



**Operations Policy and Planning Committee Meeting
October 9, 2018 – GVSD Board Office, Boardroom**

REGULAR MINUTES

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

Other Trustees Present: Ann Whiteaker

Administration:

Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer; Shelley Green, Superintendent; Deb Whitten, Deputy Superintendent; Greg Kitchen, Associate Superintendent; Colin Roberts, Associate Superintendent; Katrina Stride; Associate Secretary-Treasurer; Ted Pennell, Director, Information Technology; Josh Barks, District Vice Principal, Information Technology;

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 McNally:

That the October 9, 2018 regular agenda be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee McNally:

That the September 17, 2018 Operations Policy and Planning Committee Meeting minutes be approved as amended.

Motion Carried Unanimously

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – None

4. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

A. Ryan Slogotski - Thetis Vale Catchment Review

Ryan Slogotski presented the committee with information about the Thetis Vale Catchment Review. Trustees asked questions of clarification and thanked Mr. Slogotski for his presentation.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Aboriginal Ad Hoc Committee

Colin Roberts, Associate Superintendent, provided the committee with an overview of the District's interactions with its Aboriginal partners. Mr. Roberts explained that an advisory structure would enable the Board to develop an operational plan for Aboriginal Education and position itself to meet Goal 2 of the District Strategic Plan. A draft Terms of Reference for an Aboriginal Education Ad Hoc Committee was presented.

Trustees and stakeholders asked questions of clarification of Mr. Roberts and Superintendent Green.

It was moved by Trustee Leonard:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) establish an Aboriginal Education Ad Hoc Committee for the purpose of developing an operational plan under Goal 2 of the District Strategic Plan to "Address the Unique Needs and Build on the Strengths of Aboriginal Learners", and direct the Superintendent to recommend the composition of the committee and its terms of reference, with a view to bringing these recommendations to the November 13, 2018 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

6. PERSONNEL ITEMS – None

7. FINANCE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

A. Topaz Park

Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer, provided the committee with information about the District's access to a field at Topaz Park. Mr. Walsh advised the committee that the City of Victoria has recently confirmed the District's ongoing access to the field. Mr. Walsh stated that the District has no concerns with the pending reconfiguration of Topaz Park.

Discussion ensued amongst Trustees and questions of clarification were asked of Mr. Morris.

It was moved by Trustee McNally:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Board Chair to write a letter to the City of Victoria of support for the Topaz Park Bike Skills Park.

Motion Carried Unanimously

B. G-Suite (GAFE) Program

Ted Pennell, Director of Information Technology; Josh Barks, District Vice Principal, Information Technology; and Dave Shortreed, District Vice Principal, Learning Team presented the committee with information regarding Google's G Suite for Education program. Staff described the educational benefits to the program and illustrated its importance to many teachers and students. Trustees were informed of the safeguards put in place to protect the privacy of students, as well as the importance of teaching digital

citizenship. Ongoing investment in resources to support increased understanding of privacy issues and the development of appropriate accommodations for students without parental consent was discussed.

Trustees and stakeholders asked questions of clarification.

C. Greater Victoria Foundation for Learning

Secretary-Treasurer Walsh recommended that this issue be moved forward for the next Board to discuss.

It was moved by Trustee Leonard:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) postpone discussion regarding the Greater Victoria Foundation for Learning to the December 10, 2018 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

8. FACILITIES PLANNING

A. Shoreline Wellness and Learning Hub

Deb Whitten, Deputy Superintendent, informed the committee that a unique partnership between the District and Island Health has been established to provide school-based mental health services at Shoreline Middle School for high risk children and youth. Ms. Whitten explained that Island Health will use existing space at the school to open an interim centre until a new, purpose-built health and wellness hub is created.

Trustees and members of the public asked questions of clarification and expressed support for the project.

9. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS – None

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Trustee Questions

11. NOTICE OF MOTION – None

12. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

13. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Trustee Leonard:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.