



The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
Regular Board Meeting
AGENDA

Monday, November 25, 2019, 7:30 p.m.
Tolmie Boardroom, 556 Boleskine Road

Pages

A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

A.1 Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories 7:30 PM

The Greater Victoria School District wishes to recognize and acknowledge the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, on whose traditional territories, we live, we learn, and we do our work.

A.2 Approval of the Agenda 7:35 PM

Recommended Motion:
That the November 25, 2019 agenda be approved.

A.3 Approval of the Minutes 7:40 PM

a. Approval of the October 28, 2019 Regular Board Minutes

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Recommended Motion:
That the October 28, 2019 Regular Board Minutes be approved.

A.4 Trustee Elections 7:45 PM

- a. Election of Chair
- b. Election of Vice-Chair
- c. Election of British Columbia Public School Employers' Association Representative
- d. Election of British Columbia School Trustees' Association Provincial Councillor

- e. Motion to Destroy Election Ballots

Recommended Motion:
That the election ballots be destroyed.

A.5 Business arising from the Minutes

A.6 Student Achievement

A.7 District Presentations

A.8 Community Presentations (5 minutes per presentation) 8:15 PM

- a. Winona Waldron, GVTA, Education Funding
- b. Carolyn Howe, GVTA, Education Funding
- c. Cara Gibson, Class Dojo Concerns
- d. Chris Grieve, Vic High Land Disposal
- e. Carmen Spagnola, Vic High Land Disposal
- f. Vic High Students, Vic High Land Disposal
- g. Aquiles Garro, Vic High Land Disposal

B. CORRESPONDENCE 8:50 PM

B.1 Letter from M. Sran re Policy 7122 review 14

B.2 Letter from C. Plant re CRD 2018 Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw 4017 Amendment (Proposed Bylaw 4328) - Referral 15

C. TRUSTEE REPORTS 8:55 PM

C.1 Chair's Report

- a. Poll Vote Results - Strategic Plan - Consultation Process 18

C.2 Trustees' Reports (2 minutes per verbal presentation)

- a. Trustee McNally - October Board Report 19
- b. Trustee Duncan - BCSTA Trustee Representative Update 20

D. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

D.1 Education Policy and Directions Committee

9:05 PM

- a. Minutes from the November 4, 2019 meeting - Information only 22
- b. Motion from the November 4, 2019 meeting
 - a. Boundary Review Process

Recommended Motion:
That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to develop a survey to acquire community feedback on the boundary review process.

D.2 Operations Policy and Planning Committee

9:20 PM

- a. Minutes from the November 18, 2019 meeting - Information only 25
- b. Motion from the November 18, 2019 meeting
 - a. Policy Sub-Committee Report 29

Recommended Motion:
That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the new Policy 5141.1 Provision of Menstrual Products to Students.

E. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

E.1 Superintendent's Report

9:35 PM

- a. Monthly Report 31
 - Recommended Motion:
That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) receive the Superintendent's report as presented.
- b. Trustee Questions 32

- a. Monthly Report 33

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) receive the Secretary-Treasurer's report as presented.

- b. 2020-2021 Budget Process 34

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the 2020/2021 Budget Process as presented.

- c. Victoria High School

- a. Consultation Report 35

- b. Land Exchange/Land Disposal

Recommended Motion:

Whereas the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) has identified 2.34 acres of land surplus to future educational needs at, and around Victoria High School, the Board of Education's intention to dispose of 2.34 acres of land for the purpose of the Caledonia Project by way of land exchange with the City of Victoria and BC Housing Corporation, and a 60 year lease in favour of Capital Regional Housing Corporation (CRHC),
BE APPROVED;

AND FURTHER

That the disposal be subject to Ministry approval, City of Victoria zoning approval for the Caledonia Project, and negotiation of the terms of the land exchange and the lease;

AND FURTHER

That the lease proceeds be directed to the Victoria High School seismic upgrade shortfall of \$2.6 million, and the remainder to amenities enhancement at Victoria High School.

- F. QUESTION PERIOD (15 minutes total) 10:30 PM
- G. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS
- H. NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS 10:45 PM

H.1 New Business

- a. BCSTA AGM Motion Reminder
- b. BCSTA Academy Reminder
- c. Student Exclusion Reporting - Trustee McNally

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to report by category, monthly in the public Board meeting, aggregate numbers of exclusions of students with special needs outside the students' [plural] IEP and / or daily plan, including: 1. being asked to stay home 2. being sent home 3. being dropped off late and / or picked up early busing service 4. being excluded from field trips(s) 5. being sent out of the regular classroom to the resource room, sensory / isolation room, or other space.

- d. Bylaw 9360 Amendment - Trustee McNally

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the following change to a) Bylaw 9360 Article 5 General Meeting of the Board, b) Bylaw 9360.2 Article B.3.4. regarding the agenda of the Operations Policy and Planning Standing Committee, and c) Bylaw 9360.2 Article B.4.4. regarding the agenda of the Education Policy and Planning Standing Committee, by adding, "The Community Presentations period is limited to a maximum of six speakers, each speaking a maximum of five minutes. In the event the named speaker on the list does not wish to speak, the speaking opportunity will be forfeited."

H.2 Notice of Motions

I. ADJOURNMENT

Recommended Motion:
That the meeting be adjourned.



The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)

MINUTES

October 28, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

Trustees Present: Jordan Watters, Board Chair, Ann Whiteaker, Vice-Chair, Nicole Duncan, Tom Ferris, Angie Hentze, Elaine Leonard, Rob Paynter, Ryan Painter

Diane McNally

Shelley Green, Superintendent of Schools, Kim Morris, Secretary-Treasurer, Deb Whitten, Deputy Superintendent, Greg Kitchen, Associate Superintendent, Colin Roberts, Associate Superintendent, Katrina Stride, Associate Secretary-Treasurer, Shelly Niemi, District Principal, Aboriginal Education, Lisa McPhail, Communications Officer, Vicki Hanley, Executive Assistant

A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m.

Introductions were made around the board table.

A.1 Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories

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

A.2 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Trustee Painter

Seconded by Trustee Duncan

That the October 28, 2019 agenda be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A.3 Approval of the Minutes

- a. Approval of the September 23, 2019 Regular Board Minutes

Moved by Trustee Leonard
Seconded by Trustee Ferris

That the September 23, 2019 Regular Board Minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A.4 Business arising from the Minutes

Trustee Duncan requested information as to whether the Policy Sub-Committee reports back to the Board. Trustee Paynter provided a verbal Policy Sub-Committee report, noting that a number of policies are currently being worked on, including Superintendent Evaluation and Trustees' Code of Ethics'.

A.5 Student Achievement

- a. Sir James Douglas Elementary School

Principal, Murray Harris, Vice-Principal, Jeni Scott and Teachers Sarah Paulson & Colleen Pommelet provided a presentation to the Board titled "Supporting Literacy Development at Sir James Douglas" using a research based approach.

Chair Watters thanked Principal Murray, Vice-Principal Scott and staff for their attendance and presentation.

A.6 District Presentations

- a. Acting Secretary-Treasurer Acknowledgement – Chair Watters

Chair Watters recognized and thanked Associate Secretary-Treasurer, Katrina Stride for her time and dedication as Acting Secretary-Treasurer during the search for a new Secretary-Treasurer.

A.7 Community Presentations (5 minutes per presentation)

- a. Grace Golightly, Community Trees Matter Network –
Acknowledged the Board's declaration of a climate emergency and

outlined the benefits of planting more trees on School District properties.

- b. Christine Culham, Capital Regional Housing Corporation, Caledonia Project - attended the Board meeting along with CRHC staff members Rob Fowles & Paul Kitson to provide information on the proposed Caledonia Project.
- c. Chris Grieve, community member, attended the Board meeting to speak to Trustees about his concerns regarding the proposed land disposal at Victoria High School.
- d. Corey Kowal, community member, attended the Board meeting to speak to Trustees about her concerns with regards to the proposed land disposal and development at Victoria High School.
- e. Scott Fox, community member, attended the Board meeting to speak to Trustees about his concerns with regards to the proposed land disposal at Victoria High School.

B. CORRESPONDENCE

B.1 Letter sent to BCSTA re Climate Action

A letter sent to BCSTA regarding Climate Action was received for information.

B.2 Letter from Vancouver School Board re Climate Crisis and Climate Action

A letter from the Vancouver School Board regarding Climate Crisis and Climate Action was received for information.

C. TRUSTEE REPORTS

C.1 Chair's Report

Chair Watters referred to her written report included in the agenda package and highlighted the importance of supporting climate literacy in our communities. Chair Watters also welcomed the new Secretary-Treasurer, Kim Morris, to the District and Senior Leadership Team.

C.2 Trustees' Reports (2 minutes per verbal presentation)

- a. Trustee Hentze provided a written report of her meetings and activities for the month of October.
- b. Trustee Duncan provided a copy of the BCSTA Trustee Representative Report for review. Furthermore, she recently attended a Provincial Council meeting and plans to circulate a report in the near future.

D. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

D.1 Education Policy and Directions Committee

- a. The draft minutes from the October 7, 2019 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting were received for information.
- b. Recommended motions from the October 7, 2019 meeting.

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 involved relevant stakeholders prior to implementing a change to the program, in line with Policy 1163 – Consultation.

Motion Carried Unanimously

D.2 Operations Policy and Planning Committee

- a. The draft minutes from the October 21, 2019 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting were received for information.

D.3 Audit Committee Report

Trustee Paynter presented the Audit Committee Report and the following recommended motions from the October 21, 2019 meeting.

Moved by Trustee Paynter

Seconded by Trustee Whiteaker

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) accept the September 2019 Quarterly Financial Report as

presented to the Audit Committee.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Moved by Trustee Painter

Seconded by Trustee Whiteaker

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) accept the Living Wage, Living Hours Report as presented to the Audit Committee.

Motion Carried Unanimously

E. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

E.1 Superintendent's Report

a. Monthly Report

Superintendent Green referred Trustees to her written report in their agendas, highlighting a few of the meetings and agenda items that arose from those meetings. Superintendent Green answered questions of clarification.

Moved by Trustee Painter

Seconded by Trustee Leonard

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) receive the Superintendent's report as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously

b. Trustee Questions

Superintendent Green and Deputy Superintendent Whitten responded to questions from Trustees with regards to the Health and Safety Committee, water quality testing, preschool and playground at Macaulay Elementary and Strong Start Program at George Jay Elementary.

E.2 Secretary-Treasurer's Report

a. Monthly Report

Secretary-Treasurer Morris referred Trustees to her written report in their agenda packages, providing clarification where needed.

Moved by Trustee Painter
Seconded by Trustee Paynter

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) receive the Secretary-Treasurer's report as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously

b. Enrolment Update

Secretary-Treasurer Morris referred Trustees to the information contained in their agenda packages with regards to the enrolment numbers. Questions of clarification were asked of Secretary-Treasurer Morris.

F. QUESTION PERIOD

The following questions were received at the *September 23, 2019* Board Meeting and formally answered at the October 28, 2019 meeting:

1. Detail the District's investment holdings?

Answer: The School District has invested cash balances in interest-bearing bank accounts, the Provincial Government's Central Deposit Program, and in a Province of Ontario bond that expires in 2027.

2. The 2018-2019 Financial Statements shows \$407,145 in federal funding for French Immersion under the official languages in Education protocol. What is the breakdown to a per student amount? Is this in addition to the FTE?

Answer: The Federal Government funds the School District as per the French Funding Guide located at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/french-programs/policies-funding-and-statistics/french-federal-funding>. The School District has received Federal French funding of \$398,099 based on September 2013 enrolment numbers in each year since 2013-2014 as per an agreement between the Ministry of Education and the Government of Canada, with an additional grant of \$9,046 provided in 2017-2018 to recognize student enrolment growth. The Provincial Government funds the School District on a per student basis for all school-aged students, including those enrolled in French Immersion. As per the 1701 Report from September 30, 2018, there were 3,988.5020 FTE of school-aged students enrolled in French Immersion (out of a total of 19,507.4416 FTE school-aged students) in the School District.

The following questions were received at the October 28, 2019 Board Meeting:

1. What data did the District use to support the shutdown of the Behavioural Program at Braefoot, and the Low Incident Program at Lansdowne, Shoreline and Arbutus? If none was used, what was the basis for closing these two programs?
2. Please clarify the process for publishing correspondence in the Board meeting minutes.
3. Did the 2018 review of French Immersion consider access of students with special needs, vulnerable students and aboriginal students to French immersion programming? If yes, what were your findings?

G. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS

G.1 Motion from In-Camera Meeting re: Vic High Consultation Process

H. NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS

H.1 New Business - None

H.2 Notice of Motions - None

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Moved by Trustee Ferris

Seconded by Trustee Painter

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer

November 5, 2019

Dear SD 61 Superintendent, Secretary-Treasurer and Board of Trustees

It has come to our attention that you are considering your Policy 7122 for substantive change during this school year.

Please advise of your process for this Policy review, including:

1. How will you notify neighbours of properties around SD61 schools of any proposed Policy changes?
2. How will you seek input from neighbours of properties near SD61 schools regarding any proposed Policy changes?
3. How much time will you give neighbours, of properties near SD61 schools, to raise any concerns regarding any proposed Policy changes?
4. How will neighbours' concerns be factored into the final decision on any Policy change?

M. Sran



October 23, 2019

File: 6500-20

School District 61
via email: jwatters@sd61.bc.ca

**RE: CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT 2018 REGIONAL GROWTH STRATEGY BYLAW 4017
AMENDMENT (PROPOSED BYLAW 4328) – REFERRAL**

At its October 9, 2019, meeting, the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board directed staff to refer proposed Bylaw No. 4328 "Capital Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1, 2018, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2019", to municipalities, the Juan de Fuca Land Use Committee, affected First Nations, and provincial and federal departments and agencies for a period of 60 days.

The proposed Bylaw 4328 amends the 2018 Regional Growth Strategy (RGS), Bylaw 4017, by updating the RGS Table 1 population, dwelling unit and employment projections to the year 2038. The RGS was adopted by the Board on March 14, 2018 following a non-binding dispute resolution process, during which participants agreed to update the projections based on 2016 census numbers once census data became available.

As outlined in my letter of June 21, 2019, amendment of the RGS will require unanimous acceptance by all thirteen municipalities covered by the RGS. That agreement will be sought in accordance with Section 436 of the *Local Government Act* prior to third reading of the Bylaw by the CRD Board.

Comments on proposed Bylaw No. 4328 can be directed to Jeff Weightman, Planner, Regional and Strategic Planning at jweightman@crd.bc.ca by December 23, 2019. Comments received will be presented in a report regarding First Reading of the Bylaw to the Planning and Protective Services Committee.

On behalf of the CRD, I look forward to receiving your comments regarding this RGS amendment.

Sincerely,



Colin Plant
Chair, Capital Regional District Board

Attachment: 1 Proposed Bylaw 4328 "Capital Regional District Bylaw No. 1, 2018, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2019"

cc: Robert Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer, CRD
Kevin Lorette, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services, CRD
Jeff Weightman, Planner, Regional and Strategic Planning, CRD

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

BYLAW NO. 4328

**A BYLAW TO AMEND BYLAW NO. 4017 “CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT REGIONAL
GROWTH STRATEGY BYLAW NO. 1, 2018”**

The Capital Regional District Board, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. Bylaw No. 4017, being the “Capital Regional District Regional Growth Strategy, Bylaw No. 1, 2016”, is hereby amended as follows:

A. SCHEDULE A

- (a) By deleting TABLE 1: POPULATION, DWELLING UNIT AND EMPLOYMENT PROJECTIONS and replacing with a new TABLE 1: POPULATION, DWELLING UNIT AND EMPLOYMENT PROJECTION as follows:

TABLE 1: POPULATION, DWELLING UNIT AND EMPLOYMENT PROJECTIONS

	2018			2038			Population Change	
	Population	Dwellings	Employment	Population	Dwellings	Employment	Total	Percentage
Core	266,000	120,100	166,800	304,500	140,400	197,000	38,500	14.5%
Saanich Peninsula	43,000	18,400	21,900	48,600	23,200	29,200	5,600	13.0%
West Shore	83,100	33,000	22,400	125,400	55,000	34,900	42,300	50.9%
Total	392,100	171,600	211,100	478,500	218,500	261,100	86,400	22.0%

Source: BC Stats, 2019

All figures are as of July 1st of the year stated.

First Nations populations are not included in Table 1, as First Nations Reserves are outside the GMPA.

All values are rounded independently. As a result, when sub-regional values are summed the values may not match the GMPA which are independently rounded to avoid cumulative rounding error.

Employment does not include those without a fixed workplace address.

Core includes Esquimalt, Oak Bay, Saanich, Victoria and View Royal

Saanich Peninsula includes Central Saanich North Saanich and Sidney

West Shore includes Colwood, Highlands, Juan De Fuca EA, Langford, Metochosin and Sooke.

2. This bylaw may be cited as, 4328 “Capital Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1, 2016, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2019”.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS _____ day of _____, 2019.

READ A SECOND TIME THIS _____ day of _____, 2019.

READ A THIRD TIME THIS _____ day of _____, 2019.

ADOPTED THIS _____ day of _____, 2019.

CHAIR

CORPORATE OFFICER

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Kim Morris - Secretary Treasurer

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Kim Morris, Secretary-Treasurer

RE: **Poll Vote – Strategic Plan – Consultation Process**

DATE: November 25, 2019

A poll vote on the following motion was conducted by email on November 6, 2019:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) move into a consultation process for renewal of the Strategic Plan.

Seven of nine Trustees participated in the poll vote. The motion carried unanimously.

The Greater Victoria School District wishes to recognize and acknowledge the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, on whose traditional territories, we live, we learn, and we do our work.

October 2019 Trustee Report

Diane McNally, Trustee, SD61 Greater Victoria Board of Education.

Municipal Liaison Assignments:

- Town of View Royal: No report.

Community Activity:

- Long term and continuing participation in No More Drug War Victoria community committee, formerly South Island Consortium of Overdose Responders Network

Ad Hoc Committees:

- Equity Ad Hoc Committee: Could not attend October 7 (also on Committee, Trustee Whiteaker).
- Policy Advisory Committee: As of October 24th meeting, 16 meetings since January 2019. Trustees Paynter and McNally have submitted a Superintendent Evaluation Policy document (a first for SD61) which has been temporarily set aside in order to focus on Bylaw: Trustee Role, Code of Conduct and Sanctions, Policy / Bylaw Role of Chair and Vice Chair. Approved Policy Provision of Menstrual Products. (Also on Committee, Trustee Paynter.)

Indigenous Nations Education Council: October 21 meeting minutes will be provided by IED executive assistant Paola Bell. I have been the SD61 Trustee representative on this Committee for a few years now, and am grateful for the opportunities to learn over the years.

SD61 Board & Related meetings:

- September 30: SD61 Strategic Plan development with Julie MacRae. Next date October 30.
- October 7: Education Policy and Directions Standing Committee (voting member)
- October 21: Operations Policy and Planning Standing Committee
- October 25 District Pro-D Day: Attended afternoon session Naloxone Training: training and information from members of SOLID Victoria
- October 28: (did not attend) Board of Education meeting

Provincial Council and Resulting BCSTA Advocacy:

On October 26, 2019, BCSTA Provincial Council (PC) met in Vancouver, BC. A number of motions were passed by PC in relation to the following subject matter: youth vaping, MSP for International Students, the funding formula recommendations.

The resulting advocacy letters are outlined below:

1. BCSTA President Higginson's letter to Federal Minister of Health Petipras Taylor, BC Minister of Health Dix and BC Minister of Education Fleming regarding youth vaping is available via the following link:
<https://bcsta.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/2019-11-07-President-Higginson-to-Ministries-of-Health-Education-and-Health-Authorities-RE-Vape-Awareness-and-Vape-Cessation-Res.pdf>
2. BCSTA President Higginson's letter to Minister Dix regarding the impact of changes to MSP for International Students is available via the following link:
<https://bcsta.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/2019-11-05-President-Higginson-to-Minister-Dix-RE-Delay-of-MSP-premium-implemenation-for-Internatinoal-Students-RefP120199.1.pdf>
3. BCSTA President Higginson's letter to Minister Fleming regarding the need to model and/or pilot the new funding formula recommendations prior to implementation is available via the following link:
<https://bcsta.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/2019-10-31-President-Higginson-to-Minister-Fleming-RE-FMR-modelling-as-part-of-any-implementation-process-RefP12019L10.1.pdf>

Funding Model Review (FMR):

The Funding Model Implementation Report can be accessed in full via the following link:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/resource-management/k12funding/funding-model-review/funding-model-implementation-report-june-2019.pdf>

The Working Groups included representation from teachers, parents, inclusive education advocacy groups, First Nations, school administrators, support staff, and education partner organizations. They met between March and August 2019 to engage further on the key areas and themes identified in the Panel report. The Working Groups shared an update this past summer and presented the final reports to the Minister of Education in October, 2019.

The final reports of four Working Groups can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/resource-management/k-12-funding-and-allocation/funding-model>

According to the Ministry of Education website, over the next few months government will be working through the working group reports before making any final decisions and has committed to continue to consult with education partners and stakeholders throughout each step of the process. BCSTA will provide member Boards with updates when available.

Reminders:

I highly recommend taking some time to review the results of the SFU/UNBC replication-extension study (Earley & Galluzzo, 2015) on British Columbia School Trustees' Use of Research and Information Seeking in Decision Making: Of the 140 Trustees surveyed, 118 Trustees identified at least one, and up to three issues they were facing as school board members where they felt more and better information would be useful. Interestingly, the study highlighted that according to Trustee participants the **top five most pressing issues** faced by Trustees in ranked order are:

1. Governance, role of the Trustee/Board, and strategic planning
2. Funding, funding formula and provincial budget
3. Student programs, learning, issues, achievement
4. Budget
5. Human resources, bargaining, collective agreements, labour relations
6. **The full study can be accessed via the following link:**
<https://journalhosting.ucalgary.ca/index.php/cjeap/article/view/43458>

Significant Dates:

- *The BCSTA 2019 **Trustee Academy** will take place **November 28 - 30, 2019** at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Vancouver. **This year's keynote speaker Severn Cullis-Suzuki.***
- *Our Board's feedback with regard to BCSTA budget and service priorities for the 2020/21 financial year must be received by the BCSTA Finance & Audit Committee by **Monday, December 16, 2020.***
- *The Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA) has put out a call for presentations for Congress 2020. This event will be held in Banff, Alberta, Canada from **July 2-5, 2020.***



**Education Policy and Directions Committee
November 4th, 2019 – Tolmie Board Room**

MINUTES

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

Other Trustees Present: Ann Whiteaker (Board Vice-Chair), Rob Paynter

Administration: Shelley Green - Superintendent, Kim Morris - Secretary-Treasurer, Greg Kitchen – Associate Superintendent, Colin Roberts - Associate Superintendent, Louise Sheffer – Director, District Team, Harold Caldwell – Director, District Team, Karmen Legge - (Esquimalt High School) Student Representative, Tina Pierek – BCPVPA Representative, Cindy Graf - GVTA Representative, Jane Massy - CUPE 947 Representative, Jodi Whiteman - VCPAC President, Andree Porter – Executive Assistant

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

Chair Duncan welcomed everyone to the meeting, and also welcomed Executive Assistant, Andree Porter, as the recorder for the Education Policy & Directions Committee meetings going forward.

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 Painter

That the November 4, 2019 Education Policy and Directions agenda be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A2. Approval of the Minutes

It was moved by Trustee Painter

That the October 7, 2019 Education Policy and Directions Committee Minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A3. Business Arising from the Minutes – None

Committee Chair Nicole Duncan provided a refresher on Bylaw 9130 *Standing Committees*, and Bylaw 9130.1 *The Education Policy and Directions Committee*

B. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

B1. Parents for Early Language Education / Marc Cittone

B2. Board Policies and Public Consultation / Elise Murphy

B3. George Jay PAC Vice-President / Kimberlie Drapeau

B4. VCPAC Inclusion Plus Sub-Committee / Kristil Hammer

C. NEW BUSINESS

C1. Introduction of Student Representatives

Superintendent Shelley Green, introduced and welcomed Student Representative Karmen Legge, Esquimalt High School, to the Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting.

C2. Gifted Education Update

Director of District Learning Team Harold Caldwell, provided Trustees with an overview of the Gifted Education report prepared by District Principal Sean McCartney. Areas of future consideration and discussion were outlined in the report, as well as the District Education Team's future plans for the remainder of the 2019/2020 school year. Discussions ensued among the trustees and partners, with questions of clarification being asked.

C3. Emergency Preparedness Update

Greg Kitchen, Associate Superintendent, provided the committee with an update regarding the Emergency Preparedness procedures that are in place at all schools within the district, with a key focus on the reunification procedure. Mr. Kitchen facilitated a mock scenario using the new "Grab & Go" bags that were created to aid schools in simplifying the emergency procedures. Questions of clarification were asked.

D. NOTICE OF MOTION

D1. *It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker*

That the Board of Education of School District 61 direct Superintendent to develop a survey to acquire community feedback on the post boundary review the process.

Motion Defeated

The motion was amended:

That the Board of Education of School District 61 direct the Superintendent to develop a survey to acquire community feedback on the boundary review the process.

Motion Carried Unanimously

D2. *It was moved by Trustee McNally*

That the Board of Education of School District 61 direct the Superintendent to report by category, monthly, in the regular open board meeting, the aggregate numbers of monthly students with special needs outside the students IEP or daily plan, including the following categories: 1. being asked to stay home 2. being sent home 3. being dropped off late and or being picked up early by bussing services 4. being excluded

from fieldtrips 5. being sent out of the regular classroom to the resource room, sensory/isolation or other room.

Motion Defeated

For: Trustee McNally

Against: Trustee Painter, Trustee Ferris, Trustee Duncan

E. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

F. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Trustee Ferris :

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.



Operations Policy and Planning Committee Meeting November 18, 2019 – Tolmie Board Room

REGULAR MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Rob Paynter, Committee Chair, Angie Hentze, Elaine Leonard, Ann Whiteaker

Other Trustees Present: Diane McNally, Ryan Painter

Administration: Shelley Green, Superintendent of Schools, Kim Morris, Secretary-Treasurer, Deb Whitten, Deputy Superintendent, Colin Roberts, Associate Superintendent, Greg Kitchen, Associate Superintendent, Katrina Stride, Associate Secretary-Treasurer, Chuck Morris, Director of Facilities Services, Andy Canty, Director, Information Technology for Learning, Josh Barks, Vice Principal, Information Technology for Learning

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

A1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories

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

A2. Approval of the Agenda

Trustee McNally informed the Committee that she would be providing notice of motion for the Regular Board meeting to be held on November 25, 2019 under section I. Notice of Motion.

It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker:

That the November 18, 2019 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting agenda be approved as amended.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A3. Approval of the Minutes

It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker:

That the October 21, 2019 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A4. Business Arising from the Minutes – None

B. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

B1. Kate Wallace, Vic High Land Disposal

Kate Wallace, Fernwood Community resident, expressed concerns regarding the proposed exchange and long-term lease of lands near Victoria High School.

B2. Corey Kowal, Vic High Land Disposal

Corey Kowal, Fernwood Community resident, expressed concerns regarding the proposed exchange and long-term lease of lands near Victoria High School.

B3. Chris Grieve, Vic High Land Disposal

Chris Grieve, Fernwood Community resident, expressed concerns regarding the proposed exchange and long-term lease of lands near Victoria High School.

B4. Soli Callo, Vic High Land Disposal

Soli Callo, student and Fernwood Community resident, spoke in opposition of the proposed Caledonia Project.

B5. Bobby Arbess, Vic High Land Disposal

Bobby Arbess, parent and Fernwood Community resident, spoke in favour of the proposed Caledonia Project.

B6. Andrew Kerr, Vic High Land Disposal

Andrew Kerr, Fernwood Community resident, spoke in favour of the proposed Caledonia Project.

B7. Amy Dorais, Vic High Land Disposal

Amy Dorais, teacher and Fernwood Community resident, spoke in favour of the proposed Caledonia Project.

B8. Tara Ehrcke, GVTA, Climate Action

Tara Ehrcke, teacher and Climate Action Committee Chair, spoke to the District's declaration of a climate emergency and requested concrete plans and timelines to reduce carbon emissions.

B9. Faro Sullivan, GVTA, Climate Action

Faro Sullivan, parent, spoke to the District's declaration of a climate emergency and requested that a climate action plan be considered a top priority for the Board.

B10. Mark Nykanen, GVTA, Climate Action

Mark Nykanen, concerned citizen, spoke to the District's declaration of a climate emergency and requested that the Board make progress on a climate action plan.

B11. Angela Carmichael, George Jay

Angela Carmichael, parent and George Jay PAC President, expressed concerns regarding overcrowding at George Jay.

B12. Skye Stegenga, George Jay

Skye Stegenga, parent, expressed concerns regarding overcrowding at George Jay.

C. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- C1.** Superintendent Shelley Green introduced and welcomed Student Representative Karmen Legge from Esquimalt High School.

D. PERSONNEL ITEMS – None

E. FINANCE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

E1. Policy Sub-Committee Report – Trustee Rob Paynter

Trustee Paynter presented new Policy 5141.1 Provision of Menstrual Products to Students.

It was moved by Trustee Paynter:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the new Policy 5141.1 Provision of Menstrual Products to Students.

Motion Carried Unanimously

E2. IT for Learning Strategy – Andy Canty, Director of IT for Learning

Director of IT for Learning, Andy Canty, presented the Committee with an overview of the scope of services provided by the IT for Learning Department, including a discussion on emergent issues. Trustees and stakeholders asked questions of Mr. Canty.

F. FACILITIES PLANNING

F1. Victoria High School Update

Secretary-Treasurer Morris informed Trustees that the Vic High Open House welcomed over 200 attendees and that the feedback collected at the event would be provided to Trustees as soon as possible. Secretary-Treasurer Morris advised that a final decision would be made regarding the land exchange and long-term lease at the public Board meeting scheduled for November 25, 2019.

F2. Lead Testing Update – Chuck Morris

Chuck Morris, Director of Facilities Services, provided Trustees with an update on lead testing in District facilities. Mr. Morris advised that the District is in compliance with guidelines. Trustees and stakeholders asked questions of clarification.

F3. Victor Mold Remediation Update – Chuck Morris

Chuck Morris, Director of Facilities Services, provided Trustees with an update on mold remediation at Victor School. Mr. Morris advised that the first two phases of the project are complete and the third, and final, phase would be completed by March 2020. Trustees asked questions of clarification.

F4. Monthly Operations Update – Chuck Morris

Chuck Morris, Director of Facilities Services, provided Trustees with an update on Facilities Operations, including progress on minor and major capital projects, environmental sustainability and planning, maintenance orders, and transportation. Mr.

Morris also provided an update on the Oak Bay artificial turf field and plans for the field to be replaced under warranty in Spring 2020. Trustees asked questions of clarification.

G. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS – None

H. NEW BUSINESS – None

I. NOTICE OF MOTION

I1. Bylaw 9360 Amendment - Trustee McNally

Trustee McNally provided notice of the following motion to be presented at the Regular Board meeting on November 25, 2019:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the following change to a) Bylaw 9360 Article 5 General Meeting of the Board, b) Bylaw 9360.2 Article B.3.4. regarding the agenda of the Operations Policy and Planning Standing Committee, and c) Bylaw 9360.2 Article B.4.4. regarding the agenda of the Education Policy and Planning Standing Committee, by adding, "The Community Presentations period is limited to a maximum of six speakers, each speaking a maximum of five minutes. In the event the named speaker on the list does not wish to speak, the speaking opportunity will be forfeited."

J. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

K. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Trustee Leonard:

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

POLICY 5141.1

PROVISION OF MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS TO STUDENTS

Drafted: October 24, 2019

Adopted:

Revised:

Frequency of Review: Annual

1.0 Rationale

The Minister of Education amended the Support Services for Schools Order to require school districts to provide free menstrual products to students in school washrooms in a manner that protects student privacy. The Ministerial Order requires boards to establish policies and procedures related to the provision of free menstrual products to students.

2.0 Definitions

3.0 Policy

Every student in British Columbia should have access to healthy and effective learning environments. The school system is expected to promote gender equality and create an inclusive learning experience. Lack of access to menstrual products can negatively impact students' school attendance and their social-emotional well-being. Providing all students with convenient access to free menstrual products helps to support their full participation in school activities, reduces stigma and promotes gender equality.

The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria School District) is committed to providing menstrual products to students who may require them.

3.1 The Board will:

- 3.1.1 ensure menstrual products are made available to students of all gender identities or expressions in a manner that protects student privacy;
- 3.1.2 provide barrier-free, easily accessible menstrual products at no cost to students;
- 3.1.3 provide menstrual products in school washrooms; and,
- 3.1.4 consider student feedback with respect to the provision of menstrual products.

School district staff will develop procedures regarding the provision of menstrual products to students.

4.0 Responsibilities

- 4.1 The Board of Education is responsible to ensure compliance with the *School Act*.
- 4.2 The Board of Education is responsible to ensure compliance with Ministerial Orders.
- 4.3 The Superintendent is responsible to ensure that District policy is upheld and regulations are enforced.

5.0 References

- 5.1 Sections 85(2)(a), 88(1) and 168(2)(t) of the *School Act*
- 5.2 Support Services for Schools Order M149/89) Amended by M127/19

Office of the Superintendent

Shelley Green - Superintendent

TO: The Board of Education

FROM: Shelley Green, Superintendent of Schools

RE: Superintendent's Report

DATE: November 25, 2019

There are a number of items that the Superintendent wishes to bring to the attention of the Board of Education.

Events and Meetings

The Superintendent has attended a number of events and met with a number of individuals since the last Board meeting. These have included:

- District Committees
 - Advocacy Committee
 - Policy Sub Committee
- Additional Meetings and Events
 - BCSSA Committee
 - CUPE 947
 - Generative Dialogue/Coaching
 - George Jay Naming Consultation Meeting
 - Investigation Refresher Course
 - Joint Committee (GVTA)
 - Oaklands Elementary
 - Ombudsperson Presentation
 - Professional Conversations Meetings
 - Professional Relations Committee (GVTA)
 - Representative Advisory Council of Students
 - Shoreline Community School
 - Spectrum Community School
 - Strategic Planning Meeting
 - Strategic Plan Renewal Meetings with CUPE 382, CUPE 947 & GVTA
 - Tillicum Elementary
 - Tri-District Superintendents' Meeting
 - Victoria High School Consultation Meeting
 - VPVPA

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Office of the Superintendent

Shelley Green - Superintendent

TO: The Board of Education

FROM: Shelley Green, Superintendent of Schools

RE: Superintendent's Report

DATE: November 25, 2019

During this portion of the Board Meeting, Trustees will have the opportunity to raise questions. Where possible, an immediate response will be provided. In the event that research is necessary before a response is provided, the matter will be postponed until a researched response can be provided.

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TO: Board of Education

FROM: Kim Morris

RE: Monthly Report

DATE: November 25, 2019

The purpose of this memo is to update the Board on some of the activities of the Secretary-Treasurer's office over the last month.

- Advocacy Committee Meeting
- Strategic Planning Meeting
- Francophone Games 2020 Meeting
- Halloween Staff Lunch
- City of Victoria Strategic Real Estate Meeting
- BCPSEA Conference Call
- Victoria High Amenities Planning Meeting
- BCASBO Leadership Committee Conference Call
- George Jay Renaming Consultation
- Administrators' Meeting
- Policy Sub-Committee Meeting
- CRD Health & Capital Planning Meeting
- Reynolds Secondary Remembrance Day Ceremony
- Victoria High School Consultation
- BCASBO Fall Conference – Vancouver
- BCASBO Coach for Leadership Development Cohort – Vancouver
- Monterey Middle School Visit
- Quadra Elementary School Visit
- Student Representative Dinner
- Various press interviews Oak Bay Turf Field
- Agenda Setting
- James Bay Community School Visit
- Esquimalt High School Visit
- Lake Hill Elementary School Visit
- Cloverdale School Visit
- Lambrick Park School Visit
- Introductory Meeting with CUPE 947 President
- Various Board and Committee meetings

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Date	Location	Time	Event	All	Students	Trustees	Staff	Stakeholders	PVP	Public	Intended Outcome/Purpose	
Nov 25	Tolmie	7:30 PM	Regular Open Board Meeting	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Approval of 20/21 Budget Process	
Dec 9	Tolmie	7:00 PM	Operations Policy & Planning Committee	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Public Engagement Process Development - ThoughtExchange	
Dec 16	Tolmie	7:30 PM	Regular Open Board Meeting	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
WINTER BREAK DECEMBER 23 to JANUARY 3												
Jan 13	Tolmie	7:00 PM	Operations Policy & Planning Committee	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Broad Budget Category Overview; Review Ministry & Board Strategic Plan	
Jan 20	Tolmie	6:30 PM	Board Working Session - Finance Orientation			✓	✓					NEW
Jan 27	Tolmie	7:30 PM	Regular Open Board Meeting	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Feb 3	Tolmie	7:00 PM	Education Policy & Directions Committee	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Presentation by Learning Team: Opportunities & Gaps / 20/21 Initiatives (So What? Now What?)	NEW
Feb 5	TBD	9:00 AM - 2:30 PM	Student Symposium		✓	✓	✓				Facilitated discussion & activities; students informing budget about their needs	NEW
Feb 10	Tolmie	7:00 PM	Operations Policy & Planning Committee	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Public Engagement Results Incl. Students; Detailed Budget Category Review	
3-YEAR ENROLMENT PROJECTIONS TO MINISTRY - FEBRUARY 14												
Feb 17	TBD	6:00-9:00 PM	Talking Tables (Incl. Dinner)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Dinner; Short Presentation; Facilitated Discussion (3-6 questions)	NEW
Feb 24	Tolmie	7:30 PM	Regular Open Board Meeting	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Report on Budget Feedback	
Mar 2	Tolmie	7:00 PM	Operations Policy & Planning Committee	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Structural Surplus/Deficit	
Mar 9	Tolmie	7:30 PM	Regular Open Board Meeting	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	First Reading of the Budget Bylaw	
MINISTRY FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT - MARCH 13												
SPRING BREAK - MARCH 16 to 27												
Apr 6	Tolmie	7:30 PM	SPECIAL Open Board Meeting	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Superintendent's (Staff's) Recommendation/Second Reading put on the floor	NEW
Apr 20	Tolmie	6:00 PM	Operations Policy & Planning Committee	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Superintendent's Recommendations/Clarifying Questions/FAQ	
Apr 20	Tolmie	8:00 PM	Special Open Board Meeting	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Stakeholder Final Comments to Board/Board Debate & Changes/Second &Third Reading: APPROVED	
STAFFING PROCESSES COMMENCE - MAY 1												
May 11	Tolmie	7:00 PM	Operations Policy & Planning Committee	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	20/21 Budget Process Debrief/Improvements for 21/22	
May 25	Tolmie	7:30 PM	Regular Open Board Meeting	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
MINISTRY BUDGET SUBMISSION DEADLINE - JUNE 30												
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Victoria High School Land Exchange and Lease: Engagement Summary Report November 25, 2019



INTRODUCTION

In early 2018, the District went through an extensive consultation process with the community on the future of Victoria High School. Informed by over 1,700 peoples input via community open houses and a public survey, a final decision was made by the Board of Education. Out of the three options proposed, the decision was made to move forward with the *'Seismic Plus Enhancements (1000) Plus Neighbourhood Learning Centre (NLC)'* option.

This option requires additional funding over and above what the Ministry of Education will provide for an H-1, the highest priority need seismic upgrade. In addition, knowing that school districts are expected to partially fund seismic projects, the District needs to find alternative methods and monetary sources to fund the remainder of the Victoria High seismic upgrade project.

In Fall 2018, the City of Victoria, Capital Regional Housing Corporation (CRHC) and the Greater Victoria School District No. 61 entered into a Letter of Intent to undertake a land swap to provide for the redevelopment next to Victoria High, called the Caledonia Affordable Housing Project. This redevelopment would create new units of affordable housing while at the same time providing the school district with funds required to cover the deficit for the seismic upgrades and renovation. This exchange will result in an expansion of lands currently leased by the school district to the Capital Regional Housing Corporation.

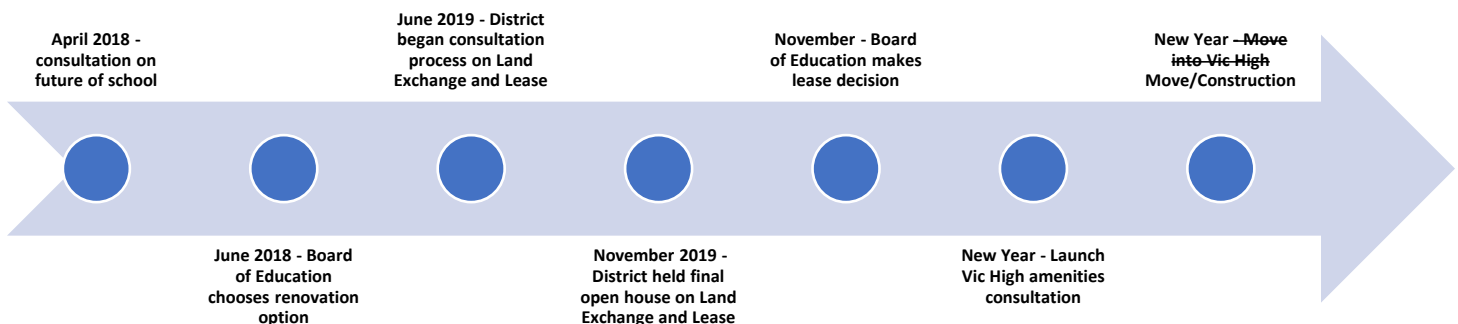
THE PROCESS

When the original Victoria High seismic upgrade consultation relative to the land swap occurred in June 2019, the District committed to additional consultation once the Ministry of Education funding was confirmed.

That consultation, in the form of an open house, was held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 from 6:00pm-8:00pm at Victoria High. More than 200 community members attended the open house.

The engagement summary provides a copy of all comments provided, as well as a tally and analysis of the input received. Emails and letters regarding the proposed land swap and exchange have also been attached.

For more information on the proposal, visit: www.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/community/vic-high-planning-for-the-future/



WHAT WE DID

Communications and awareness efforts

This final consultation process on the land exchange and lease was broadly communicated to raise awareness and build relationships with interested stakeholders.

Actions included:

- Front page of Greater Victoria School District website;
- Shared on GVSD Facebook and Twitter throughout active engagement period from October 29-November 12, 2019;
- Media release issued Friday, November 8, 2019, about the open house, titled “Greater Victoria School District Seeks Input on Potential Land Disposition Near Victoria High”;
- Media Coverage;
- Letters emailed to all Victoria High parents;
- Ads in local community newspapers (Victoria News) and the daily paper (Times Colonist) over two consecutive weeks;
- Frequently Asked Questions on District website based on questions being received from the public;
- Email invitations to Community Associations, CSF and Independent Schools, Esquimalt and Songhees Nations;
- Victoria High also shared the information within their social media, newsletters and websites;

SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS OF INPUT

Open House - Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Approximately 215 people attended the open house between 6:00pm- 8:00pm. People started arriving by 5:30 p.m.

The open house was a drop-in format with information boards with staff available for one on one conversations. Based on feedback received from the first consultation session, there was a preference from the community to have an opportunity to ask questions directly with staff members.

Trustees in attendance:

- Jordan Watters, Board Chair
- Ann Whiteaker, Vice Chair
- Rob Paynter, Trustee
- Ryan Painter, Trustee

District staff in attendance:

- Shelley Green, Superintendent
- Deb Whitten, Deputy Superintendent
- Kim Morris, Secretary-Treasurer
- Katrina Stride, Associate Secretary-Treasurer
- Greg Kitchen, Associate Superintendent
- Colin Roberts, Associate Superintendent
- Chuck Morris, Director of Facilities
- Jim Soles, Associate Director of Facilities
- Lisa McPhail, Communications Officer

School staff in attendance:

- Aaron Parker, Principal
- Alissa Moore, Vice Principal
- Chris Koutougos, Vic Principal

Others onsite to answer questions directly related to the Caledonia Affordable Housing Project:

- Representation from the City of Victoria
- Representation from BC Housing
- Representation from Capital Regional Housing Corporation

KEY TOPICS

Participants were presented with background information on previous consultation sessions, additional information about the seismic project, the District's long-term facilities plan, student enrolment projections, financial overview, and the details of the proposed land swap and lease with the Capital Regional Housing Corporation.

Information Display Boards included:

- Purpose of open house
- Information about Victoria High and the Seismic Program
- Additional background details; consultation, Ministry funding announcement
- Funding sources and allocations – capital options
- Student projections over the next 10 years
- Requirements for land disposition
- Land valuations
- Overview of the proposed land exchange and lease
- Map of the proposed land being exchanged
- Timelines

The information display boards are attached in Appendix – C.

Open House Written Comments

Below is a summary of 172 pages of comments received. Note - this table is separated into two sections: a section of input topics related to the GVSD consultation, and one related to the affordable housing project.

Topic	Total	Opposite opinion
Directly Related to GVSD Consultation on Land Exchange and Lease		
Increasing enrolment and future land requirement/loss of land for current and future students/future needs of land	45	I've lived in Fernwood for over 7 years and this is the most exciting project that's come up during that time. My partner and I don't have kids yet and are worried we'd have to move out of the city if we did - but this proposal gives us hope that we could continue to live here in the future.
Lease proceeds too low	17	
Losing green space	16	Complaints against green space are a red herring.
Didn't look at other options	14	
What amenities will be offered (note – will be consulted on in future phases)	7	
Concern on outcome of land post-lease	6	

Project feels rushed	5	I totally applaud the process and thoroughness of the consultation. Well done SD61.
Likes to keep heritage values and solution pays for it	4	People voted to maintain the heritage of this building at a higher cost. That's great; it also means that this higher cost must get paid for.
Insufficient transit service	2	
Directly Related to Caledonia Affordable Housing Project, Not GVSD		
Size/density of housing project	16	
Traffic congestion already an issue	9	
Concerns that Victoria High, so close to a new affordable housing project, will cause the school to have lower services.	7	
Possible crime, drugs, etc. from low income housing residents	5	It will improve my family's life in Fernwood and create security for others!
Pedestrian/cyclist/ student safety	3	As a Vic High parent and homeowner in area, I see it improving safety for our kids ...
Parking for school and new housing	2	

Overall Key Insights

- Approximately half of the comments supported the land exchange and lease and half did not
- Almost all of the input supporting the exchange and lease were also supportive of the affordable housing project
- Some people who supported the exchange, lease and affordable housing did flag the concern that there may not be enough green space if the lease were to proceed
- The main reason stated for lack of support of the land exchange was concerns over future space needs, and/or loss of land for current and future students
- Several commenters perceived that the proceeds of the lease are too low
- Comments in support of the plan include:
 - positive remarks on amenities being added
 - affordable housing
 - retaining the heritage values (and needing to pay for it)
- A small number of commenters demonstrated a lack of knowledge about affordable housing, specifically linking affordable housing with criminality – all of which the students at Victoria High would be at risk of if the housing were to be nearby

Input Directly Emailed to the Board

Approximately 300 emails were submitted as input directly to the Board during the consultation period. A large portion of them were supportive of the land exchange and lease. Please find all email correspondence in Appendix – D.

NEXT STEPS

All of the input is being shared with the Board of Education for their consideration to help inform their next steps.

The Board of Education will receive the compiled input in this Engagement Summary Report.
This report is also being shared publicly.

APPENDIX

- A – Media Release
- B – Advertisements
- C – Open House Information Boards
- D – Comment Cards
- E – Email and Letter Correspondence