



Education Policy and Directions Committee Meeting

MINUTES

May 3, 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, Lucinda Graf, GVTA, Jane Massy, CUPE 947 President, Connor McCoy, GVPVPA President
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A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm

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

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

Moved by Trustee McNally

That the Board of Education SD61 Greater Victoria direct the Chair to write to Minister of Education Jennifer Whiteside on May 4 requesting approval from the Minister for SD61 to incur a deficit in budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, as per BC School Act Section 156 (12):

(12) A board must not incur a deficit of any kind unless the board

(a) has the approval of the minister

For (2): Trustee McNally, Trustee Duncan

Against (4): Trustee Painter, Trustee Ferris, and Trustee Watters

Motion Defeated (2 to 4)

Chair Painter called for the vote on the approval of the May 3, 2021 agenda as presented.

Moved by Trustee Ferris

That the May 3, 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 April 6, 2021 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A.4 Business Arising from Minutes

Trustee Duncan requested an update with respect to a date set for the assessment working session. Deputy Superintendent Whitten stated that she would get the dates and report back to the Trustees.

B. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

B.1 Education Assistant Supports - Brett Gaylor

Brett Gaylor presented on experiences with Education Assistant supports. Trustees provided thanks for the presentation.

B.2 Reading Recovery - Richelle D. Funk

Richelle D.Funk presented on the benefits of Reading Recovery. Trustees provided thanks for the presentation.

B.3 Reading Recovery - Sallie Boschung

Sallie Boschung presented on Reading Recovery. Trustees provided thanks for the presentation.

B.4 Reading Recovery - Amee Ballantyne

Amee Ballantyne, presented on Reading Recovery. Trustees provided thanks for the presentation.

B.5 Music and Strings Programs in SD61 - Megan Taylor

Megan Taylor presented on the proposed music program reductions being considered in the current proposed budget. Trustees provided thanks for the presentation.

B.6 Inclusivity and Student Supports - Brianna Day

Brianna Day presented on student supports and inclusivity. Trustees provided thanks for the presentation.

C. NEW BUSINESS

C.1 District Team Update: Transforming Libraries - Dave Shortreed, District Team Vice-Principal

Dave Shortreed, District Team Vice-Principal presented on Transforming Libraries in alignment to goals 1 and 2 of the Strategic Plan. Libraries provide culturally responsive, inclusive and equitable learning opportunities. Teacher librarians are a key role for schools as they have the ability to reach all students and staff in the school. Libraries are now a place for students to create and collaborate. Trustees provided thanks for the presentation and asked the presenter questions of clarification.

C.2 Graduation Activities - Trustee Paynter

Moved by Trustee Paynter

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to identify any planning requirements and procedures for graduation related activities and events with recognition to current provincial COVID-19 public health restrictions and district policies.

The Committee, by consensus withdrew the motion, *"That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to identify any planning requirements and procedures for graduation related activities and events with recognition to current provincial COVID-19 public health restrictions and district policies."*

D. NOTICE OF MOTION

None

E. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

F. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:36pm

Moved by Trustee Duncan

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer