



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

Monday, March 7, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Broadcasted via YouTube <https://bit.ly/3czx8bA>

- Trustees Present: Tom Ferris (Chair), Elaine Leonard (Chair), 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, Katrina Stride, Associate Secretary-Treasurer, Chuck Morris, Director of Facilities Services, Marni Vistisen-Harwood, Associate Director Facilities Services, Andy Canty, Director, Information Technology for Learning, Kelly Gorman, Recorder
- Stakeholders: Connor McCoy, President, VPVPA
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**A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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 Combined Operations Policy and Planning and Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting agenda**

**Moved By** Trustee Duncan

That the March 7, 2022 Combined Education Policy and Directions Committee and Operations Policy and Planning meetings agenda be approved.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**A.3. Recognition of Student Representative**

Aditya Nagrath was not able to attend.

**B. EDUCATION POLICY AND DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**B.1. Approval of the Minutes**

**Moved By** Trustee Leonard

That the February 7, 2022 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting minutes be approved.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**B.2. Business Arising from Minutes**

None

**C. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE**

**STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

**C.1.** District Principal Hovis began with an overview of District literacy goals. The overarching goal is to improve literacy outcomes for all learners, to address the inequity of outcomes for Indigenous learners, Children and Youth in Care, and students with Diverse Learning Needs.

Principal McCoy from Quadra Elementary presented on the Early Literacy Collaboration Teacher (ELCT). ELCT Sarah has shared numerous resources with teachers and assessed the needs of students. Principal McCoy views ELCT Sarah's contributions as immeasurable.

Principal Fawcett and Vice-Principal Cox from Frank Hobbs Elementary provided an update on their Literacy Collaboration Teams. In 2018 Frank Hobbs Elementary collaborated with staff to create 5 Bold Steps.

1. Foster Learning opportunities
2. Commit to Assessment for Learning
3. Schedule time for collaboration
4. Embed competencies and Big Ideas into daily instructional practices
5. Facilitate Social Emotional Learning practices inside and outside of the classroom.

District Early Learning Support teacher Shortt presented on the Early Career Teacher Literacy Series. The goal is to build a network of collaboration and support.

Trustees provided thanks for the presentation and questions of clarification were asked.

- C.2.** Interim Superintendent Whitten spoke to the memo provided by District Principal Hovis and District Vice-Principal Shortreed that provided an update on the Fortis BC Curriculum and Teacher Librarians.

Trustees provided thanks for the presentation and questions of clarification were asked.

**D. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**E. NOTICE OF MOTION**

None

**F. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**G. OPERATIONS POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**G.1. Approval of the Minutes**

**Moved By** Trustee Ferris

That the February 14, 2022 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting minutes be approved, as amended.

Trustee Duncan requested additional wording for item H.1. “ and Trustee Duncan” be placed following Trustee Whiteaker.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**G.2. Business Arising from Minutes**

Trustee Whiteaker requested it be noted under I in Notice of Motion two of the three motions put forward by Trustee Whiteaker were deemed In-Camera items by the Chair and as such the motions were withdrawn until they can be discussed in public.

## **H. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE**

None

## **I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**I.1.** Interim Deputy Superintendent Roberts provided the enrollment update.

Trustees provided thanks and questions of clarification were asked.

**I.2.** District Principal McCartney provided an update on the Administrative Regulations Manual and the Administrative Procedures Manual.

Trustees provided thanks and questions of clarification were asked.

## **J. PERSONNEL ITEMS**

None

## **K. FINANCE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

**K.1.** Secretary-Treasurer Morris provided an update on the 2022-2023 Budget. The sixth committee meeting will be on March 8, 2022. The public meeting will be on March 10, 2022.

**K.2.** Secretary-Treasurer Morris provided an update on the Cedar Hill Middle School Replacement Project - Neighborhood Learning Centre. The Neighborhood Learning Centre will consist of a multipurpose room and community kitchen. A purpose built Indigenous Welcome Center and an enhanced gymnasium. The multipurpose room will help the school with future enrollment, if that were to occur as well as community use of the space.

## **L. FACILITIES PLANNING**

### **L.1. Operations Update: March 2022**

Director of Facilities Morris provided the March update.

Trustees provided thanks and questions of clarification were asked. Trustee Duncan requested clarification regarding shop consumables and will forward her email to staff. The answers will come in the April 11, 2022 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting minutes.

**L.2.** Associate Director Facilities Services Marni presented the Victoria High School Seismic Project report.

Trustees provided thanks and questions of clarification were asked further in relation to volleyball courts and parking to be brought to a future meeting.

**M. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS**

None

**N. NEW BUSINESS**

- N.1.** Interim Superintendent Whitten spoke to the motion. The first Climate Action committee meeting was held on March 2, 2022 and the \$15,000 budget was added to the Terms Of Reference in the procedural notes.

That the motion” *That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to create a process and guidelines for approval of the Committee expenditures and further provide the Board with a plan for the \$15,000.00 currently budgeted for the Climate Action Committee.*” be tabled indefinitely.

- N.2.** Trustees debated the motion from Trustee Whiteaker.

**Moved By** Trustee Ferris

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) re-affirm its motion of June 2021 “*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.*”

**Against (6): Ferris, Duncan, Hentze, Watters, Leonard, Painter**

**Abstain (1): Whiteaker**

**Motion Defeated**

**Moved By** Trustee Painter

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) rescind the motion of June 2021 “*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.*”

**For (3): Leonard, Ferris, Painter**

**Against (3): Whiteaker, Hentze, Duncan**

**Abstain (1): Watters**

**Motion Defeated**

**N.3.** Trustee Whiteaker provided rationale for the motion.

The motion “*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) petition the Minister of Education for an order under Section 30 of the School Act, to reduce the number of Trustees for School District 61 from 9 to 7, to take effect in the upcoming election October 2022.*” was ruled out of order by Chair Leonard.

Trustee Painter called a point of order as per Ministry guidelines and Chair Leonard sustained.

**N.4.** Trustee Duncan provided rationale for the motion.

**Moved By** Trustee Duncan

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) request that before considering 3rd reading of the bylaw and concluding a Purchase and Sale Agreement with VHS, the Superintendent provide for the Board’s review, a report outlining the impacts including any future costs and risks associated with the “custody, maintenance and safekeeping” of the residual SD61 lands, and how the VHS proposal achieves the objectives of the Bowker Creek Blueprint and the Daylighting Feasibility Study.

**For (3): Duncan, Whiteaker, Hentze**

**Against (4): Ferris, Watters, Leonard, Painter**

**Motion Defeated**

**O. NOTICE OF MOTION**

None

**P. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**Q. ADJOURNMENT unanimously done 926pm**

**Moved By** Trustee Painter

That the meeting adjourn.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer