



**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.