



**The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
Education Policy and Directions Committee Meeting
REGULAR MINUTES
Monday, June 6, 2022, 7:00 p.m.**

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

Trustees Suspended: Diane McNally, Rob Paynter

Trustee Regrets: Nicole Duncan

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, Lisa McPhail, Manager, Communications and Community Engagement, Kelly Gorman, Recorder

A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

* Due to illness of Committee Chair, by consensus Trustee Painter assumed the Committee Chair for the meeting.

A.1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories

Chair Painter 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 June 6, 2022 agenda be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A.3. Approval of the Minutes

Moved By Trustee Leonard

That the May 2, 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

Staff Presentation

- B.1.** District Elders & Indigenous Knowledge Facilitator Harris and District Vice-Principal Shortreed presented on exploring the Salish Sea - Classroom Opportunity. The program has been a collaborative effort between the Indigenous Education Department and the District Team and is comprised of 4 sessions centered around experience, connecting, understanding, celebratory learning. 50 classroom have taken advantage of the opportunity. Trustees were invited to participate in the Pro-D session in the summer/fall.

Trustees expressed thanks for the presentation.

- B.2.** District Principal Renyard, presented a summary of 2021-22 Education Policy and Planning Committee presentations and student learning.

District Principal Halverson and District Counsellor Chambers presented a Mental Health Update.

Three mental health lenses to support mental health in the District: harm reduction, social emotional learning and capacity building.

A harm reduction handbook has been created for parents/caregivers. The District will continue to engage with partners to ensure the learning continues as they shift from a reactive to a proactive approach.

Trustees expressed thanks for the presentation.

C. NEW BUSINESS

C.1. Childcare Policy 1330.1

Moved By Trustee Leonard

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve Childcare Policy 1330.1.

Motion Carried Unanimously

C.2. Social Media Use Policy XXXX

Trustees had questions of clarification and 3 revisions were made to the Policy.

Moved By Trustee Watters

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve new Social Media Use Policy XXXX., as amended.

Motion Carried Unanimously

D. NOTICE OF MOTION

None

E. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

F. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Trustee Leonard

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer