



**The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
Education Policy and Directions Committee Meeting
REGULAR MINUTES
Monday, February 7, 2022, 7:00 p.m.**

Trustees Present: Tom Ferris (Chair), Elaine Leonard, Angie Hentze, Nicole Duncan, Jordan Watters, Ryan Painter

Trustees Regrets: Diane McNally, Ann Whiteaker, Rob Paynter

Administration: Deb Whitten, Interim Superintendent of Schools, Kim Morris, Secretary-Treasurer, Colin Roberts, Interim Deputy Superintendent, Harold Caldwell, Associate Superintendent, Andy Canty, Director, Information Technology for Learning, Kelly Gorman, Recorder

Stakeholders: Angela Carmichael, President, VCPAC, Lena Palermo, Pro-D Chair, 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 Ferris 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 Duncan

That the February 7, 2022 agenda be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A.3. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Trustee Painter

That the January 10, 2022 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A.4. Business Arising from Minutes

None.

B. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

Community Presentations

B.1. Fortis Designing School Curriculum

Dave Mills, from the Dogwood Society presented on the Fortis designed school curriculum in B.C. and spoke against the use of the curriculum in SD61 schools.

B.2. Fortis Designing School Curriculum

Dr. Lori Adamson presented on the Fortis designed curriculum, and spoke against the use of the curriculum.

B.3. Fortis

Isabella Miskiewicz a Grade 12 student attending Esquimalt High School presented on the Fortis curriculum, and stated that the student body does not want biased information in the curriculum.

Trustees provided thanks for the presentations and questions of clarification were asked. Staff will report back to the Board at a future meeting.

C. NEW BUSINESS

C.1. Enhancing Student Learning

District Principals Hovis, Powell, Renyard and District Vice-Principal Johnson presented on Enhancing Student Learning by providing an overview of systems and structures, networks and partnerships,

professional learning and student learning experiences. District Principals provided an overview of how professional learning for administrators aligns with the Strategic Plan and Framework for Enhancing Student Learning. District Vice-Principal Johnson placed high value on continuous relationship building with all of the partners and networks in the community.

Trustees provided thanks to the District Team for the fantastic presentation. Questions of clarification were asked.

D. NOTICE OF MOTION

None.

E. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Painter

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer