



**Education Policy and Directions Committee
April 3, 2017 – Tolmie Board Room**

Minutes

Present: **TRUSTEES**
Ann Whiteaker, Chair
Diane McNally
Rob Paynter
Jordan Watters

ADMINISTRATION
Shelley Green, Deputy Superintendent
Deb Whitten, Associate Superintendent
Greg Kitchen, Associate Superintendent
Piet Langstraat, Superintendent
Ted Pennell, Information Technology Director
Marnice Jones, Healthy Schools Coordinator
Tiffany Smyth, Community Link Facilitator
Ilda Turcotte, GVTA Representative
Maryanne Trofimuk, VPVPA Representative
Fred Schmidt, CUPE 382 Representative

Regrets: Trustees Tom Ferris, Deborah Nohr and Peg Orcherton
Jason Lo, Mt. Doug Student Representative

Guest: Monterey Middle School teacher, Mitch Barnes

Chair Whiteaker announced that since there was no quorum for tonight's meeting the agenda items would be presented for information only.

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

1. AGENDA

The April 3, 2017 agenda items were presented for information only.

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of January 9, 2017 and March 6, 2017 will be presented for approval at the May 1, 2017 Education, Policy and Directions meeting.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - None

4. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

Monterey Middle School teacher, Mitch Barnes, provided a gifted education presentation. He outlined the various programs and experiences designed to support gifted students. He also provided alternative concepts to expand the current gifted opportunities.

Questions and discussion followed the presentation.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Introduction of Student Rep

Mt. Doug Secondary Student Rep, Jason Lo, was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

B. Annual Report - Information Technology

Director of Information Technology, Ted Pennell, reviewed the technology for learning strategy and described Google Suite for education core services. He also outlined MyEd BC, updated the information on the District reporting tools, described security concerns and updated the committee work on software, review and selection.

Mr. Pennell also followed up on the development of the technology plan and governance and described the District's technology support.

Questions and discussion followed the presentation.

C. Administrator Professional Learning

Superintendent Langstraat described the administrator professional learning "project." James Hansen, District Principal - Learning Team, Sean McCartney, Principal - South Park Elementary School and Ken Andrews, Principal - Monterey Middle School, all described their experience with the program. Superintendent Langstraat summarized the focus of the program and the positive effect it produces on professional growth.

Questions and discussion followed the presentation.

D. Food Awareness Report

Marnice Jones, Healthy Schools Coordinator and Tiffany Smyth, Community Link Facilitator, presented a food awareness report to respond to trustees' questions from the October 2016 Education, Policy and Directions Committee meeting.

Questions and discussion followed the presentation.

Trustees requested the topic be brought forward again to discuss food and garden policies. Trustee Watters stated that she will bring a motion forward at the next Board meeting.

6. NOTICE OF MOTIONS - None

7. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.