



**Education Policy and Directions Committee  
February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Tolmie Board Room**

**MINUTES**

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

**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, Lindsay Johnson, Teacher - Careers, Louise Sheffer, District Principal - Learning Team, Craig Schellenberg, District Principal - Aboriginal Nations, Sarah Rhude - Aboriginal Education Teacher and Krystal Cook - Aboriginal Education Assistant, Jeanette Alexander, ASA Representative, Ilda Turcotte, GVTA Representative, Angela Leong, CUPE 947 Representative, Karen Walters-Edgar, Meeting Recorder

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

Chair Nohr welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting.

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

**A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

**A1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

*It was moved by Trustee Ferris:*

That the February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Education Policy and Directions agenda be approved with the following amendment and addition:

Switch the order on the Agenda of **C3. Review of Regulation 1163 - Consultation** and **C7. BCSTA - GBV Strategy Motion Submission Form**  
Add: **Presentation by Ryan Slogotski - School Catchment Review**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**A2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

*It was moved by Trustee Orcherton:*

That the January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting Regular Minutes be approved.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**A3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - None**

**B. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE**

**Project Respect**

Elicia Loiselle from the Victoria Sexual Assault Centre and a former Esquimalt High School

student spoke to the Project Respect program. Ms. Loiselle provided a description of Project Respect. Ms. Loiselle added that there is systemic gender-based root violence in society. Ms. Loiselle said that she and her colleagues have developed programs for schools over the years to address the root causes of sexualized violence. Further information about their anti-violence approach, their programming, community action projects and additional resources can be found on their website.

### **Catchment Review**

Ryan Slogotski, Parent View Royal Elementary School attended the meeting to express his concerns about the school catchment areas as they relate to View Royal and Eagle View Elementary Schools, and to request a review of the catchment areas. Superintendent Langstraat responded by stating that a timeline to review catchment areas is being developed and will be communicated publicly when it is available.

## **C. NEW BUSINESS**

### **C1. Introduction of Student Representative**

Superintendent Langstraat welcomed and introduced Student Representative, Nicole Quast from Oak Bay Secondary. Nicole replaced fellow Student Representative Natasha Thompson from Mt. Doug Secondary in order to bring forward a memo in regard to consent-based sexual education. Ms. Quast provided highlights of her memo.

Trustees discussed the issue.

Chair Nohr thanked Ms. Quast for bringing forward this issue to the Committee.

### **C2. Healthy Relationships and Sexual Health**

Associate Superintendent Deb Whitten provided some highlights of her memo in regard to supports and services that are available to students concerning healthy relationships.

Trustees asked questions and discussed the issue. Associate Superintendent Whitten provided points of clarification.

### **C3. BCSTA - GBV Strategy Motion Submission Form**

Trustee Watters provided her rationale for bringing forth these motions. Trustees discussed the motions.

*It was moved by Trustee Watters:*

- i) 

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) call on the BCSTA to urge the Ministry of Education to embed consent as a key concept in the K-12 curriculum. <b>Motion Carried Unanimously</b>
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*It was moved by Trustee Watters:*

- ii) 

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) call on the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Child and Family Development, the Ministry of Public Safety, and the Ministry of
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Mental Health, to work together to develop a Gender-based Violence Prevention Strategy for Youth.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

#### **C4. Truth and Reconciliation**

Deputy Superintendent Shelley Green introduced Aboriginal Nations teacher Sarah Rhude. Deputy Superintendent Green commended Sarah and her team on all the hard work they have done this year. Deputy Superintendent Shelley Green stated that Ms. Rhude will be doing a PowerPoint presentation tonight on the Sacred Circle, with the assistance of Aboriginal Educational Assistant, Krystal Cook. Ms. Rhude said that the Sacred Circle celebrates and honours First Nations Culture from Vancouver Island.

Ms. Rhude and Ms. Cook responded to questions of clarification from the Trustees. Trustees thanked Ms. Rhude and Ms. Cook for their presentation.

#### **C5. Pathways and Partnerships**

Associate Superintendent Greg Kitchen commented that tonight's presentation is an update of the Partnerships and Planning Strategic Plan. Associate Superintendent Kitchen introduced Careers teacher Lindsay Johnson. Ms. Johnson provided highlights of the updated work that has taken place in the past year and what strategies are to be undertaken for future work in achieving their goals.

Ms. Johnson responded to questions of clarification from the Trustees. Trustees thanked the Associate Superintendent and Ms. Johnson for their presentation.

#### **C6. Policy for Animals in Schools**

Trustees McNally provided her rationale for the motion. Trustees discussed the motion.

*It was moved by Trustee McNally:*

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Policy Sub Committee to develop Policy in regard to animals kept as "classroom pets," and that the Committee take into account the BC SPCA's statements on animals in classrooms and the possibility that classroom pets are not desirable at all, in the development of the Policy, and that the Superintendent draft a Regulation to implement the Policy when finalized by the Board.

**Motion Defeated**

For: Trustees Orcherton and Nohr  
Against: Trustees Ferris and Whiteaker

#### **C7. Review of Regulation 1163 - Consultation**

Trustee Watters provided her rationale for the motion. Trustees discussed the motion.

*It was moved by Trustee McNally:*

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent of Schools to review Regulation 1163 - Consultation.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**D. NOTICE OF MOTION** - None

**E. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS** - None

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

*It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker:*

That the meeting be adjourned.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.