



**Operations Policy and Planning Committee Meeting
May 14, 2018 – GVSD Board Office, Boardroom**

REGULAR MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Jordan Watters, Chair; Diane McNally; Rob Paynter; Elaine Leonard

Other Trustees Present: Deborah Nohr; Peg Orcherton; Ann Whiteaker

Administration:

Piet Langstraat, Superintendent; Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer; Shelley Green, Deputy Superintendent; Deb Whitten, Associate Superintendent; Greg Kitchen, Associate Superintendent; Katrina Stride, Associate Secretary-Treasurer; David Loveridge, Director, Facilities Services; Colin Roberts, Director, Human Resource Services

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 May 14, 2018 regular agenda be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Leonard:

That the April 16, 2018 Operations Policy and Planning Committee Meeting regular minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – None

4. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

A. Andrew Poucher - Haegert Park

Fernwood resident, Andrew Poucher, presented the committee with information about the garden located in Haegert Park and requested the Board consider an agreement to allow the garden to remain in place. Community members spoke in support of Mr. Poucher. Trustees asked questions of clarification and thanked Mr. Poucher for his presentation.

B. Roger Skillings - Vic High Seismic

Victoria High School Alumni Association member, Roger Skillings, presented the committee with information about the history and significance of Vic High within the Fernwood Community. Trustees thanked Mr. Skillings for his presentation.

C. Ian McKinnon - Vic High Seismic

Victoria High School Alumni Association member, Ian McKinnon, presented the committee with information and an example of how Vic High could be restored to retain heritage elements and still ensure safe and modern learning spaces for current and future students. Trustees asked questions of clarification of Mr. McKinnon. Trustees thanked Mr. McKinnon for his presentation.

D. Tony Sprackett - Vic High Seismic

President of the Fernwood Community Association, Tony Sprackett, presented the committee with potential funding options to support the District in moving forward with a seismic upgrade that retains Vic High's heritage building. Trustees thanked Mr. Sprackett for his presentation.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Recognition of Student Representative

Superintendent Langstraat welcomed Carmen Ho, student representative from Spectrum Community School.

B. Crossing Guard Update

Superintendent Langstraat provided an update on crossing guard services given that 2017-2018 is the final year that services will be provided by Beacon Services. Superintendent Langstraat advised that services should not be disrupted in September 2018 due to Audrey Smith's formation of the Greater Victoria Crossing Guard Association.

C. Vic High Consultation Update

Superintendent Langstraat provided an overview of the extensive engagement strategy undertaken in the process of reviewing options to seismically upgrade Vic High. The engagement strategy included meetings, open houses, and online surveys. Superintendent Langstraat provided the committee with an engagement summary report which included the overarching themes within the community response.

Due to the overwhelming support of protecting the heritage building, Superintendent Langstraat recommended the further exploration of two alternatives; 1) Seismic Plus (seismic upgrading and enhancement of current space), or 2) Seismic Plus with Capacity (seismic upgrading, enhancement of current space, and building new space including increased capacity of 200 seats and a neighbourhood learning centre). It was further recommended that the Superintendent prepare supplementary information, including the costing and alternate funding options, on the two alternatives for the Board's consideration.

Discussion ensued amongst Trustees and stakeholders. Questions of clarification were asked of Superintendent Langstraat.

It was moved by Trustee Leonard:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to provide a detailed report to the June Operations Policy and Planning Committee for two options on Victoria High School that preserve the current building. First, a seismic upgrade with internal improvements (“Seismic Plus”); and second, a seismic upgrade with internal improvements, additional capacity and a Neighborhood Learning Centre (“Seismic Plus with Capacity”).

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved by Trustee McNally:

That the meeting recess for 10 minutes.

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting recessed at 8:17pm.

The meeting reconvened at 8:27pm.

D. View Royal/Eagle View Boundary Review

Superintendent Langstraat informed the committee that a study has been undertaken to review the boundaries of the View Royal Elementary and Eagle View Elementary catchment areas. Superintendent Langstraat advised Trustees of a meeting scheduled for 6:30pm on May 31, 2018 at Eagle View Elementary to discuss the boundary review and gather input from the community.

6. PERSONNEL ITEMS – None

7. FINANCE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

A. Policy and Regulation 1421 *Naming School Sites*

Secretary-Treasurer Walsh provided the committee with the stakeholder feedback received on the revision of Policy and Regulation 1421 *Naming School Sites*. Discussion ensued amongst Trustees and stakeholders.

It was moved by Trustee Leonard:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve revised Policy 1421 Naming School Sites and accept revised Regulation 1421 Naming School Sites as reviewed.

Motion Carried

For: Trustees Leonard, McNally, and Watters

Against: Trustee Paynter

B. Policy and Regulation 1422 *Recognition of Significant Contributions to the District*

Secretary-Treasurer Walsh informed the committee that no stakeholder feedback specific to the new Policy and Regulation 1422 *Recognition of Significant Contributions to the District* was received.

It was moved by Trustee Leonard:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve new Policy 1422 *Recognition of Significant Contributions to the District* and accept new Regulation 1422 *Recognition of Significant Contributions to the District* as presented.

Motion Carried

For: Trustees Leonard, McNally and Watters

Against: Trustee Paynter

C. Equity Committee Policy and Regulation

On behalf of the Equity Ad Hoc Committee, Trustee Watters presented the new Policy and Regulation 110 *Equity*. Questions were asked of Trustee Watters and Superintendent Langstraat.

It was moved by Trustee Leonard:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve Policy 110 *Equity* and accept Regulation 110 *Equity* as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously

D. Inclusion for Learning Strategy

Secretary-Treasurer Walsh provided an overview of the Inclusion for Learning Strategy that was presented to the Education Policy and Directions Committee on May 7, 2018. Secretary-Treasurer Walsh advised the committee of the renovation costs to be incurred over the next 18-24 months and recommended that these costs be funded from Local Capital.

Discussion ensued amongst Trustees with a suggestion that an internal evaluation process be added into the Inclusion for Learning Strategy.

It was moved by Trustee Paynter:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve spending \$875,700 of Local Capital to implement the Inclusion for Learning Strategy.

Motion Carried Unanimously

E. Executive Expense Audit Report

Superintendent Langstraat provided the committee with the public report released by the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) following an audit of the reimbursement of executive expenses for the fiscal years ending June 2016 and June 2017. The recommendations of the OAG and management's response to the recommendations were reviewed. Superintendent Langstraat recommended that the audit report be referred to the Audit Committee for further discussion.

It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) send the *An Independent Audit of Executive Expenses at School District 61* report to the Audit Committee for further review.

Motion Carried Unanimously

8. FACILITIES PLANNING

A. District Bus Transportation

David Loveridge, Director of Facilities Services, presented an overview of bus transportation services provided by the District. Mr. Loveridge informed the committee of the intent to proceed with the recommendations to standardize services as presented.

B. Facility Accessibility Report

David Loveridge, Director of Facilities Services, provided an overview of the applicable legislation governing accessibility requirements and reported on the status of accessibility at District schools and facilities. Mr. Loveridge advised the committee that District facilities are in very good shape from an accessibility perspective, but recommended that the District install automatic door openers at the main entrance to every school.

C. Playground Equipment Funding Process

David Loveridge, Director of Facilities Services, provided the committee with information on the District's recent successful application for playground equipment funding. Mr. Loveridge provided the list of criteria that must be met in order for a school to be eligible to receive funding.

9. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS – None

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Trustee Questions – None

11. NOTICE OF MOTION

Trustee Whiteaker provided notice of motion for the May 28, 2018 Regular Board Meeting regarding the formalization of BCSTA's commitment to supporting the BC School Mental Health Coalition.

12. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

13. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Trustee Leonard:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.