



**Education Policy and Directions Committee
December 3rd, 2018 – Tolmie Board Room**

MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Nicole Duncan - Chair, Tom Ferris, Diane McNally, Ryan Painter

Other Trustees Present: Rob Paynter, Jordan Watters

ADMINISTRATION: Shelley Green - Superintendent, Deb Whitten - Deputy Superintendent, Greg Kitchen - Associate Superintendent, Jeff Davis - Director of International Student Programs, Louise Sheffer, Director - Learning Team, Harold Caldwell, Director - Learning Support Team, James Hansen, District Principal - Learning Team, Sean McCartney, District Principal - Inclusive Learning, Pam Halverson, District Administrator - Inclusive Learning, Carey Nickerson, District Vice Principal - Learning Team, Dave Shortreed, Vice Principal - Learning Team, Jon Hamlin, District Vice Principal - Learning Team, Ilda Turcotte, GVTA Representative, Jeanette Alexander, ASA Representative, Angela Leong- CUPE 947 Representative, Jodi Whiteman, VCPAC Representative

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chair Duncan welcomed everyone to tonight’s meeting.

Chair Duncan 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 Painter

That the December 3 rd , 2018 Education Policy and Directions agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Ferris

That the November 5 th , 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) Sandra Goth made a presentation in regard to ADHD/ADD in British Columbia Schools. Trustees asked questions for clarification. Stakeholders also provided comments.

Chair Duncan thanked Ms. Goth for her presentation.

C. NEW BUSINESS

C1. Introduction of Student Representative

Superintendent Shelley Green welcomed Student Representative, Rosemary Alberts from Reynolds Secondary to the Ed Policy Committee.

C2. ISP Annual Report and PowerPoint Presentation

Director of International Student Programs (ISP), Jeff Davis, highlighted the 3 main of goals and strategies for ISP. Mr. Davis also provided an update via a PowerPoint presentation of the supports and initiatives for students outbound to other countries to further their studies, as well as inbound students. Mr. Davis explained that both inbound and outbound students can face cultural, emotional, social and language difficulties but there are many supports available to these students. In addition, explorative initiatives are presently under consideration to further assist these students.

Trustees and stakeholders asked questions of clarification to Mr. Davis.

C3. Annual Report – Learning Team

Learning Team Director, Louise Sheffer, introduced the members of the District Learning Team. Ms. Sheffer, Ms. Carey Nickerson, Mr. James Hansen, Mr. Dave Shortreed and Mr. Jon Hamlin, explained the 5 goals of the Learning Team Plan.

Trustees and stakeholders asked questions of clarification.

C4. Unpacking Inclusion/Learning for All

Deputy Superintendent Deb Whitten introduced the Learning Support Team. Mr. Harold Caldwell, Mr. Sean McCartney and Ms. Pam Halverson explained “What is Inclusion in the Greater Victoria School District?” The Learning Support Team spoke to the highlights of this question via a PowerPoint presentation.

Trustees and stakeholders asked questions of clarification.

C5. Whole School Service Delivery Model - Trustee McNally

Trustee McNally explained that she wished to withdraw her motion since information she included in her motion was addressed by the Learning Support Team in their presentation.

It was moved by Trustee McNally and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to provide the Board with a report on the current status of items 1 and 2 from the November 27th, 2018 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting recommended motion (shown as D on that Agenda); 1. The Whole School Service Delivery Model and a list of the schools that are participating 2. The status and explanation of profile funding for students with Severe Behaviour and Mental Health diagnosis (category H), along with provision of district-wide number for students in that category, as a baseline for the 2018-19 school year.

Motion Withdrawn

C6. ADHD Designation – Trustee Painter

Trustees Painter presented his motion and rationale.

Trustees discussed the motion.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Board Chair to write a letter to the Minister of Education requesting a timeline on when the Minister will add ADHD as a stand-alone designation in special education in order to streamline receiving accommodations and IEPs.

Motion Carried Unanimously

C7. School-Based Inclusive Learning Funding Report – Trustee Watters

Trustees Watters presented her motion and rationale.

Trustees discussed the motion.

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to prepare a report that outlines the school-based inclusive learning funding and staffing allocations for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years in the context of school population and number of enrolling classrooms, and that this report be presented at the January 2019 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting.

Motion Withdrawn

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 9:55 p.m.