



**Education Policy and Directions Committee  
June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 – Tolmie Board Room**

**MINUTES**

**Committee Members Present:** Nicole Duncan - Chair, Tom Ferris, Diane McNally, Ryan Painter  
**Regrets:** Board Chair - Jordan Watters

**ADMINISTRATION:** Shelley Green - Superintendent, Deb Whitten - Deputy Superintendent, Colin Roberts - Associate Superintendent, Louise Sheffer, Director - Learning Team, Harold Caldwell, Director - Learning Support Team, Carolyn Howe - GVTA Representative, Maryanne Trofimuk, Jane Massy - CUPE 947 Representative, Jodi Whiteman - VCPAC President, 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.

Chair Duncan also advised all stakeholders that commencing with tonight's meeting, all future Ed Policy meetings will be video and audio recorded.

**A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

**A1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

*It was moved by Trustee Ferris*

That the June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 Education Policy and Directions agenda be approved with the following addition: **C5 - Motion - Tillicum Crossing Guard Funding.**  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**A2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

*It was moved by Trustee Ferris*

That the April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Education Policy and Directions Committee Minutes be approved as amended.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

**B. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE**

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- a) **Language Education in Victoria** / Marc Cittone
- b) **Reading Recovery** / Shari Worsfold
- c) **South Park Family School PAC Chair** / Jenn Sutton
- d) **South Park Family School PAC Member at Large** / Kristil Hammer
- e) **View Royal Elementary** / Ann Downton, et al re: EA Role
- f) **Margaret Jenkins Elementary, Enhancing Learning** / Team of Teachers
- g) **Heidi Fowler/Carolyn Howe / GVTA** / Teacher Provincial Bargaining

## C. NEW BUSINESS

### C1. Introduction of Student Representatives

Superintendent Shelley Green advised that the student representative for today's meeting was unable to attend.

### C2. Programming for Low Incidence Students - Arbutus

Deputy Superintendent, Deb Whitten, provided highlights on programming for Low Incidence students at Arbutus Global Middle School for 2019-2020. Deputy Superintendent Whitten stated that we are trying to insure there are options available to parents so that students can stay with their peers and move to their catchment schools or that they have the option of also moving to Arbutus.

Trustees asked questions of clarification to Deputy Superintendent Whitten.

Trustee Ryan Painter stated that it is important to all these options available while maintaining this district program.

### C3. Student Enrollment & Transfers - Regulation 5118.2

*Moved by Trustee Ferris:*

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the recommended motion to reflect a sibling priority in Regulation 5118.2 for those families who have siblings impacted by a change to their current school boundary in the 2020/2021 school year before establishing the current boundary proposals.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

Trustees discussed the issue and asked Associate Superintendent Colin Roberts questions of clarification.

### C4. Gifted Education- Trustee McNally

Trustee McNally explained her rationale for this motion.

*Moved by Chair Duncan:*

That the Board of Education direct the Superintendent to provide a report directly from the Superintendent to the Board in September 2019 that provides: **1.** the history of gifted education and related funding in SD61 and provincially to the present **2.** complete information on funding changes provincially and in SD61 over the last ten years that have impacted gifted education in SD61 and the province **3.** information regarding provision of targeted gifted education in SD61 over the last ten years **4.** In-depth information explaining any proposed service delivery model / models of service under consideration for the 2019-2020 school year and forward for students designated "gifted" in SD61 in order that the Board may consider how best to allocate resources to serve the vulnerable gifted student population, before a service model that differs from current practice is put in place.

Trustees discussed the motion. The following amendment was made by Trustee Painter.

That the Board of Education direct the Superintendent to provide a report directly from the Superintendent to the Board in ~~September 2019~~ **February 2020** that provides: **1.** the history of gifted education and related funding in SD61 and provincially to the present **2.** complete information on funding changes provincially and in SD61 over the last ten years that have impacted gifted education in SD61 and the province **3.** information regarding provision of targeted gifted education in SD61 over the last ten years **4.** In-depth information explaining any proposed service delivery model / models of service under consideration for the 2019-2020 school year and forward for students designated “gifted” in SD61 in order that the Board may consider how best to allocate resources to serve the vulnerable gifted student population, before a service model that differs from current practice is put in place.

**Motion Carried**

Trustee Ferris abstained from voting on the amended motion.

#### **C5. Crossing Guard Funding and Maintenance**

Trustee Painter explained his rationale for this motion.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Board Chair to write relevant funders to advocate for the maintenance of school crossing guard funding.

**Motion Carried**

#### **D. NOTICE OF MOTION - Trustee Watters**

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) recognize the United Nations declaration of the International Decade for People of African Descent and direct the Superintendent to support schools in promoting greater knowledge of and respect for the diverse heritage, culture and contribution of people of African descent.

Trustees suggested that this motion come back to Ed Policy Committee in September, 2019.

#### **E. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a) Trustee Painter commented that a final report by the federal government has been completed in regard to Truth and Reconciliation on Indigenous Women.
- b) Trustee Painter expressed thanks to Trustee Paynter for all the work he has been doing with BCPSEA.
- c) Trustee Paynter wanted to acknowledge that tomorrow is the 30th anniversary of Tianamen Square massacre. Trustee Paynter also reminded everyone that June 6<sup>th</sup> also marks the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of D-Day.

#### **F. ADJOURNMENT**

*It was moved by Trustee Ferris:*

That the meeting be adjourned.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.