



**Education Policy and Directions Committee
April 8th, 2019 – Tolmie Board Room**

MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Nicole Duncan - Chair, Tom Ferris, Diane McNally, Ryan Painter
Other Trustees Present: Jordan Watters

ADMINISTRATION: Shelley Green - Superintendent, Deb Whitten - Deputy Superintendent, Greg Kitchen - Associate Superintendent, Colin Roberts - Associate Superintendent, Louise Sheffer, Director - Learning Team, Harold Caldwell, Director - Learning Support Team, Ilda Turcotte, GVTA Representative, Doug Smith, Janet Langston, Maryanne Trofimuk - VPVPA Representatives, Karen Walters-Edgar - Meeting Notetaker

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 Ferris

That the April 8th, 2019 Education Policy and Directions agenda be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Ferris

That the March 4th, 2019 Education Policy and Directions Committee Minutes of the combined Education Policy and Directions and the Operations Policy and Planning meeting be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Chair Duncan commented that on page 3 of the Minutes, in regard to feminine hygiene products in schools, there has not yet been an opportunity for Superintendent Shelley Green to meet with the student rep group. Student representatives will meet in May; there will be a report back to the Education Policy and Directions committee at the May meeting.

B. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

- a) Barry Rolston and Laura Robin from the Maritime Museum of BC provided an update on Museum's move back to the Bastion Square, with many new features to be added to the building and its resources. Ms. Robin outlined the many educational /interactive programs that are available to elementary, middle and high school students. Trustees and stakeholders asked questions and also provided comments.

Chair Duncan thanked Mr. Rolston and Ms. Robin for their informative presentation.

C. NEW BUSINESS

C1. Introduction of Student Representatives

Superintendent Shelley Green introduced and welcomed Student Representatives, Eryn Gaunt and Taylor Chenard from Lambrick Park Secondary to the Ed Policy Committee.

C2. Dress Code

Deputy Superintendent, Deb Whitten, provided an update on Student Dress Code Policy 5132 - *Student Dress Code*. On April 23, 2018, The Board of Education passed a motion to adopt Policy 5132. Since that time, several conversations have occurred with principals and vice principals when questions have arisen and also a means to continue the dialogue. Ms. Whitten added that as principals annually review the School Code of Conduct with their staff, students and parents, it is expected that Student Dress Code will be reviewed at that time.

Trustees and stakeholders provided feedback and asked questions of clarification.

C3. Mental Health and Wellness Supports and Early Action Initiatives Grant

Deputy Superintendent, Deb Whitten, presented highlights of the Ministry of Education grant that has been provided to School District #61 to support mental and well-being in our school community. Ms. Whitten also highlighted the conditions placed on the utilization of this government grant.

C4. Equity Ad Hoc Board Committee Terms of Reference

Learning Team Director, Louise Sheffer, explained that the One Equitable Learning Community was established as a committee that could blend the work of the One Learning Committee with the Equity Ad Hoc Committee. Ms. Sheffer stated that after reviewing the work of both committees, it was decided that the draft Terms of Reference better outlined the work of the Equity Committee and the committee agreed that the work of the One Learning Committee was completed.

Trustees discussed the Terms of Reference and made amendments to the document.

It was moved by Trustee Watters:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) accept the Terms of Reference under the title of the Equity Ad Hoc Committee as amended.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved by Trustee Ferris:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) dissolve the One Learning Community Committee.

Motion Carried Unanimously

D. NOTICE OF MOTION

Trustee McNally proposed the following Notice of Motion:

It was moved by Trustee McNally:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Chair to write a letter to appropriate contacts at the City of Victoria, the province, and federal government, supporting creation of the Canadian Maritime Museum located in Victoria's Old Town.

Motion Carried Unanimously

E. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

F. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Trustee Ferris:

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.