



**Education Policy and Directions Committee  
June 4<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

**ADMINISTRATION:** Piet Langstraat - Superintendent, Shelley Green - Deputy Superintendent, Deb Whitten - Associate Superintendent, Greg Kitchen - Associate Superintendent, Ilda Turcotte, GVTA Representative, Mike Strong - CUPE 947

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 June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Education Policy and Directions agenda be approved with the following amendments: Under **B. - Presentations to the Committee**, replace Educational Assistant, Ruth Stamp (unable to attend) with Arbutus parents, Sherri Waterchief and Rupert Gadd.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**A2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

*It was moved by Trustee Ferris*

That the May 7<sup>th</sup>, 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**

- a) **Hunger Awareness Week** – The Mustard Seed with Janiene Boice/Desiree Neufeld
- b) **Educational Assistants and Inclusive Learning** with Denyse Zumach and Christine Williams from James Bay Community School
- c) **Inclusion** – Sherri Waterchief and Rupert Gadd – Parents, Arbutus Middle School
- d) **Mental Health and Anti-stigma Advocacy** (PowerPoint) – Ryan Painter
- e) **Ecole Willows School** – Learning Technology Projects and Programs with Presenters, Lorraine Powell/Tim Murphy and 6 students

Trustees asked questions.

Chair Nohr thanked all presenters for their presentations.

## **C. NEW BUSINESS**

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

Superintendent Langstraat welcomed Student Representative, Daniel Davenport from Lambrick Park Secondary to the Ed Policy Committee. Daniel was also the Student Representative for all Board meetings for December, 2017.

### **C2. Board Meeting Attendance Record - Trustee McNally**

Trustee McNally presented her motion and rationale.

Trustees discussed the motion.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to report back with a plan for establishing a Board Meeting (Board only, not Standing Committee) Attendance Report.

**Motion Defeated**

For: Trustee Nohr

Against: Trustees Ferris, Orcherton and Whiteaker

### **C3. Defeated Motions – Trustee McNally**

Trustees McNally presented her motion and rationale.

Trustees discussed the motion.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve that the current record of motions carried include motions that were defeated (in italics for easy recognition).

**Motion Defeated**

For: Trustees Nohr, Orcherton

Against: Trustees Ferris, Whiteaker

### **C4. Website Posting of District Presentations – Trustee McNally**

Trustees McNally presented her motion and rationale.

Trustees discussed the motion.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct staff to implement a protocol to ensure the District presentation slides and/or documents are posted at the same time as the meeting agendas for Standing Committee and Board meetings.

**Motion Defeated Unanimously**

### **C5. Advocacy Ad Hoc April 2018 Ed Policy Amended Motion – Trustee Watters**

Trustees Watters presented her April 2018 amended motion and rationale.

Trustees discussed the motion.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) endorse mental health literacy and mental wellness as a priority area of focus for the Advocacy Ad Hoc Committee and task that committee with developing an action plan to be brought back to a future Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**D. NOTICE OF MOTION** - None

**E. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS** - None

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

*It was moved by Trustee Ferris:*

That the meeting be adjourned.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.