



**The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
School Police Liaison Officer Ad Hoc Committee**

Minutes

Date: **Thursday, 1 June, 2021 4:00-6:00p.m.**

Location: **Via Zoom**

Chairperson: Trustee Duncan

In attendance: Trustee Ferris, Colin, Darrell, Elaine, Joanna, Kalie, Lisa, Matt, Melanie, Lisa G, Michael, Taily, Lul and Deb

Observer: Carolyn

A.

COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

A.1

Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories -

The Greater Victoria School District wishes to recognize and acknowledge the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, on whose traditional territories, we live, we learn, and we do our work.

A.2

Approval of the Agenda

B.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

JUNE 1, 2021 4PM TO 6PM			
1	4:15	Read Jorgensen	VPVPA
2	4:30	Matt Christie	GVTA
3	4:45		Student
4	5:00		Community

Read presented to the committee – presentation notes attached

Matt presented to the committee – presentation notes attached

Donna and the students from Mt. Doug decided that they would prefer to provide a written submission rather than present to the committee. Ms Thompson sent Deputy Superintendent the following message: *“with the students there is a strong fear of negative consequences to speak out in favour of the PLO program in schools due to the strong cancel culture that is happening online. While the students will admit they are from a privileged background, they did represent different backgrounds, cultures and race. It is unfortunate that I could not offer them safety in this meeting and also recognize that the fear is real. They asked if they could submit anonymous written statements about their experience to be shared with the committee so that the student voice can still be heard. If not, I hope the power point presentation that was submitted can still be reviewed as it does have direct quotes from students, specifically around the self defense program and relationships with the liaison officers.”*

The link to the video submission from Ruby Smith Diaz has expired. Kelly will investigate having the link available to committee members.

C.

NEW BUSINESS

C.1

Survey Preparation (external assistance)

The committee discussed the public survey and the reasons for having an external survey expert review the survey prior to going live. It was determined that the draft survey would be circulated to committee members prior to the June 17, 2021 committee meeting.

It was requested that the link to the internal survey remain open and that Kelly send the student representatives on the committee a reminder invitation with the link to complete the survey.

C.2

Survey Timing

C.3

Next steps (stakeholder engagement and data gathering)

D.

CORRESPONDENCE

Geoff Johnson - Times Colonist article

Stephen Harrison – to be brought forward to the next committee meeting.

E.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting Date: June 17, 2021

F.

ADJOURNMENT

THIS COMMITTEE HAS REACHED OUT TO INVITE FEEDBACK FROM THE FOLLOWING STAKEHOLDERS:

- ICA
- Inclusion BC
- Native Friendship Centre
- Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Centre Society
- Pacific People's Partnership
- International Institute for Child Rights and Development (ties with Royal Roads)
- Hulitan Family and Community Services Society
- UVIC – Indigenous Academic and Community Engagement
- Camosun – Centre for Indigenous Education and Community Connections
- Resilience BC
- Mothers Against Racism
- The Support Network for Indigenous Women and Women of Colour
- Urban Native Youth Association
- Mosaic BC
- Out on Screen
- BC Community Alliance
- Black Lives Matter Vancouver
- BC Black History Awareness Society
- Metis Nation of British Columbia
- First Nations Health Authority
- UVIC Academic Advisory Committee on Equity and Diversity
- Jamaican Community Victoria Association
- Binkadi Community Association
- African Heritage Association of Vancouver Island

