



**Operations Policy and Planning Committee Meeting
June 10, 2019 – Tolmie Boardroom**

REGULAR MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Rob Paynter, Committee Chair, Angie Hentze, Elaine Leonard, Ann Whiteaker, Jordan Watters (Ex Officio)

Other Trustees Present: Diane McNally, Ryan Painter

Administration:

Shelley Green, Superintendent of Schools, Katrina Stride, Acting Secretary-Treasurer, Deb Whitten, Deputy Superintendent, Greg Kitchen, Associate Superintendent, Colin Roberts, Associate Superintendent, Chuck Morris, Director of Facilities Services

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Chair Paynter recognized and acknowledged the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, on whose traditional territories, we live, we learn, and we do our work.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker:

That the June 10, 2019 regular agenda be approved with the following amendments:

4. Presentations to the Committee: Remove I. Kathryn Allan-Kwasnica and J. Starr Munro, unable to attend. Add I. Dr. Lindsay Herriot, Living Wage Employer.

10. New Business: Add D. Trustee Painter, STAR Business Plan

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker:

That the May 13, 2019 Operations Policy and Planning Meeting regular minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – None

4. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

A. Bruce Bidney, Spectrum Community School, STAR Project

Mr. Bidney provided a progress report and financial model with respect to the Spectrum Turf and Rink (STAR) project at Spectrum Community School and sought authorization to develop a formal business plan.

B. Tara Todesco, Climate Emergency

Ms. Todesco spoke in favour of the climate emergency motion.

C. Brad Hartley, Climate Emergency

Mr. Hartley spoke in favour of the climate emergency motion.

D. Abby Henry, Climate Emergency

Ms. Henry spoke in favour of the climate emergency motion.

E. Carrie Smart, Climate Emergency

Ms. Smart spoke in favour of the climate emergency motion.

F. Skye Stegenga, George Jay, Boundary Review

Ms. Stegenga spoke about the impact that the boundary review would have on George Jay Elementary School.

G. Angela Carmichael, George Jay, Boundary Review

Ms. Carmichael, PAC Chair at George Jay Elementary School, spoke about the current challenges at George Jay as it relates to the boundary review.

H. Jessica Hadland, Tillicum, Boundary Review

Ms. Hadland spoke about the impact the boundary changes would have on the walking routes to Tillicum Elementary.

I. Jenn Sutton, PAC Chair, South Park Family School, Boundary Review

Ms. Sutton presented a boundary review alternative, as it relates to South Park Family School.

J. Dr. Lindsay Herriot, SD61 Teacher, Living Wage Employer

Dr. Herriot spoke in favour of the living wage employer motion.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – None

6. PERSONNEL ITEMS – None

7. FINANCE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS – None

8. FACILITIES PLANNING

A. Menstrual Hygiene Products Initiative

Facilities Services Director, Chuck Morris, provided Trustees with an update on the distribution and availability of menstrual products in District schools.

B. Water Quality Update

Facilities Services Director, Chuck Morris, provided Trustees with an update on recent changes and expectations from the Ministry of Education and Vancouver Island Health Authority regarding water quality in the District. Mr. Morris explained that Facilities Services is currently implementing these changes and that completion is anticipated in September 2019. Results from recent water quality testing will be provided to Trustees when available.

C. Crossing Guard Update

Superintendent Green provided Trustees with an update on the status of crossing guards in the District. Superintendent Green outlined the work being done by Audrey Smith through the Greater Victoria Crossing Guards Association.

D. Quadra Warehouse Name Change

Deb Whitten, Deputy Superintendent, provided Trustees with information on the process to change the name of the site currently known as Quadra Warehouse.

It was moved by Trustee Watters:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) support changing the name of Quadra Warehouse to 'The Hub on Quadra'.

Discussion ensued amongst Trustees and stakeholders with a question being raised about compliance with District policies and regulations pertaining to the naming of sites.

It was moved by Trustee Leonard:

That the motion, "That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) support changing the name of Quadra Warehouse to 'The Hub on Quadra'.", be postponed to the September 2019 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting following further investigation on site naming.

Motion Carried Unanimously

9. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS - None

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Trustee Questions – None

B. Trustee Watters - Climate Leadership

Trustee Watters presented her motion and rationale.

It was moved by Trustee Watters:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) recognize that the breakdown of the stable climate and sea level under which human life has developed constitutes an emergency, and that in declaring a climate emergency the Board:

- a) direct the Superintendent to develop a Climate Action Plan that establishes targets and strategies commensurate with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's call to limit warming to 1.5 degrees;
- b) direct the Superintendent to report back on specific actions and resources that could be included in future correspondence to the provincial or federal government; and
- c) demonstrate leadership by directing the Board Chair to write letters to other school Boards in our region (Gulf Islands, Saanich, Sooke and Cowichan) encouraging them to declare climate emergencies and develop targets and strategies to combat climate change.

Discussion ensued amongst Trustees and an amendment was proposed.

It was moved by Trustee Leonard:

That the motion, "That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) recognize that the breakdown of the stable climate and sea level under which human life has developed constitutes an emergency, and that in declaring a climate emergency the Board:

- a) direct the Superintendent to develop a Climate Action Plan that establishes targets and strategies commensurate with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's call to limit warming to 1.5 degrees;
- b) direct the Superintendent to report back on specific actions and resources that could be included in future correspondence to the provincial or federal government; and
- c) demonstrate leadership by directing the Board Chair to write letters to other school Boards in our region (Gulf Islands, Saanich, Sooke and Cowichan) encouraging them to declare climate emergencies and develop targets and strategies to combat climate change."

be amended to replace the words "in our region (Gulf Islands, Saanich, Sooke and Cowichan) with the words ", local MLAs, and Provincial government".

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

It was moved by Trustee Watters:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) recognize that the breakdown of the stable climate and sea level under which human life has developed constitutes an emergency, and that in declaring a climate emergency the Board:

- a) direct the Superintendent to develop a Climate Action Plan that establishes targets and strategies commensurate with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's call to limit warming to 1.5 degrees;
- b) direct the Superintendent to report back on specific actions and resources that could be included in future correspondence to the provincial or federal government; and
- c) demonstrate leadership by directing the Board Chair to write letters to other school boards, local MLAs, and Provincial government encouraging them to declare climate emergencies and develop targets and strategies to combat climate change.

Motion Carried Unanimously

C. Trustee Painter – Living Wage Employer

Trustee Painter presented his motion and rationale.

It was moved by Trustee Painter:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to prepare a report, on or before the November Operations Policy and Planning Committee Meeting, that provides an analysis of the costs and benefits of the Greater Victoria Schools becoming a Living Wage Employer.

Discussion ensued amongst Trustees and an amendment was proposed.

It was moved by Trustee Leonard:

That the motion, “That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to prepare a report, on or before the November Operations Policy and Planning Committee Meeting, that provides an analysis of the costs and benefits of the Greater Victoria Schools becoming a Living Wage Employer.”, be amended to strike the words “and benefits”.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Discussion ensued amongst Trustees and an amendment to the main motion as amended was proposed.

It was moved by Trustee Painter:

That the amended motion, “That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to prepare a report, on or before the November Operations Policy and Planning Committee Meeting, that provides an analysis of the costs of the Greater Victoria Schools becoming a Living Wage Employer.”, be amended to add the words “and include within the report the cost of increasing Educational Assistant (EA) hours to 30 hours per week.” following the word “Employer”.

Further discussion ensued. Trustee Painter withdrew his amendment to the main motion as amended.

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

It was moved by Trustee Painter:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to prepare a report, on or before the November Operations Policy and Planning Committee Meeting, that provides an analysis of the costs of the Greater Victoria Schools becoming a Living Wage Employer.

Motion Carried Unanimously

D. Trustee Painter – Spectrum Turf and Rink (STAR) Business Plan

Trustee Painter presented his motion and rationale.

It was moved by Trustee Painter:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to instruct staff to participate in the development of a formal business plan for the Spectrum Turf and Rink (STAR) Project. To be developed with the STAR Committee, SD61, and community partners.

Motion Carried

For: Trustees Hentze, Paynter, Watters, and Whiteaker

Against: Trustee Leonard

11. NOTICE OF MOTION – None

12. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

13. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Trustee Watters:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.