



**Education Policy and Directions Committee  
April 9<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:** Shelley Green - Deputy Superintendent, Deb Whitten - Associate Superintendent, Greg Kitchen - Associate Superintendent, Careers, Louise Sheffer, District Principal - Learning Team, Simon Burgers - District Principal, Languages and Multiculturalism, Darren Companion, GVTA 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 Orcherton:*

That the April 9, 2018 Education Policy and Directions agenda be approved with the following amendment : Defer Trustee McNally's motion, item **C3 - Trustee Elections, October 2018**, to a future Education Policy and Directions meeting.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**A2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

*It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker:*

That the March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting Minutes of the combined Education Policy and Directions meeting and the Operations Policy and Planning Regular meeting be approved.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

**B. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE - None**

**C. NEW BUSINESS**

**C1. Introduction of Student Representative**

Deputy Superintendent Green welcomed and introduced to the Ed Policy Committee, student representative, Carmen Ho, from Spectrum Community School.

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## **C2. French Language Review Committee PowerPoint presentation**

Deputy Superintendent Shelley Green led trustees through her PowerPoint presentation in regard to the key questions and pertinent information the French Language Review Committee has compiled to date.

Trustees asked questions and discussed issues of concern. Deputy Superintendent Green provided points of clarification. Trustees directed Deputy Superintendent Green to provide the next level of detail at the May Ed Policy and Directions Committee meeting.

## **C3. Board Authority Authorized (BAA) Courses - Vic High**

Associate Superintendent, Greg Kitchen, provided background information with regard to the 3 Grade 10 level BAA courses. Associate Superintendent, Greg Kitchen introduced Vic High teacher, Stewart Wheeler, who explained that in order for these courses to continue within the framework of the new Ministry authorized course guidelines, they will need to be approved as BAA courses.

*It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker:*

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the 3 Board Authority Authorized courses: Introduction to Electronics/Electrical 10, Introduction to Auto Body 10 and Junior Art Metal.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

## **C4. Advocacy Ad Hoc Committee**

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

*It was moved by Trustee Orcherton:*

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) endorse the priority areas of focus identified by the Advocacy Ad Hoc Committee and task that committee with developing action plans on each item to be brought back to a future Education Policy and Directions meeting.

**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 9:15 p.m.