



**The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
March 13, 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, 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 7:40 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 March 13, 2017 Agenda be approved with the addition of C2.b – Trustee Whiteaker, C2.c – Trustee Nohr under Trustee Reports and H1. BCSTA Motion – Trustee Whiteaker under New Business.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A2. Approval of the Minutes

It was moved by Trustee Ferris and seconded:

That the February 27, 2017 Regular Board Minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A3. Business arising from the Minutes – None

A4. Student Achievement

Lynda Whittam, Principal Northridge Elementary School and Katie Simmons, Vice-Principal, presented highlights of the learning going on in their school.

Chair Loring-Kuhanga thanked Ms. Whittam and Ms. Simmons for their presentation.

A5. District Presentations – None

A6. Community Presentations

- a) Fred Schmidt, President CUPE Local 382 presented concerns regarding the current facilities review process. Chair Loring-Kuhanga thanked Mr. Schmidt for his presentation.

B. CORRESPONDENCE– None

C. TRUSTEE REPORTS**C1. Chair's Report**

- a) Chair Loring-Kuhanga reviewed her various activities since the last board meeting.

C2. Trustees' Reports

- a) Trustee McNally reviewed the work of the Choices Transitional Shelter and provided the meeting Minutes from February 28, 2017 for information. She also reviewed her various activities over the last month.
- b) Trustee Whiteaker reviewed her various activities since the last board meeting including her attendance at the Vancouver Island School Trustees' Association meeting.
- c) Trustee Nohr provided an overview of her various activities since the February board meeting.

D. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**D1. Combined Education Policy and Directions Committee and Operations Policy and Planning Committee Meeting**

- a) The March 6, 2017 combined meeting minutes were received for information.

- b) It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the recommended motion from the March 6, 2017 Combined Education Policy and Directions Committee and Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting

Motion Carried Unanimously

- i) 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

E. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS**E1. Superintendent's Report**

- a) Superintendent Langstraat presented his monthly report and responded to Trustee questions.

It was moved by Trustee Ferris 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) One Learning Community Ad Hoc Committee

Superintendent Langstraat presented the Terms of Reference for the One Learning Community Ad Hoc Committee.

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the terms of reference for the One Learning Community Ad Hoc Committee.

Discussion ensued with suggested edits to the terms of reference.

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) amend the terms of reference for the One Learning Community Ad Hoc Committee to replace the words "in place" with "required" under Deliverables and under Membership add one representative each from elementary, middle and secondary from the Greater Victoria Teachers' Association and the Victoria Principals and Vice-Principals Association, delete the word "Executive", add one CUPE 382 representative, add one ASA representative, add one student representative and add one representative from each local First Nation.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Chair Loring-Kuhanga called for the vote on the amended terms of reference.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the terms of reference for the One Learning Community Ad Hoc Committee as amended to replace the words "in place" with "required" under Deliverables and under Membership add one representative each from elementary, middle and secondary from the Greater Victoria Teachers' Association and the Victoria Principals and Vice-Principals Association, delete the word 'Executive', add one CUPE 382 representative, add one ASA representative, add one student representative and add one representative from each local First Nation.

Motion Carried Unanimously

c) Trustee Questions

Superintendent Langstraat responded to trustee questions including damage to Uplands School, an update on the Stakeholder Engagement process and opportunities that exist for stakeholders to interact with the Board.

E2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

a) Secretary-Treasurer Walsh presented his monthly report. Director Loveridge provided an update on the status of the Facilities review.

It was moved by Trustee Orcherton 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

F. QUESTION PERIOD – None

G. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS – None

H. NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS

H1. New Business – Trustee Whiteaker – BCSTA Motion

Trustee Whiteaker presented her motion and rationale. Discussion ensued amongst the trustees.

It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) jointly submit as a late emergent motion to the BCSTA AGM along with VISTA as follows: “Be it resolved that the BCSTA urge the government to bring Early Childhood Development and the appropriate full funding under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education.”

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 9:09 pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer