



**The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
Education Policy and Directions Committee Meeting
REGULAR MINUTES**

Monday, April 4, 2022, 5:00 p.m.

Trustees Present:	Tom Ferris (Chair), Elaine Leonard, Angie Hentze, Nicole Duncan, Jordan Watters, Ryan Painter, Ann Whiteaker
Trustees Suspended:	Diane McNally, Rob Paynter
Administration:	Deb Whitten, Interim Superintendent of Schools, Kim Morris, Secretary-Treasurer, Colin Roberts, Interim Deputy Superintendent, Harold Caldwell, Associate Superintendent, Mark Baggott, Manager Building Operations Facilities Services, Andy Canty, Director, Information Technology for Learning, Kelly Gorman, Recorder
Stakeholders:	Connor McCoy, President, VPVPA

A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 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 Watters

That the April 4, 2022 agenda be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A.3. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Trustee Painter

That the March 7, 2022 Combined Education Policy and Directions Committee and Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting minutes as they pertain to Education Policy and Directions Committee, be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A.4. Business Arising from Minutes

Trustee Duncan requested an update from staff on C.2. Fortis BC Curriculum. Further to C2 of the March 7, 2002 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting agenda Trustee Duncan requested an update on whether staff had clarified if the Fortis materials were being used at any middle school or high school.

Interim Superintendent Whitten had no update and agreed to follow up with District Principal Hovis regarding middle schools and high schools.

B. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

Community Presentations

- B.1.** Stephanie Dawson, Career Centre Coordinator with the Greater Victoria School District presented on proposed budget cuts to Career Center Coordinators.
- B.2.** Aisha Choumou Bokhit, a grade 12 student in the Greater Victoria School District presented on the positive impact that a Career Centre Coordinator had in their life.
- B.3.** Nicola Priestley, Director, South Island Partnerships Camosun College, presented on proposed budget cuts to Career Coordinators in the Greater Victoria School District.
- B.4.** Blanche Philip, Greater Victoria School District Administrative Assistant, presented on the importance of the 12 clerical support positions at middle schools.

- B.5.** Dr. Robert Oppenheimer, presented on the proposed -22-23 budget and the potential impact of counselling reductions on student mental health.
- B.6.** Robert Shirley, Bree Anne Bartle-Clar, and Vrai Price-Miskelly, grade 12 Oak Bay Secondary students, presented on proposed budget cuts to music education.
- B.7.** Keelin McNeil, Reynolds Secondary student, presented on proposed budget cuts to music education.
- B.8.** Dexter Gilbert, grade 12 Reynolds Secondary student, presented on proposed budget cuts to music education.
- B.9.** Gilles Larose, SD61 Cartage/Custodial Foremen, presented on proposed budget cuts to CUPE Local 382 positions.
- B.10.** Glen Ruttan, SD61 Custodian, presented on proposed budget cuts to daytime custodians.

Staff Presentation

- B.11.** District Vice-Principal Roberts, Shortreed and Barks presented on the Framework for Enhanced Student Learning (FESL). An overview was provided on the following:

Principals of Assessment

Proficiency Scale Pilots and initiatives- K-9

Updates on assessment and reporting tools K-12

Curation and sharing of resources on the District website.

C. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Watters provided rationale for the motion.

Questions of clarification were asked.

Interim Superintendent Whitten offered to discuss the motion with the Greater Victoria Teachers Association at the upcoming Joint Committee on Curriculum Implementation meeting.

C.1. Industry-Sponsored Educational Materials – Trustee Watters

Moved by Trustee Watters

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Interim Superintendent to meet with members of the Greater Victoria Teachers Association to discuss the appropriate use of fossil fuel industry-sponsored educational materials, including those produced by Fortis BC, in the Greater Victoria School District.

Motion Carried Unanimously

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 6:52 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer