



Education Policy and Directions Committee Meeting

MINUTES

February 1, 2021

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- Trustees Present: **Education Policy and Directions members:** Ryan Painter, Chair, Nicole Duncan, Tom Ferris (Arrival 7:12pm), Jordan Watters (ex officio)
 Operations Policy and Planning members: Elaine Leonard, Rob Paynter, Ann Whiteaker, Angie Hentze
- Trustee Regrets: Diane McNally
- Administration: Shelley Green, Superintendent of Schools, Kim Morris, Secretary-Treasurer, Deb Whitten, Deputy Superintendent, Colin Roberts, Associate Superintendent, Harold Caldwell, Associate Superintendent, Tammy Renyard, District Principal, Shelly Niemi, District Administrator, Craig Schellenberg, District Principal, Pam Halverson, District Principal, Carey Nickerson, District Vice-Principal, Charmaine Shortt, Early Learning Support Teacher, David Hovis, District Principal, Simon Burgers, District Principal, Sean McCartney, District Principal, Katrina Stride, Associate Secretary-Treasurer, Andy Canty, Director, Information Technology for Learning, Kelly Gorman, Recorder
- Stakeholders, Other Staff & Guests: Kiersten Brookes, Teacher, Strawberry Vale, Hannah Sheppard, Student, Strawberry Vale, Mira Laurence, Executive Director Oaklands Community Association, Tim Sailor, Teacher, Gillian Clark, Student, Lambrick Park, Brin Nyvall, Student, Spectrum, Cindy Graf, GVTA, Christine Payne, VCPAC, Jane Massy, CUPE 947 President.
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A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.

Chair Painter recognized Black History Month and read a quote from the honorable Rosemary Brown.

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 Watters

That the February 1, 2021 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting agenda be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A.3 Approval of the Minutes

Trustee Duncan requested that the January 4, 2021 Education Policy and Directions Committee minutes be amended.

Amendment:

Moved by Trustee Duncan

C.2. 1. Inclusive Learning Strategy 70% complete (Elem, Middle); 2021 focus on Secondary schools **and the creation of necessary inclusive learning space.**

C.3. a. District Vice-Principal, Johnson presented the new Aviation Maintenance 12 course. Questions of clarification were asked. **District Vice-Principal clarified that outstanding health and safety remediation at Mt.Doug shop will be completed prior to it hosting the new BAA course.**

For (1): Trustee Duncan

Against (2): Trustee Painter, and Trustee Watters

Motion Defeated (1 to 2)

Chair Painter called for the vote on the approval of the January 4, 2021 minutes as presented.

That the January 4, 2021 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A.4 Business Arising from Minutes

Trustee Duncan asked for clarification timeline on requests for Educational Psychology Assessments. Pam Halverson, District Principal provided a response.

Tom Ferris arrived to the meeting.

B. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

B.1 Climate Change, and Student Voices - Hannah Sheppard; Grade 5 student, Strawberry Vale Elementary School

Hannah Sheppard presented on Climate Change and proposed different ways that School District No. 61 could help stop climate change. Trustees and Staff provided thanks to Hannah for her presentation.

B.2 Food Programming - Mira Laurence, Executive Director of the Oaklands Community Association

Mira Laurence presented on the food security programs currently in the Oaklands Community. Oaklands Community Association recently partnered with Oaklands Elementary School for the Munchie Cart Program which provides students with healthy food at no cost. The program started January 4, 2021. Trustees and Staff provided thanks to Ms. Laurence.

B.3 E-sports League - Tim Sailor

Tim Sailor presented on E-sports leagues in secondary schools. Trustees provided thanks for the presentation and questions of clarification were asked.

C. NEW BUSINESS

C.1 Introduction of Student Representative

Superintendent Green introduced and welcomed Student Representatives Gillian Clark from Lambrick Park and Brin Nyvall from Spectrum.

C.2 District Team Budget Process: 2021-2022 Opportunities & Gaps / Alignment to Strategic Plan Initiatives - Deputy Superintendent Whitten, Associate Superintendents Roberts & Caldwell, Tammy Renyard, Shelly Niemi, Pam Halverson

District Team members provided a comprehensive presentation on the Opportunities and Gaps/Alignment to Strategic Plan initiatives highlighting EDI, MDI, completion rates, FSA Reading results, Student Learning Survey, Indigenous student parity, mental health, children and youth in care. Trustees provided thanks to the staff for their dedication. Questions of clarification were asked.

C.3 District Team Update - District Vice-Principal Nickerson & District Teacher Shortt

Carey Nickerson, District Vice-Principal and Charmaine Shortt, Early Learning Support Teacher, presented an Early Years update that reflected the alignment with the strategic plan. Information was shared regarding new supports including additional Early Childhood Educators hours for 8 Elementary Schools, Early years teacher, Indigenous early years teacher, release time, pro-d, supports for classrooms connected to pro-d and Early Years website and resources. Trustees provided thanks to the staff. Questions of clarification were asked.

C.4 Police Liaison Officer Ad Hoc Committee Update - Trustee Duncan

Trustee Duncan provided a brief update from the committee including the planned delivery of an engagement report by June 2021.

C.5 Equity Committee Report - Superintendent Green and District Principal Hovis

Superintendent Green provided the Equity Committee report in examining Early Literacy supports across the District. The Equity Committee recommended a multi-year budget to allow schools the flexibility to align to their Literacy goals and the strategic plan. Questions of clarification were asked.

Moved by Trustee Watters

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) commit to an annual elementary school investment in literacy according to

each elementary school's unique needs, and in alignment with the Strategic Plan, using the "Coach Approach", Reading Recovery or other established literacy program;

AND FURTHER

That the Board consider an amount of \$530,000 in its 2021-2022 budget deliberations to align to the Strategic Plan and a literacy focus.

Motion Carried Unanimously

D. NOTICE OF MOTION

None

E. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

F. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:44pm.

Moved by Trustee Duncan

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer