



**Operations Policy and Planning Committee Meeting
June 12, 2017 – GVSD Board Office, Boardroom**

REGULAR MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Jordan Watters, Chair, Diane McNally, Rob Paynter, Elaine Leonard, Edith Loring-Kuhanga (ex-officio member)

Other Trustees Present: Ann Whiteaker, Deborah Nohr

Administration:

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Chair Watters 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 Leonard:

That the June 12, 2017 regular agenda be approved with the addition of Item 4.A) Alex Randell - Torquay Concerns under Presentations to the Committee.

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Leonard:

That the May 8, 2017 Operations Policy and Planning Meeting regular minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – None

4. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

A. Alex Randell - Torquay Concerns

Mr. Randell expressed concerns about the loss of out of school programming due to reclaiming classroom space for classroom purposes.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Equity Ad Hoc Committee Report

Superintendent Langstraat explained that the Equity Ad Hoc Committee was established by the Board for the purpose of examining the practices of the District to determine the extent to which equitable opportunities are being provided for students and presented the recommendations of the Equity Ad Hoc Committee:

It was moved by Trustee Paynter:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) amend the Equity Ad Hoc Committee's Terms of Reference to a) extend the timeline of the Committee through the 2017/2018 school year, and to b) add that the Committee will provide recommendations in advance of the 2018/2019 budget process.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Trustees asked questions of clarification and provided feedback.

It was moved by Trustee Paynter:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to revive and staff the Greater Victoria Foundation for Learning as a means of generating more funds to be used for creating more equity across the district.

Discussion ensued among the trustees with a proposed amendment.

It was moved by Trustee Leonard:

That the motion "*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to revive and staff the Greater Victoria Foundation for Learning as a means of generating more funds to be used for creating more equity across the district*" be amended to delete the words "*and staff*" and add the words "*and bring recommendations back to the Operations Policy and Planning Committee*" after the word "district".

Motion Carried Unanimously

Trustees and members of the public provided feedback with a further amendment being proposed.

It was moved by Trustee Loring-Kuhanga:

That the amended motion "*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to revive the Greater Victoria Foundation for Learning as a means of generating more funds to be used for creating more equity across the district and bring recommendations back to the Operations Policy and Planning Committee*" be amended to change the word "revive" to "review", delete the words "*as a means of generating more funds to be used for creating more equity across the district*" and add the word "*mandate*" after the word "*Learning*".

Motion Carried Unanimously

Chair Watters called for the vote on the amended main motion.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to review the Greater Victoria Foundation for Learning mandate and bring recommendations back to the Operations Policy and Planning Committee.

Motion Carried

For: Trustees Leonard, Watters, and Paynter

Against: Trustee McNally

B. Student Registration and Transfer Ad Hoc Committee Report

Superintendent Langstraat explained that the Student Registration and Transfer Ad Hoc Committee has been reviewing the current student enrolment priorities and related data and projections to inform recommendations regarding the student enrolment process and presented the recommendations of the Student Registration and Transfer Ad Hoc Committee.

He also highlighted the connection between the District Facilities Plan and the work of the Student Registration and Transfer Ad Hoc Committee.

Members of the community provided feedback to the Committee. Trustees provided feedback and asked questions of clarification.

It was moved by Trustee Leonard:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the following student enrolment priorities and corresponding considerations to take effect for student enrolment during the 2018-2019 school year:

1. re-enrolling students;
2. a catchment area sibling;
3. a new catchment area child;
4. a non-catchment sibling;
5. a non-catchment area child;
6. a non-school district child;

and that all families registered for September 2017-18 will have their families grandfathered, including pathways, until they have no more siblings in the school system.

Trustees and members of the public provided comments. Trustees stated that they wanted to hear the presentation of the District Facilities Plan Update prior to voting.

It was moved by Trustee Loring-Kuhanga:

That the motion “*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the following student enrolment priorities and corresponding considerations to take effect for student enrolment during the 2018-2019 school year:*

1. *re-enrolling students;*
2. *a catchment area sibling;*
3. *a new catchment area child;*
4. *a non-catchment sibling;*
5. *a non-catchment area child;*
6. *a non-school district child;*

and that all families registered for September 2017-18 will have their families grandfathered, including pathways, until they have no more siblings in the school system” be tabled to after 8.A of the agenda.

Motion Carried Unanimously

6. PERSONNEL ITEMS

A. Job Descriptions in Policy and Regulation

Colin Roberts, Director Human Resource Services explained that job descriptions contained in Board Policy and Regulations are being removed from Board Policy and Regulations, revised as needed and reclassified under Administrative Procedures. The following Policies will be deleted:

- Policy 2127.060 - Psychologist
- Policy 2127.062 - Speech and Language Specialist
- Policy 2127.063 - District Counsellors

Trustees provided comments and feedback.

It was moved by Trustee Leonard:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) delete Policy 2127.060 *Psychologist*, Policy 2127.062 *Speech and Language Specialist*, and Policy 2127.063 *District Counsellors*.

Motion Carried Unanimously

For information, the following Regulations will be deleted:

- Regulation 2127.060 - Psychologist
- Regulation 2127.062 - Speech and Language Specialist
- Regulation 2127.063 - Elementary School Counsellor
- Regulation 2127.064 - Learning Support Teacher
- Regulation 2127.066 - Home/Hospital Visiting Teacher
- Regulation 2224 - Teacher Librarian

7. FINANCE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS – None

8. FACILITIES PLANNING

A. District Facilities Plan Draft Recommendations

Secretary-Treasurer Walsh explained that the focus of the District Facilities Plan is to provide a framework for future planning. The recommendations in relation to the Facilities Plan are complete and are being presented for review and comment. The completed District Facilities Plan will be presented at the September Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

Trustees and members of the public asked questions of clarification and provided feedback.

It was moved by Trustee Loring-Kuhanga:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) accept the Long Term District Facilities Plan report in draft format.

Motion Carried Unanimously

The motion from Item C was put back on the table.

It was moved by Trustee Leonard:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the following student enrolment priorities and corresponding considerations to take effect for student enrolment during the 2018-2019 school year:

1. re-enrolling students;
2. a catchment area sibling;
3. a new catchment area child;
4. a non-catchment sibling;
5. a non-catchment area child;
6. a non-school district child;

and that all families registered for September 2017-18 will have their families grandfathered, including pathways, until they have no more siblings in the school system.

Discussion ensued with a proposed amendment.

It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker:

That the motion "*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the following student enrolment priorities and corresponding considerations to take effect for student enrolment during the 2018-2019 school year:*

1. *re-enrolling students;*
2. *a catchment area sibling;*
3. *a new catchment area child;*
4. *a non-catchment sibling;*
5. *a non-catchment area child;*
6. *a non-school district child;*

and that all families registered for September 2017-18 will have their families grandfathered, including pathways, until they have no more siblings in the school system" be amended to delete the words "*until they have no more siblings in the school system"* and add the words "*for five years*" after the word "*pathways*".

Motion Defeated

For: Trustee Watters and Paynter
Against: Trustee McNally and Loring-Kuhanga

Chair Watters called for the vote on the main motion.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the following student enrolment priorities and corresponding considerations to take effect for student enrolment during the 2018-2019 school year:

1. re-enrolling students;
2. a catchment area sibling;
3. a new catchment area child;
4. a non-catchment sibling;
5. a non-catchment area child;
6. a non-school district child;

and that all families registered for September 2017-18 will have their families grandfathered, including pathways, until they have no more siblings in the school system.

Motion Defeated

For: Trustee Leonard

Against: Trustees Loring-Kuhanga, Paynter, Watters and McNally

It was moved by Trustee Loring-Kuhanga:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) accept the recommendations of the Student Registration and Transfer Ad Hoc Committee as follows:

- 1) That the Board of Education approve the following student enrolment priorities and corresponding considerations to take effect for student enrolment during the 2018-2019 school year:

1. re-enrolling students
2. a catchment area sibling
3. a new catchment area child
4. a non-catchment sibling
5. a non-catchment area child
6. a non-school district child

- 2) That the Board of Education direct the Superintendent to revise the appropriate policies and regulations to reflect changes to the student enrolment priorities and process, including:

English and French program families who could not access their catchment school will have the first right of refusal at their catchment school when, or if, a seat becomes available. Should the family choose to stay in their present non-catchment school, or a seat does not become available at their catchment school, they will be treated as a catchment student at their non-catchment school and pathway.

A student leaving a French Immersion program at a school that is not their English catchment school will have to apply for a transfer to attend the English program. This practice will also apply to any student attending a program of choice at a non-catchment school (e.g. sports academy or leadership program).

The enrolment priorities apply to all students in transition from elementary to middle school, and from middle school to high school. In the event space is limited and a school cannot accept all non-catchment student requests, priority will be given to those non-catchment students currently in the determined pathway of schools over other non-catchment, non-pathway students.

In recognition of a growing student population and to ensure an equitable placement of international students at schools across the District, the number of international student registrations will be capped at 1,050 FTE for 2017-2018 and will be reviewed annually by the Superintendent and Director of International Student Programs, based on annual enrolment projections.

- 3) That the Board of Education direct the Superintendent to review the current registration process to improve registration information and documentation requirements for registration, as well as identify possible options for online registration.

Motion Carried

For: Trustees Loring-Kuhanga, McNally, and Watters

Against: Trustees Leonard and Paynter

9. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS – None

10. NEW BUSINESS

A) Trustee Questions – None

11. NOTICE OF MOTION – None

12. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

13. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved Trustee Leonard:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.