



**Education Policy and Directions Committee  
September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Tolmie Board Room**

**MINUTES**

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

**Regrets:** Board Chair – Jordan Watters

**Other Trustees Present:** Rob Paynter

**Administration:** Shelley Green - Superintendent, Deb Whitten - Deputy Superintendent, Colin Roberts - Associate Superintendent, Greg Kitchen - Associate Superintendent, Louise Sheffer – Director, District Team, Harold Caldwell – Director, District Team, Cindy Graff - GVTA Representative, Jane Massy - CUPE 947 President, Jodi Whiteman - VCPAC President, Vicki Hanley – Executive Assistant, Note taker

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m.

Chair Duncan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

**A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

**A1. Approval of the Agenda**

*It was moved by Trustee Ferris:*

That the September 9, 2019 Education Policy and Directions agenda be approved.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**A2. Approval of the Minutes**

*It was moved by Trustee Painter:*

That the June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 Education Policy and Directions Committee Minutes be approved.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**A3. Business Arising from the Minutes – None**

**B. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE**

**B1. George Jay Elementary / Barbara Leij**

**B2. George Jay Elementary / Brianna Day**

**B3. George Jay Elementary, PAC President / Angela Carmichael**

**C. NEW BUSINESS**

**C1. Introduction of Student Representatives**

Superintendent Green advised that there was no student representative available for the meeting.

**C2. Parent Education Fund**

Deputy Superintendent, Deb Whitten, referred Trustees to the information that she provided in their agendas with respect to the Parent Education Fund and how the funds were allocated in the 2018-2019 school year. Deputy Superintendent Whitten stated that \$1,190 of the funding was unused during the year and would be carried over to this year for use towards PAC applications.

**C3. Learning Teams Survey Results**

Director of the Learning Team, Louise Sheffer, referred Trustees to the information that was provided to them in their agenda packages and the results of the survey that was conducted with District teachers and CUPE staff. The purpose of the survey was to gather feedback on the District's Learning Support Operational Plan's goals. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions of clarification being asked of Ms. Sheffer and Deputy Superintendent, Deb Whitten.

**C4. Gifted Education- Trustee McNally**

Trustee McNally advised that she wished to withdraw this motion and provided a rationale on why she was withdrawing the motion.

Chair Duncan accepted the withdrawal of the motion.

That the Board of Education direct the Superintendent direct the Superintendent to provide a report to the Board in February 2020 that provides: 1. Information regarding provision of targeted gifted education in SD61 over the last two years 2. Information explaining the current and 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 Withdrawn**

**D. NOTICE OF MOTION - None**

**E. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS - None**

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

*It was moved by Trustee Painter* :

That the meeting be adjourned.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.