



**Education Policy and Directions Committee
May 1, 2017 – Tolmie Board Room**

Minutes

Present: TRUSTEES

Ann Whiteaker, Chair
Tom Ferris
Diane McNally
Deborah Nohr
Peg Orcherton
Rob Paynter
Jordan Watters

ADMINISTRATION

Shelley Green, Deputy Superintendent
Deb Whitten, Associate Superintendent
Greg Kitchen, Associate Superintendent
Piet Langstraat, Superintendent of Schools
Katie Hamilton, Manager, Community Engagement and Communications
Ilda Turcotte, GVTA Representative
Melanie Houston, ASA Representative

Guests:

Monterey Middle School Principal, Ken Andrews, Teacher Mitch Barnes and Students
Shari Worsfold, Teacher-Leader for Reading Recovery
Bev Barradell, Teacher-Leader for Reading Recovery
Aaron Parker, Principal, Victoria High School
Gillian Braun, Vice-Principal, Reynolds Secondary

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

Chair Whiteaker welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting.

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

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Trustee Orcherton:

That the May 1, 2017 Education Policy and Directions agenda be approved with the following addition: **5D. Bylaw 9360.2 - Meetings of the Standing Committees.**

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Ferris:

That the January 9th, 2017 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting regular minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved by Trustee Orcheron:

That the March 6th and April 3rd, 2017 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

Monterey Middle School Principal, Ken Andrews, introduced teacher Mitch Barnes and his students. One of Mr. Barnes' students performed an Aboriginal song and shared the story of the meaning of the song. The student also performed an Aboriginal dance.

Mr. Barnes and his students also presented spindle whorls program to the Committee.

Chair Whiteaker thanked the students, Mr. Andrews and Mr. Barnes for their presentation.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Introduction of Student Representative

Superintendent Langstraat introduced Fiona Luo, Spectrum Community School Student Representative to the Board and Standing Committees for the month of May.

B. BAA (Board Authority Authorized) Courses

Reynolds Vice Principal, Gillian Braun and Victoria High School Principal, Aaron Parker introduced the following BAA Courses:

a) Yoga for Mindfulness 10 - 12 - Vic High

Trustees asked questions of clarification and provided feedback.

It was moved by Trustee Ferris:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the Board Authority Authorized course: *Yoga for Mindfulness 10 - 12*.

Motion Carried Unanimously

b) Astronomy 11 - Vic High

Trustees asked questions of clarification and provided feedback.

It was moved by Trustee Ferris:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the Board Authority Authorized course: *Astronomy 11*.

Motion Carried Unanimously

c) *Travel Languages 11 - Reynolds*

Trustees asked questions and provided feedback and comments. Student Representative Fiona Luo also commented and asked a question with regard to this course.

It was moved by Trustee Orcherton:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the Board Authority Authorized course: *Travel Languages 11*.

Motion Carried Unanimously

d) *Political Science 12 - Reynolds*

Trustees asked questions of clarification and provided feedback.

It was moved by Trustee Orcherton:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the Board Authority Authorized course: *Political Science 12*.

Motion Carried Unanimously

C. Literacy/Reading Recovery Update

Learning Team Director, Louise Sheffer, provided an overview of the District Literacy Initiative. She outlined 3 parts:

1. Early Literacy Sessions
2. Literacy Instruction Exemplary Practices - presented by Melanie Houston with the Allied Specialists' Association
3. Reading Recovery - Ms. Sheffer introduced Shari Worsfold, the new Teacher-Leader for Reading Recovery. She also introduced retiring Reading Recovery Teacher-Leader, Bev Barradell, who provided an overview of the Reading Recovery program. Bev was given a retirement gift and was recognized for her years of work with our district.

Trustees asked questions of clarification and provided feedback.

Chair Whiteaker thanked Melanie, Louise and Bev for their presentations.

D. Bylaw 9360.2 - Meetings of the Standing Committees

It was moved by Trustee McNally:

That Public Presentations to the Education Policy and Directions Committee be limited to 5 minutes.

Trustees discussed the motion. Trustees Ferris recommended that the motion should be referred to the Public Engagement Ad Hoc Committee and have the Committee return with a recommendation.

6. NOTICE OF MOTIONS - None

7. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

8. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Trustee Ferris:

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.