



## Education Policy and Directions Committee Meeting

### MINUTES

June 7, 2021

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- Trustees Present:      **Education Policy and Directions members:** Tom Ferris, Chair, Nicole Duncan, Diane McNally, Ryan Painter, Jordan Watters (ex officio)  
**Operations Policy and Planning members:** Elaine Leonard, Rob Paynter, Angie Hentze, Ann Whiteaker (left meeting 7:10 p.m.)
- 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
- Rightholders:      Chief Rob Thomas, Esquimalt Nation
- Stakeholders:      Kristil Hammer, VCPAC President, Connor McCoy, GVPVPA President, Jane Massy, CUPE 947 President, Cindy Graf, GVTA Pro-D Chair
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#### A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

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

Ex Officio 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 Whiteaker

That the June 7, 2021 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting agenda be amended with the following addition:

New A.3 Committee Chair Election Variation

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**A.3 Committee Chair Election Variation - Trustee Whiteaker**

Trustees debated the motion.

**Moved by** Trustee Whiteaker

That the Education Policy and Planning Committee forgo the election of chair until November 2021, and share the responsibility equally among committee members until regularly scheduled elections.

For (1): Trustee Watters

Against (4): Trustee Duncan, Trustee Ferris, Trustee McNally, and Trustee Painter

**Motion Defeated (1 to 4)**

**A.4 Election of Chair - Education Policy and Directions Committee**

Three Trustees were nominated; Trustee Duncan, Trustee McNally and Trustee Ferris. Trustee Duncan and Trustee McNally did not accept the nomination. Trustee Ferris accepted the nomination, was acclaimed as the Chair of the Education Policy and Planning Committee, and assumed the Chair of the meeting.

**A.5 Approval of the Minutes**

Trustee Duncan requested that the May 3, 2021 Education Policy and Directions Committee minutes be amended.

**Amendment:**

**Moved by** Trustee Duncan

Under A.2 For (1) changed to (2), Against (4) change to (3) and Motion defeated (2 to 3)

Under C.1 Trustees provided thanks for the presentation and asked the presenter questions of clarification.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

Chair Ferris called for the vote on the approval of the May 3, 2021 minutes as amended.

**Moved by** Trustee Painter

That the May 3, 2021 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting minutes be approved as amended.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**A.6 Business Arising from Minutes**

None

**B. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE**

**B.1 Budget - Mary Ann Watson**

Mary Ann Watson presented on the budget. Trustees provided thanks for the presentation.

**B.2 Budget - Dr Robert Oppenheimer**

Dr Robert Oppenheimer presented on the budget. Trustees provided thanks for the presentation.

**C. NEW BUSINESS**

**C.1 Indigenous Education - Shelly Niemi, District Administrator, Indigenous Education Department**

Shelley Niemi presented on Indigenous Education in School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria). Trustees provided thanks for the presentation and asked questions of clarification.

**C.2 District Team: SOGI and GSA updates - Jon Hamlin, District Team Vice-Principal**

Jon Hamlin presented updates on SOGI and GSA. Trustees provided thanks and asked questions of clarification.

**C.3 School Police Liaison Officer Ad Hoc Committee - Trustee Duncan**

Trustee Duncan provided rationale for the motion.

**Moved by** Trustee Duncan

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to allocate a budget of \$5,000.00 to assist the School Police Liaison Ad Hoc Committee to complete its work.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**C.4 New Accessible British Columbia Act - Trustee Painter**

Trustee Painter provided rationale for the motion.

**Moved by** Trustee Painter

That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) send a letter to the Parliamentary Secretary for Accessibility (MLA Dan Coulter) and local MLAs requesting that people and children with dyslexia/learning and communication disability designations be included in the new Accessible British Columbia Act, which has not yet received final reading.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**D. NOTICE OF MOTION**

None

**E. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

**Moved by** Trustee Painter

That the meeting adjourn.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer