**MINUTES**

**Committee Members Present:** Nicole Duncan - Chair, Tom Ferris,Diane McNally, Ryan Painter (via Conference Call)

**Other Trustees Present:** Angie Hentze, Rob Paynter, Jordan Watters, Ann Whiteaker

**ADMINISTRATION:** Shelley Green - Superintendent, Deb Whitten - Deputy Superintendent, Greg Kitchen - Associate Superintendent, Colin Roberts - Associate Superintendent, Louise Sheffer, Director - Learning Team, Lindsay Johnson, District Vice Principal - Pathways and Partnerships, Bonnie Alexander, Teacher - Pathways and Partnerships, Don Cameron, District - Youth Worker and Trades Coordinator - Pathways & Partnerships, Ilda Turcotte, GVTA Representative, Elaine Dolan - VPVPA Representative , Jane Massy - CUPE 947 Representative, Audrey Smith - VCPAC President, Paul Knapik - CUPE 382 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.

1. **COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

 **A1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

 *It was moved by Trustee Ferris*

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| That the February 4th, 2019 Education Policy and Directions agenda be approved with the addition of C9 - Motion by Trustee McNally - Victor School Space.**Motion Carried Unanimously** |

 **A2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

 *It was moved by Trustee Ferris*

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| That the January 7th, 2019 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting Minutes be approved as amended.**Motion Carried Unanimously**  |

 **A3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** - None

1. **PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE**
2. Marcus Pollard, Victor School parent, made a presentation to the Committee with regard to the new school boundary/catchment review which may affect Victor Schiool.

Trustees asked questions for clarification. Stakeholders also provided comments and asked questions.

 Chair Duncan thanked Mr. Pollard for his presentation.

1. **NEW BUSINESS**

**C1. Introduction of Student Representative**

Superintendent Shelley Green introduced and welcomed Student Representative, Juhi Bhathalla from Esquimalt Secondary to the Ed Policy Committee.

**C2. Pathways and Partnerships Annual Report / K-12 Activities**

Associate Superintendent, Greg Kitchen, introduced the Pathways and Partnership team of Lindsay Johnson, Bonnie Alexander and Don Cameron. Ms. Johnson, Ms. Alexander and Mr. Cameron provided highlights of a PowerPoint presentation in regard to the goals and the plan for implementing support for the Careers Curriculum K -12. Presentation highlights also focused on past and current courses and programs available to district students, aided by collaborative partnerships with the Ministry of Education and community and trade industry connections.

 Trustees and stakeholders provided feedback and asked questions of clarification

 Chair Duncan thanked the Pathways and Partnership team for their informative presentation.

 **C3. Report on District Programs**

 Trustees McNally provided an explanation and rationale for her motion.

 *It was moved by Trustee McNally:*

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| That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to provide a report to the Board at the next Board meeting on February 25th, 2019, that clarifies; a) which district programs have been closed; b) which are still open; c) the 2019-2020 future of any district program still open; d) if a program has been described as “repurposed,” the meaning of “repurposed” for any district program that has been described as “repurposed”: e) the District response to parents from the Arbutus program or any other program who have requested, in public or otherwise, that it remain open; f) an update on shifts in high school special support blocks, for example, Spectrum has decreased from 3/4 blocks to 2/4 blocks; g) a statement on the future of Challenge programs. |

 Trustees discussed the motion. Trustee Watters proposed an amendment to the motion:

 *It was moved by Trustee Watters:*

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| That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to provide a report to the ~~Board~~ **Ed Policy and Directions Committee** at the next ~~Board~~ meeting on ~~February 25~~~~th~~~~, 2019~~ **March 4th, 2019**, that clarifies; a) which district programs have been closed; b) which are still open; c) the 2019-2020 future of any district program still open; d) if a program has been described as “repurposed,” the meaning of “repurposed” for any district program that has been described as “repurposed”: e) the District response to parents from the Arbutus program or any other program who have requested, in public or otherwise, that it remain open; f) an update on shifts in high school special support blocks, for example, Spectrum has decreased from 3/4 blocks to 2/4 blocks; g) a statement on the future of Challenge programs. |

 Trustees discussed the main motion as amended.

 Chair Duncan called for a vote on the main motion as amended.

 *It was moved by Trustee Duncan:*

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| That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to provide a report to Ed Policy and Directions Committee at the next meeting on March 4th, 2019, that clarifies; a) which district programs have been closed; b) which are still open; c) the 2019-2020 future of any district program still open; d) if a program has been described as “repurposed,” the meaning of “repurposed” for any district program that has been described as “repurposed”: e) the District response to parents from the Arbutus program or any other program who have requested, in public or otherwise, that it remain open; f) an update on shifts in high school special support blocks, for example, Spectrum has decreased from 3/4 blocks to 2/4 blocks; g) a statement on the future of Challenge programs.**Motion Carried** |

 For: Trustees Duncan, Ferris and McNally

 Against: Trustees Painter and Watters

 **C4. Report on District Privacy Practices**

 Trustee Ferris chaired the meeting so that Chair Duncan could present her motion.

 Trustee Duncan provided an explanation and rationale for the motion.

 *It was moved by Trustee Duncan:*

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| That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to establish an Ad Hoc Committee to review district privacy practices effecting students and student learning, and to provide recommendations to the Board of Education. The Ad Hoc Committee shall be known as the Privacy Review Ad Hoc Committee |

 Trustee Watters proposed an amendment to the motion:

 *It was moved by Trustee Watters:*

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| That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to ~~establish an Ad Hoc Committee~~ **hire an independent auditor** to review district privacy practices effecting students**,** and student learning, and to provide recommendations to the Board of Education. ~~The Ad Hoc Committee shall be known as the Privacy Review Ad Hoc Committee~~ |

 A second amendment was proposed to the amended main motion:

 *It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker:*

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| That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to ~~establish an Ad Hoc Committee~~ hire an independent auditor to review district privacy practices effecting students**, staff** and student learning, and to provide recommendations to the Board of Education. ~~The Ad Hoc Committee shall be known as the Privacy Review Ad Hoc Committee~~ |

 Trustees discussed the amended amendment of the main motion. Chair Ferris called for a vote on the main motion as amended.

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| That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to hire an independent auditor to review district privacy practices effecting students, staff and student learning, and to provide recommendations to the Board of Education. **Motion Carried Unanimously** |

**C5. Low Incidence Program at Arbutus Global Middle School**

 Trustees McNally provided an explanation and rationale for the motion.

 Trustees discussion the motion.

 *It was moved by Trustee McNally:*

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| That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to maintain the program at Arbutus Global Middle School that serves students with “low incidence” designations, with current staffing levels and in the current classroom space, and that it not be closed except by Board vote preceded by full stakeholder consultation.**Motion Carried** |

 For: Trustees Duncan, McNally and Painter

 Against: Trustees Ferris and Watters

**C6. District Programs**

Via conference call, Trustee Painter explained that he would like to withdraw this motion.

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| That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to immediately update the Board on the current status of District Programs with specific focus on low incidence and behavioural programs and how these programs have changed since the 2016-17 school year and what the future plans are in this regard. Furthermore, to direct the Superintendent to consult with parents and stakeholders before future programs or supports are changed.**Motion Withdrawn** |

**C7. Late French Immersion at Central School**

 Trustees Painter provided an explanation and rationale for his motion via conference call.

 Trustees discussed the motion. Stakeholders also asked questions and provided comments.

 *It was moved by Trustee McNally:*

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| That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to explore, through consultation with parents, a workable solution to the issue of moving Late French Immersion from Central Middle School.**Motion Carried** |

 For: Trustees Duncan, McNally, Painter and Watters

 Against: Trustees Ferris

**C8. Late French Immersion**

 Trustee Ferris chaired the meeting so that Chair Duncan could present her motion.

 Trustee Duncan provided an explanation and rationale for the motion.

 Trustees and stakeholders provided comments and asked questions.

Chair Ferris called for a vote on the motion.

 It was moved by Trustee Duncan:

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| That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to establish and document a process for undertaking a review of Late French Immersion programming that takes into account the current Ministry of Education policy on French Immersion programs and that includes a consultation process which involves relevant stakeholders prior to implementing a change to the program, in line with Policy 1163 - *Consultation*.**Motion Carried** |

 For: Trustees Duncan, McNally, Painter and Watters

 Abstained: Trustee Ferris

**C9. Victor School Space**

 Trustee McNally provided an explanation and rationale for her motion.

 Trustees and stakeholders provided comments and asked questions.

Chair Duncan called for a vote on the motion.

 *It was moved by Trustee McNally:*

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| That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to retain the current spaces and current staffing ratios at Victor School for the use of the students currently enrolled in the Victor School education program; that the program be open to new student intake, and that the program remain in place and operational as an ongoing placement option, as per Policy 5148 - *Alternatives to the Integrated Classroom*; and that any proposal change and related planning in regard to the program operation or the program physical situation be made only after adherences to Policy 1163 - *Consultation*, and only with the informed approval of the Board.**Motion Defeated** |

 For: Trustees Duncan, McNally

 Against: Trustees Ferris and Painter

 Abstained: Trustee Watters

1. **Notice of Motion** - None
2. **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS** - None
3. **ADJOURNMENT**

 *It was moved by Trustee Ferris:*

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| That the meeting be adjourned.**Motion Carried Unanimously** |

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.