



Operations Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

REGULAR MINUTES

June 14, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

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Trustees Present: **Operations Policy and Planning Committee members:** Elaine Leonard (Chair), Rob Paynter, Angie Hentze , Ann Whiteaker, Jordan Watters (ex officio)

Education Policy and Directions Committee members:
Nicole Duncan

Administration: Shelley Green, Superintendent of Schools, Kim Morris, Secretary-Treasurer, Deb Whitten, Deputy Superintendent, Colin Roberts, Associate Superintendent, Harold Caldwell, Associate Superintendent, Katrina Stride, Associate Secretary-Treasurer, Andy Canty, Director, Information Technology for Learning, Chuck Morris, Director of Facilities Services, Jim Soles, Associate Director, Facilities Services, Marni Vistisen-Harwood, Manager, Capital Planning and Implementation, Facilities Services, Kelly Gorman, Recorder

Stakeholders: Kristil Hammer, President, VCPAC, Mark Morrison, Second VP & Health & Safety Officer, GVTA, Connor McCoy, President, VPVPA

A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

A.1 Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories

Chair Leonard 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 14, 2021 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting agenda be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

NOTE: Due to internet connectivity Chair Leonard passed the gavel to Trustee Watters to Chair the remainder of the meeting.

A.3 Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Trustee Whiteaker

That the May 10, 2021 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A.4 Business Arising from Minutes

B. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

None

C. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

C.1 Recycling Soft Plastic

Superintendent Green provided information relative to the motion. Trustees had questions of clarification.

Moved by Trustee Hentze

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) re-establish green teams in every school who will work with facilities to create

a process where the green teams categorize and weigh soft plastics once a week. This information will be collected by Mark Baggott in facilities and recommendations will be made in the spring of 2021-2022 on how to reduce waste of soft plastics.

Amendment:

Moved by Trustee Duncan

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) **direct the Superintendent to** re-establish green teams in every school who will work with facilities to create a process where the green teams categorize and weigh soft plastics once a week. This information will be collected by Mark Baggott in facilities and recommendations will be made in the spring of 2021-2022 on how to reduce waste of soft plastics.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Amendment:

Moved by Trustee Paynter

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) **direct the Superintendent to investigate** re-establishing green teams in every school who will work with facilities to create a process where the green teams categorize and weigh soft plastics once a week. This information will be collected by Mark Baggott in facilities and recommendations will be made in the spring of 2021-2022 on how to reduce waste of soft plastics.

For (1): Trustee Paynter

Against (4): Trustee Leonard, Trustee Hentze, Trustee Whiteaker, and Trustee Watters

Motion Defeated (1 to 4)

Chair Watters called for the vote on the motion as amended.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) **direct the Superintendent to** re-establish green teams in every school who will work with facilities to create a process where the green teams categorize and weigh soft plastics once a week. This information will be collected by Mark Baggott in facilities and recommendations will be made in the spring of 2021-2022 on how to reduce waste of soft plastics.

D. PERSONNEL ITEMS

E. FINANCE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

E.1 Policy Sub-Committee Report

- a. Draft New Policy 1330.1 - Child Care Providers - Feedback

Secretary-Treasurer Morris provided an update to Trustees on the draft policy feedback received and the new Order in Council. Secretary-Treasurer Morris advised the Policy Sub-Committee would re-convene to discuss the updated changes. Trustees had questions of clarification.

E.2 Monthly Financial Report - May 2021

Secretary-Treasurer Morris presented the report to Trustees. There were no questions.

F. FACILITIES PLANNING

F.1 Operations Update: June 2021

Director of Facilities Morris presented the report to Trustees. Questions of clarification were asked. Trustee Paynter requested information relative to air quality at Spectrum Secondary school now that the new McKenzie overpass is operational.

F.2 Annual Five Year Capital Plan

Secretary-Treasurer Morris provided an overview to Trustees. Trustees had questions of clarification.

G. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS

None

H. NEW BUSINESS

H.1 Working Committee and Consultation on Compost and Waste - Trustee Whiteaker

Trustee Whiteaker provided rationale for the motion. Trustees, stakeholders and staff debated the motion.

Moved by Trustee Whiteaker

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to oversee the creation of a Working Committee and consultation process, as outlined in Bylaw 9210, to prepare a draft *Compost and Waste* policy proposal to ensure consistent practices and supports across the district which are in alignment with our environmental values and goals.

Amendment:

Moved by Trustee Watters

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to oversee the creation of a Working Committee and consultation process, as outlined in Bylaw 9210, to prepare a draft *Compost and Waste* policy proposal ~~to ensure consistent practices and supports across the district~~ which ~~are~~ **is** in alignment with our environmental values and goals.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Chair Watters called for the vote on the motion as amended.

Amendment:

Moved by Trustee Watters

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to oversee the creation of a Working Committee and consultation process, as outlined in Bylaw 9210, to prepare a draft *Compost and Waste* policy proposal which is in alignment with our environmental values and goals.

Motion Carried Unanimously

H.2 Climate Action Plan - Trustee Duncan

Trustee Duncan provided rationale for the motion. Secretary-Treasurer Morris stated that the newly hired Climate and Energy Manager has commenced benchmarking and is establishing targets in order to reduce GHG emissions.

Moved by Trustee Duncan

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to prepare a Climate Action Plan as directed by the Board in its motion of 24 June 2019, by September 2021 for

consideration by the Board and our stakeholders. Further the plan should establish measurable targets and strategies to reduce GHGs by 2030 commensurate with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's call to limit warming to 1.5 degrees. The plan should also include funding options to support targets and strategies such as available rebates and government funding to meet sectoral targets set by the provincial government.

Amendment:

Moved by Trustee Whiteaker

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to prepare a Climate Action Plan as directed by the Board in its motion of 24 June 2019, by September 2021 for consideration by the Board and our stakeholders. ~~Further the plan should establish measurable targets and strategies to reduce GHGs by 2030 commensurate with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's call to limit warming to 1.5 degrees. The plan should also include funding options to support targets and strategies such as available rebates and government funding to meet sectoral targets set by the provincial government.~~

For (4): Trustee Leonard, Trustee Hentze, Trustee Whiteaker, and Trustee Watters

Against (1): Trustee Paynter

Motion Carried (4 to 1)

Amendment:

Moved by Trustee Leonard

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to prepare a Climate Action Plan as directed by the Board in its motion of 24 June 2019, by ~~September~~ **December** 2021 for consideration by the Board and our stakeholders. ~~Further the plan should establish measurable targets and strategies to reduce GHGs by 2030 commensurate with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's call to limit warming to 1.5 degrees. The plan should also include funding options to support targets and strategies such as available rebates and government funding to meet sectoral targets set by the provincial government.~~

Motion Carried Unanimously

Chair Watters called for a vote on the motion as amended.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to prepare a Climate Action Plan as directed by the Board in its motion of 24 June 2019, by December 2021 for consideration by the Board and our stakeholders.

Motion Carried Unanimously

I. NOTICE OF MOTION

None

J. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

K. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Moved by Trustee Whiteaker

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer