



Education Policy and Directions Committee Meeting

MINUTES

April 6, 2021

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- Trustees Present: **Education Policy and Directions members:** Ryan Painter, Chair, Nicole Duncan, Tom Ferris, Diane McNally, Jordan Watters (ex officio)
 Operations Policy and Planning members: Elaine Leonard, Rob Paynter.
- Administration: Shelley Green, Superintendent of Schools, Kim Morris, Secretary-Treasurer, Deb Whitten, Deputy Superintendent, Colin Roberts, Associate Superintendent, Harold Caldwell, Associate Superintendent, Andy Canty, Director, Information Technology for Learning, Kelly Gorman, Recorder
- Stakeholders: Christine Payne, VCPAC, Cindy Graf, GVTA,
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A. **COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm

A.1 **Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories**

Chair Painter 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 Ferris

That the April 6, 2021 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting agenda be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A.3 Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Trustee Ferris

That the February 1, 2021 Education Policy and Directions Committee Meeting minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A.4 Approval of the Minutes

Trustee McNally requested that the March 1, 2021 Education Policy and Directions Committee minutes be amended.

Amendment:

Moved by Trustee McNally

Under C.4. Add: a)That the Superintendent abandon the present 4 choice plan for Craigflower and Shoreline, and restart the planning process under the active and direct guidance from the Lkwungen community in order to create a school that honours the culture, history, and wisdom of Lkwungen People in its design, vision, goals, & curriculum. b)That the Board of Education respectfully request direct updates from the Chiefs or delegates of the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations, reporting times and methods of reporting to be determined by Chiefs and Councils.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Amendment:

Moved by Trustee McNally

Under A.2. Replace: Chair Painter ruled the ~~addition~~ motion out of order as it runs contrary to a motion that is currently in progress.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Amendment:

Moved by Trustee McNally

Under A.2. Add: That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) adjourn the meeting **due to perceived lack of respectful discussion.**

For (2): Trustee Duncan, and Trustee McNally

Against (1): Trustee Painter

Abstain (2): Trustee Ferris, and Trustee Watters

Motion Carried (2 to 1)

Chair Painter called for the vote on the approval of the March 1, 2021 minutes as amended.

Moved by Trustee Ferris

That the March 1, 2021 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting minutes be approved as amended.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A.5 Business Arising from Minutes

Trustee Duncan inquired as to when the presenters from March 1st, 2021 Education Policy and Planning Committee meeting are to present. Chair Painter stated that all presenters have been informed and moved to present at a later date.

B. NEW BUSINESS

B.1 Willows Elementary School - Code of Conduct - Brenna O'Connor, Principal, Willows Elementary School, Evelyn Morales, Teacher, Willows Elementary School, Kelsey Anderson, Teacher, Willows Elementary School

Brenna O'Connor, Principal, Willows Elementary School introduced the presentation and explained the process on how the Willows Code of Conduct evolved. Trustees provided thanks to Brenna O'Connor, Principal, Willows Elementary School, Evelyn Morales, Teacher, Willows Elementary and Kelsey Anderson, Teacher, Willows Elementary School.

B.2 District Team Update - Lindsay Johnson, District Vice-Principal

Lindsay Johnson, District Vice-Principal presented how Pathways and Partnerships aims to create equitable and culturally responsive Career Education opportunities across K-12 schools to develop the “Educated Citizen” in order to close the achievement gap leading to all students’ personal success. Trustees provided thanks for the presentation and questions of clarification were asked.

B.3 District Team - Learning Support - Part Two - Pam Halverson, District Principal and Sean McCartney, District Principal

Sean McCartney, District Principal and Pam Halverson, District Principal presented the update and explained how the District Team Learning department work in four key areas: Home-school partnerships, Effective student supports, Professional learning & Infrastructure. Trustees thanked staff for the presentation and questions of clarification were asked.

Moved by Trustee McNally

That the Board instruct the Superintendent to accept the Learning Team offer of a working session on psycho-educational assessments, and that members of the VCPAC Executive and any interested parent be invited to attend the Zoom meeting and participate.

For (2): Trustee Duncan, and Trustee McNally

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

Motion Defeated (2 to 3)

C. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:34pm

Moved by Trustee Ferris

Seconded by Trustee Watters

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer