications, David Loveridge, Director, Facilities Services

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chair Whiteaker 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 by Trustee Ferris:

That the March 6, 2017 regular agenda be approved with the addition of a Presentation under 5B by David Futter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, GVTA.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – None**

**3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – None**

**4. EDUCATION POLICY AND DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE – Trustee Whiteaker, Chair**

**A. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE – None**

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Introduction of Student Representative - Rory O'Donnell, SJ Willis Education Centre**

Superintendent Langstraat introduced Rory O'Donnell, Student Representative from SJ Willis Education Centre.

**2. Annual Report – Aboriginal Education**

Nella Nelson, Coordinator Aboriginal Education and Louise Sheffer, Director, Learning Team provided an overview of the annual report of the Aboriginal Nations Education

department. They highlighted the partnerships and initiatives the Department has been a part of over the last year and noted a number of cultural and curricular highlights.

Trustees expressed appreciation for the presentation and both trustees and members of the public asked questions of clarification.

### **3. Inclusive Learning Conversation**

Associate Superintendent Whitten provided Trustees with background information on the District's ongoing inclusive learning conversation.

Discussion ensued and Trustees and members of the public asked questions of clarification.

### **4. District Programs**

Associate Superintendent Whitten provided an overview of the District's plan to restructure the District Low Incidence programs and the District Behaviour Support programs.

Discussion ensued and Trustees and members of the public asked questions of clarification.

## **C. NOTICE OF MOTION – None**

## **D. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Trustee Ferris:

That the meeting adjourn.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

## **5. OPERATIONS POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE – Trustees Watters, Chair**

### **A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

It was moved by Trustee Paynter:

That the February 14, 2017 Operations Policy and Planning Meeting regular minutes be approved.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

## **B. PRESENTATIONS**

### **1. Colette Baty, President, Vancouver Island School of Art**

Ms. Baty presented information on the Vancouver Island School of Art and highlighted the organization's connection to the building which are they are leasing.

### **2. David Futter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, GVTA – Day of Mourning**

Mr. Futter spoke about the Day of Mourning for workers killed or injured in workplace incidents and asked the District to support the day as it had in the previous year.

Trustees expressed support for the Day of Mourning.

It was moved by Trustee McNally:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) support the Day of Mourning, April 28, 2017 and communicate its support to all employees.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

## **C. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – None**

## **D. PERSONNEL ITEMS – None**

## **E. FINANCE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS – None**

## **F. FACILITIES PLANNING**

### **1. District Facilities Plan Update**

Secretary-Treasurer Walsh highlighted the progress of the District Facilities Plan Committee indicating that work was anticipated to be completed within the anticipated timeline of the Terms of Reference. Trustees asked questions of clarification.

### **2. Deferred Maintenance Projects**

Secretary-Treasurer Walsh and Director of Facilities Loveridge reviewed the deferred maintenance spending projects supported by the Board's increased allocation to Facilities for the 2016-2017 school year and highlighted future maintenance needs.

Trustees expressed appreciation for the information contained in the presentation and asked questions of clarification.

### **3. School Space Utilization Review**

Secretary-Treasurer Walsh and Director of Facilities Loveridge provided an overview of the School Space Utilization Review report. They indicated that the District needed approximately 51 new teaching spaces based on class size language. They also indicated, however, that our schools were able to accommodate most of this increase within currently available space.

They highlighted the anticipated capital costs associated with a return to pre 2002 contract language, and also noted that the total estimated value for secondary schools was not yet available.

They also explained that the current review by Facilities of custodial services was timely given the expansion of space.

Secretary-Treasurer Walsh indicated that administration would not at this point be recommending the reopening of Richmond school. He noted that until the work of the student registration committee was complete, appropriate capital planning would be missing an important input. He also indicated that the limited portable expansion at Willows Elementary and Oaklands Elementary is expected to be sufficient to support the cohorts currently enrolled in the schools. Finally, he indicated that the District did not want to have to seismically upgrade a school while it was active and that Richmond is an important facility for the seismic program.

Discussion ensued and Trustees asked questions of clarification.

#### **4. Shop Funding**

Director of Facilities Loveridge presented the shop report and highlighted areas of immediate need for shop health and safety. Associate Superintendent Kitchen reported that he was currently consulting with shop teachers regarding the appropriate programming and equipment needs to support shops.

Secretary-Treasurer Walsh indicated that the District has applied for funds from a number of sources to support shops and expected news in the near future on the status of those requests.

Discussion ensued and Trustees, stakeholder and members of the public asked questions of clarification.

**F. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS – None**

**G. NEW BUSINESS – None**

**H. NOTICE OF MOTION – None**

**I. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS – None**

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved Trustee Leonard:

That the meeting adjourn.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.