



**Education Policy and Directions Committee
December 4th, 2017 – Tolmie Board Room**

MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Ann Whiteaker, Chair, Tom Ferris, Peg Orcherton, Deborah Nohr

Other Trustees Present: Diane McNally, Rob Paynter, Jordan Watters

ADMINISTRATION: Piet Langstraat, Superintendent of Schools, Shelley Green, Deputy Superintendent, Deb Whitten, Associate Superintendent, Greg Kitchen, Associate Superintendent, Jeff Davis, Director - International Student Program, Jeanette Alexander, ASA Representative, Angela Leong, CUPE 947 Representative, Ilda Turcotte, GVTA Representative, Marketa Lund, VCPAC Representative, Karen Walters-Edgar, Meeting Recorder

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

Chair Whiteaker welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting.

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

A1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Trustee Ferris:

That the December 6th, 2017 Education Policy and Directions agenda be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Orcherton:

That the November 6th, 2017 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting Regular Minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - None

B. NEW BUSINESS

B1. Introduction of Student Representative

Superintendent Langstraat welcomed and introduced Student Representative, Daniel Davenport, from Lambrick Park High School.

B2. Early Learning

Superintendent Langstraat stated that last month he was invited to attend a forum, led by the Honourable Katrina Chen, Minister of State for Child Care, regarding the implementation of universal child care. The goal of the BC government is to provide accessible, affordable, quality care and early learning to every child whose family wants or needs it. The purpose of the forum

was to gather unique perspectives from those in attendance, including participants from indigenous communities, supported child development and services providers. Key questions highlighted: affordability, accessibility, quality and the early childhood education workforce. Superintendent Langstraat stated that the government's plan is to implement child care universality within the next 3 years.

Trustees discussed the issue and suggested the next Ed Policy meeting as a timeline for further discussions.

Superintendent Langstraat stated that he will draft an Early Learning model for discussion at the January 8th, 2018 Ed Policy meeting.

B3. ISP Annual Report and Plan

Jeff Davis, Director, International Student Program provided highlights of his ISP Strategic Plan. Director Davis reviewed some of the successes of the past year and also spoke to many of the key strategies undertaken to achieve these successes.

Trustees asked questions of clarification and provided feedback.

Chair Whiteaker thanked Mr. Davis for his presentation.

B4. Review of BAA Courses/Current Curriculum

Associate Superintendent, Deb Whitten provided details for Ministry framework concerning future BAA courses. Associate Superintendent Whitten stated that the Ministry is requiring that all Grade 10 BAA courses that Boards offer in 2018-19 will need to be revised to align with the new Ministry curriculum to reflect the Ministry's "Know-Do-Understand" curriculum design by July 1st, 2018.

Trustees asked questions of clarification.

Superintendent Langstraat advised that Associate Superintendent, Greg Kitchen, will oversee these secondary level BAA courses and current curriculum. Superintendent Langstraat stated that many BAA courses should be able to be merged with the Ministry's new curriculum design and criteria.

B5. Guiding Principles Regarding Dress - Update

Associate Superintendent, Deb Whitten provided the framework for the update in regard to Dress Guiding Principles. Associate Superintendent Whitten explained that the One Learning Committee was tasked with preparing a recommendation regarding the District's expectations around dress codes in schools. Associate Superintendent Whitten explained that the

Committee considered the input from all meetings held on this issue and the 2 dress code recommendations contained in the memo are believed to align with the District values, as identified in the Strategic Plan.

Trustees discussed the dress code recommendations at length. Trustee Orcherton presented a motion and provided her rationale.

It was moved by Trustee Orcherton:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) directs the Superintendent to convene a working group, which includes, VCPAC, VPVPA, GVTA, CUPE, ASA, Aboriginal Nations Council and Student Representatives, to create administrative procedures that support the values and beliefs of the District with regard to dress, and to also review Recommendation #1 contained in the Guiding Principles memo of December 4th, 2017 regarding dress.

Motion Carried

For: Trustees Orcherton, Nohr, Whiteaker

Against: Trustee Ferris

B6. Elementary Lunch Monitors in Schools - Info

Deputy Superintendent, Shelley Green, provided background information on the spreadsheet detailing the process and criteria on how each of our elementary schools provides lunch monitor supervision.

Trustees asked questions of clarification.

B7. Naming of School Sites

Trustee Orcherton presented her rationale for the motion.

It was moved by Trustee Orcherton:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Policy Sub-committee to review and revise as necessary Policy and Regulation 1421 - *Naming School Sites* and provide recommendations to the Education Policy and Directions Committee on potential changes and that the Board place a moratorium on the naming of schools until the review has occurred.

Motion Carried Unanimously

B8. New Policy - Recognizing Significant Individual Contributions to the District

Trustee Orcherton explained that she wished to make an amendment to her original motion.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent of Schools to create a policy on how the Board recognizes individuals who make significant contributions to the District.

Trustees voted on the Main Original Motion with the amendment.

It was moved by Trustee Orcherton:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent of Schools to create a policy on how the Board, **under District Presentations on a Regular Board meeting agenda**, recognizes individuals who make significant contributions to the District.

Motion Carried Unanimously

C. NOTICE OF MOTION

Chair Whiteaker advised that there will be a motion on the January 8th, 2018 Ed Policy and Directions Agenda in regard to the BCSTA motions.

D. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

E. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Trustee Ferris

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.