



**Education Policy and Directions Committee
May 7th, 2018 – Tolmie Board Room**

MINUTES

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

Other Trustees Present: Diane McNally, Rob Paynter

ADMINISTRATION: Piet Langstraat - Superintendent, Shelley Green - Deputy Superintendent, Deb Whitten - Associate Superintendent, Greg Kitchen - Associate Superintendent, Careers, Colin Roberts, Director - Human Resources, Louise Sheffer, District Principal - Learning Team, Sean McCartney - District Principal, Inclusive Learning, Craig Schellenberg - District Principal, Aboriginal Education, Ilda Turcotte, GVTA Representative, Jeanette Alexander - Allied Specialists' Association, Jane Massy - President, CUPE 947, 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 May 7th, 2018 Education Policy and Directions agenda be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker:

That the April 9th, 2018 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting Minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - None

B. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE - Anna Malkin and Joyce Rankin - SOGI Support

Ms. Malkin and Ms. Rankin provided information in regard to Gender Ally workshops based on personal experience stories. Further information is available on website www.onmyplanet.ca.

Trustees asked questions.

Chair Nohr thanked Ms. Malkin and Ms. Rankin for their presentation.

C. NEW BUSINESS

C1. Introduction of Student Representative

Superintendent Langstraat welcomed Student Representative, Carmen Ho, from Spectrum Community School to the Ed Policy Committee. Ms. Ho was also the Student Representative for all Board meetings for the month of April.

C2. French Language Review Committee - Update

Deputy Superintendent Shelley Green led trustees through her PowerPoint presentation in regard to exploring the possibilities of creating a single-track K-5 French Immersion school or adding one or two more dual-track elementary schools across the district to balance availability.

Trustees asked questions and discussed the single and dual-track French Immersion options as presented by the Deputy Superintendent. Trustee Whiteaker put forth the following motion:

It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) explore French Immersion opportunities at Craigflower Elementary and Shoreline Community Middle School.

Motion Carried Unanimously

C3. Environmental Plan Update

Deputy Superintendent Shelley Green, Learning Team Director, Louise Sheffer, and District Principal - Aboriginal Nations, Craig Schellenberg, provided highlights from their Environmental Plan PowerPoint update. They explained the 6 Environmental Strategic goals as well as the 6 Goals under the proposed "Learning" goal.

Trustees asked questions of clarification.

C4. Inclusion for Learning Strategy

District Principal - Inclusive Learning, Sean McCartney provided highlights of the Inclusion for Learning Strategy, as envisioned in the Board's Strategic Plan and the Learning Support Plan. District Principal McCartney stated that the plan is focused on providing appropriate infrastructure and supplies to ensure that all schools can equitably provide an Inclusive Learning environment. District Principal McCartney stated that the Learning Support Team and the Facilities team have reviewed all district schools to determine the varying needs to meet the goals of the Inclusion for Learning Strategy.

It was moved by Trustee Orcherton:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) support the Inclusion for Learning Strategy.

Motion Carried Unanimously

C5. Trustee Elections, October 2018

Trustee McNally made a verbal report to the Committee.

C6. Superintendent Exit Interview

Trustee Orcherton 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) prepare and conduct an Exit Interview with our current retiring superintendent and further, that the Board, with the assistance of the Deputy Superintendent, develop a policy on Exit Interviews for future superintendents.

Discussion ensued amongst trustees with a proposed amendment to the motion.

It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker:

That the motion *That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) prepare and conduct an Exit Interview with our current retiring superintendent and further, that the Board, with the assistance of the Deputy Superintendent, develop a policy on Exit Interviews for future superintendents*, be amended to delete the words **future superintendents** and replace them with **senior administrative staff**.

Chair Nohr called for a vote on the main amended motion.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) prepare and conduct an Exit Interview with our current retiring superintendent and further, that the Board, with the assistance of the Deputy Superintendent, develop a policy on Exit Interviews for senior administrative staff.

Motion Carried Unanimously

C7. Implementation Plans for the Newly-Proposed Funding Model

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

It was moved by Trustee McNally and seconded:

That the motion *That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) directs the Superintendent to provide information for the SD 61 Board on the specific of planned implementation of the newly-proposed funding model, including provision of all implications of the model for specific practice in the classroom and schools, and provide pro and con analyses from stakeholder groups in Alberta (specifically the ATA Blue Ribbon Panel Report) and other applicable jurisdictions in Canada, for an early June 2018 Special Board meeting*, be withdrawn.

Motion Withdrawn

D. NOTICE OF MOTION - None

E. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

F. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Trustee Orcherton:

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.