



**Education Policy and Directions Committee
January 7th, 2019 – Tolmie Board Room**

MINUTES

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

Other Trustees Present: Angie Hentze, Rob Paynter, Jordan Watters

ADMINISTRATION: Shelley Green - Superintendent, Deb Whitten - Deputy Superintendent, Greg Kitchen - Associate Superintendent, Louise Sheffer, Director - Learning Team, Harold Caldwell, Director - Learning Support Team, Sean McCartney, District Principal - Inclusive Learning, Pam Halverson, District Administrator - Learning Team, Ilda Turcotte, GVTA Representative, Janet Langston - VPVPA Representative, Jane Massy - CUPE 947 Representative, Jodi Whiteman - VCPAC Representative

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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 Ferris

That the January 7th, 2019 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 December 5th, 2018 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting Minutes be approved as amended.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - None

B. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

- a) Brad Payne made a presentation in regard to G Suite in GVSD schools. Trustees asked questions for clarification. Stakeholders also provided comments.

Chair Duncan thanked Mr. Payne for his presentation. Chair Duncan asked Mr. Payne if he could provide a copy of his presentation to Deputy Superintendent Whitten so that she may pass along the written presentation to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Payne said he would do so.

- b) Shannon Husk - Prevention and Community Engagement Service Provider at British Columbia Responsible and Problem Gambling Program - made a presentation in regard to middle /high schools' video gaming as well as problem gambling on social media, Ms. Husk provided information in regard to where further information for parents can be found online and in the Greater Victoria community, for anyone seeking further help on this issue.

Trustees discussed this issue. The following motion was put forward:

It was moved by Trustee Painter:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) work with the BC Responsible and Problem Gambling Program to investigate fulsomely mental health and wellness strategies that include healthy social media use.

Trustee McNally made the following amendment:

It was moved by Trustee McNally:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) work with the BC Responsible and Problem Gambling Program to investigate **fulsomely fully** mental health and wellness strategies that include healthy social media use.

Motion Withdrawn

After further discussion, Trustee Painter withdrew his motion.

- c) Lindsay Johnson - District Vice Principal - Pathways and Partnerships, introduced 9 of the District's trade apprenticeship students. Ms. Johnson provided highlights of the students' chosen trade vocations and where they apprenticed in Victoria.

Chair Duncan thanked all guest speakers for their informative presentations to the Committee.

C. NEW BUSINESS

C1. Re-Introduction of Student Representative

Superintendent Shelley Green once again welcomed Student Representative, Rosemary Alberts from Reynolds Secondary to the Ed Policy Committee. Ms. Alberts was also the student representative for all Board meetings for the month of December 2018.

C2. Learning Support Team Annual Report and PowerPoint Presentation

Harold Caldwell, Director - Learning Support Team, Sean McCartney, District Principal - Inclusive Learning, and Pam Halverson, District Administrator Learning Team, provided via a PowerPoint presentation, highlights of the Learning Support Plan Summary and Operations Plan.

Trustees and stakeholders provided feedback and asked questions of clarification to Messrs. Caldwell, McCartney and Ms. Halverson.

C3. Middle School Review Ad Hoc Committee - Update

Deputy Superintendent Deb Whitten provided background details and an overview of the work that has been completed by the Middle School Review Ad Hoc Committee.

Trustees provided feedback and asked questions of clarification.

It was moved by Trustee Watters:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) accept the report and recommendations of the Middle School Review Ad Hoc Committee and conclude the committee.

Motion Carried Unanimously

C4. Code of Conduct Review

Superintendent Shelley Green stated that this update is in response to Code of Conduct questions received by stakeholders. Harold Caldwell, Director - Learning Support Team, highlighted the Code of Conduct Checklist documents for schools to complete and review.

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 9:25 p.m.