



## Education Policy and Directions Committee Meeting

### MINUTES

June 1, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

Trustees Present: Nicole Duncan, Tom Ferris, Diane McNally, Ryan Painter,

Other Trustees Present: Elaine Leonard, Jordan Watters, Ann Whiteaker, Rob Paynter, Angie Hentze

Administration: Shelley Green, Superintendent of Schools, Kim Morris, Secretary-Treasurer, Deb Whitten, Deputy Superintendent, Greg Kitchen, Associate Superintendent, Colin Roberts, Associate Superintendent, Andy Canty, Director of IT for Learning, Harold Caldwell, Director of District Team, Louise Sheffer, Director of District Team, Jeff Davis, Director of International Student Program, Connor McCoy, VPVPA Representative, Jane Massy, CUPE 947 President, Jodi Whiteman, VCPAC President, Jeanette Alexander, ASA President, Andree Porter (recorder)

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#### **A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm

##### **A.1 Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories**

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

##### **A.2 Approval of the Agenda**

**Moved by** Trustee Painter

That the June 1, 2020 Education Policy and Planning Committee meeting agenda be approved with the following amendments:

Add C.6 IBPOC/BIPOC Recommendation

Add C.7 General Updates

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**A.3 Approval of the Minutes**

**Moved by** Trustee Painter

That the March 2, 2020 Combined Education Policy and Operations Policy Meeting (Education Policy portion) minutes be approved.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**A.4 Business arising from Minutes**

**B. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE**

**C. NEW BUSINESS**

**C.1 Introduction of Student Representative**

Trustee Duncan introduced and welcomed Student Representatives, Hannah O'Shea, Zoe Jennings, and Sienna Nargang White of Victoria High School.

**C.2 Inclusion Survey Summary - Deb Whitten**

Deputy Superintendent Whitten provided Trustees with an overview of the comprehensive Inclusion Survey summary, and highlighted key themes that were heard throughout the survey responses as well as feedback from related events such as the District Learning Series, Diversity & Inclusion Forum, Learning Support Teachers' Learning Series, Student Symposium and Counsellor Collaboration. Next steps were discussed. Ms. Whitten noted that the Diversity & Inclusion Forum as well as the Inclusion Survey will take place annually. Questions of clarification were asked.

**C.3 Grade 4/5 Performance Standards - Deb Whitten**

Deputy Superintendent Whitten presented to the committee the proposed change from letter grades to a proficiency scale for Grade 4 & 5 students, noting that a thorough consultation process with all partner groups will occur in Fall 2020. A follow up summary will be provided to the committee following this consultation process. Questions of clarification were asked.

#### **C.4 District Team's March to May Recap - Louise Sheffer**

Louise Sheffer, Director of District Team, provided the committee with an overview of the District Team's extensive work and focus in the last 8 weeks since the return from spring break. Ms. Sheffer noted one of the main focuses has been developing guidelines and supporting documents that will allow for administrators, teachers and staff to continue to support students and student success. Questions of clarification were asked and Trustees provided kudos to the District Team for their on-going work.

#### **C.5 Ad Hoc Committee Recommendation - Trustee McNally**

Trustee McNally presented the following motion and provided a rationale.

**Moved by** Trustee McNally

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) instruct the Superintendent to ensure that the Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes pages includes current minutes and reports to the Board as required from all functioning Ad Hoc Committee, beginning immediately.

Discussion ensued among the Trustees with a recommendation to amend the motion to the following:

**Moved by** Trustee Duncan

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) amend BYLAW 9140 AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD to include the following procedural requirements: standardized agenda setting, the taking of a minute of all Ad Hoc Committee meetings and regular reporting out to the Board of Education through the appropriate Standing Committee. The procedural requirements shall set out that meeting materials such as agendas, minutes and up to date Terms of Reference for all Ad Hoc Committees will be posted to the District website.

Further discussion ensued among Trustees with a recommendation to remove mention of minutes from the motion as this does not apply to most Ad-Hoc Committee Meetings

**Moved by** Trustee Painter

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) amend BYLAW 9140 AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD to include the following procedural requirements: standardized agenda setting, ~~the taking of a minute of all Ad Hoc Committee meetings~~ and regular reporting out to the Board of Education through the appropriate Standing

Committee. The procedural requirements shall set out that meeting materials such as agendas, minutes and up to date Terms of Reference for all Ad Hoc Committees will be posted to the District website.

For (2): Trustee Ferris, and Trustee Painter

Against (2): Trustee Duncan, and Trustee McNally

**Motion Defeated (2 to 2)**

With the amendment to the amended motion being defeated due to a tie, the original amended motion was brought forward for a vote.

**Moved by** Trustee Duncan

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**Motion Carried Unanimously**

## **C.6 IBPOC/BIPOC Recommendation - Trustee Painter**

Trustee Painter presented the following motion and provided a rationale.

**Moved by** Trustee Painter

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to engage with IBPOC/BIPOC members of the school community in the development and implementation of an anti-racism policy and framework.

A discussion took place among Trustees. A recommendation to amend the motion and refer to the Equity Committee was made.

**Moved by** Trustee McNally

That the motion "That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to engage with IBPOC/BIPOC members of the school community in the development and implementation

of an anti-racism policy and framework." be referred to the Equity Committee.

For (1): Trustee McNally

Against (3): Trustee Duncan, Trustee Ferris, and Trustee Painter

**Motion Defeated (1 to 3)**

Further discussion took place and a recommendation to table this motion until further discussions and learning sessions take place, was made.

**Moved by** Trustee Painter

That the motion "That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to engage with IBPOC/BIPOC members of the school community in the development and implementation of an anti-racism policy and framework." be tabled until the October 5, 2020 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

### **C.7 General Updates**

- a. Advocacy Ad-Hoc Committee Update re: Motion to Board - Colin Roberts

Associate Superintendent Roberts noted that recommendations are in the process of being drafted and will be brought forward the Board with respect to the response to the motion which has come forward from the letter received from the Greater Victoria Teachers Association regarding final grades for students.

- b. Summer School Update for 2019-2020 - Colin Roberts

Associate Superintendent Roberts provided a brief update in regards to Summer School for the 2019-2020 school year noting that there will be a blended model of some in-class and remote learning offered this year. An update regarding Enrolment and Schedules for Summer School will be provided at the June 8, 2020 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

### **D. NOTICE OF MOTION**

### **E. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **F. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.

**Moved by** Trustee Painter

That the meeting adjourn.

**Note:** This meeting is being audio and video recorded. The video can be viewed on the District website.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer