



**The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)  
Education Policy and Directions Committee Meeting  
REGULAR MINUTES  
Monday, October 3, 2022, 7:00 p.m.**

Trustees Present: Tom Ferris (Chair), Elaine Leonard, Ann Whiteaker, Jordan Watters, Ryan Painter, Nicole Duncan, Rob Paynter, Diane McNally

Trustee Regrets: Angie Hentze

Administration: Deb Whitten, Superintendent of Schools, Kim Morris, Secretary-Treasurer, Harold Caldwell, Deputy Superintendent, Tom Aerts, Associate Superintendent, Marni Vistisen-Harwood, Director of Facilities Services, Sean Powell, District Principal, Nadine Naughton, Principal, Andy Canty, Director, Information Technology for Learning, Kelly Gorman, Recorder

Partners: Jane Massy, CUPE 947, Lena Palmero, GVTA, Tracy Humphreys, VCPAC

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**A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm

**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**

**Moved by** Trustee Duncan

Add:

B.1. Oasis Presentation, Terry Dance-Bennink and Anne Duggan

That the October 3, 2022 agenda be approved, as amended.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**A.3. Approval of the Minutes**

**Moved by** Trustee Painter

That the September 12, 2022 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting minutes, be approved.

For: Whiteaker, Watters, Hentze, Leonard, Painter, Ferris, Duncan

Abstain: McNally, Paynter

**Motion Carried (7 to 2)**

**A.4. Business Arising from Minutes**

None.

**B. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE**

- B.1.** Terry Dance-Bennink and Anne Duggan presented to the Board on the benefits of having a senior friendly park offering intergenerational activities on the site of the SJ Willis campus.

Trustees provided thanks and questions of clarification were asked.

**C. NEW BUSINESS**

**C.1. Introduction of Student Representative**

None.

**C.2.** District Principal Powell and Principal Naughton presented:

School Goals – Connections to Framework for Enhancing Student Learning.

Trustees provided thanks and questions of clarification were asked.

**Moved by** Trustee Whiteaker

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) adjourn the meeting and refer C.3. Policy Role of Chair and Vice-Chair and C.4. Policy 8110 Role of Board to the November 14, 2022 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting.

For: Whiteaker, McNally, Paynter, Duncan

Against: Ferris, Painter, Leonard, Watters

**Motion Defeated (4 to 4)**

**C.3. Policy XXXX, Role of Chair and Vice-Chair**

**Moved by** Trustee Leonard

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve Policy XXXX *Role of Chair and Vice-Chair* as presented.

**Moved by** Trustee Paynter

That Policy XXXX, Role of Chair and Vice-Chair be renamed Bylaw XXXX Role of Chair and Vice-Chair.

Trustees discussed the motion.

Trustee Paynter withdrew the motion.

**Moved by** Trustee McNally

1. RATIONALE

The Chairperson ~~is a servant of the Board who's function is to ensure orderly conduct of the meeting and is primarily responsible for safeguarding the integrity of the Board's governance processes.~~ The Chairperson is the Board's **official** spokesperson **on matters that the Board has confirmed a position through Policy or deliberation.** ~~and represents the Board in the community.~~ More specifically, the Chairperson shall:

For: McNally, Duncan, Paynter, Whitaker

Against: Leonard, Ferris, Watters, Painter

**Motion Defeated (4 to 4)**

**Moved by** Trustee Paynter

1. RATIONALE

The Chairperson provides Board leadership and is primarily responsible for safeguarding the integrity of the Board's governance processes. The Chairperson is the Board's spokesperson and represents the Board in the community. **The authority of the Chair does not exceed that of an individual Trustee.** More specifically, the Chairperson shall:

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Moved by** Trustee Duncan

**2. POLICY**

**2.1.Meetings**

ii. Ensure that Board meetings are conducted in accordance with the *School Act Part 6 – Boards of Education* **Board bylaws and policies.** ~~and remain focused on Board governance matters.~~

For: McNally, Duncan, Paynter, Whitaker, Ferris, Painter

Against: Leonard

**Motion Carried (6 to 1)**

**Moved by** Trustee Paynter

2.1 iii. Ensure that Roberts Rules of Order are followed and in all meetings of the Board of Trustees, procedures shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, **except where provisions of the bylaws of the Board or the School Act may conflict, in which case the latter shall prevail.**

For: Paynter, Whiteaker, Duncan, Ferris

Against: Leonard, Watters, Painter

Abstain: McNally

**Motion Carried (4 to 3)**

**Moved by** Trustee Paynter

2.1 iv. Ensure the Board adheres to ~~its Governance Policies and Meeting Procedures~~ **bylaws and policies.**

For: Ferris, Duncan, McNally, Paynter, Whiteaker

Against: Leonard, Watters, Painter

**Motion Carried (5 to 3)**

**Moved by** Trustee McNally

2.1 v. Act as an ex-officio member of all committees appointed by the Board, **with voice but no vote.**

Trustee Watters referenced bylaw 9130 #3. The Chair of the Board shall be an ex-officio member of both Committees, with voting rights.

**Moved by** Trustee Duncan

2.1 v. Act as an ex-officio member of all **standing** committees appointed by the Board.

For: Paynter, Whiteaker, Duncan, Ferris, Painter, McNally

Against: Leonard, Ferris

**Motion Carried (6 to 2)**

**Moved by** Trustee Whiteaker

That the Education Policy and Directions Committee adjourn the meeting at 9:00p.m.

**For:** Whiteaker, McNally, Duncan, Paynter

**Against:** Ferris, Leonard, Watters, Painter

**Motion Defeated (4 to 4)**

**Moved by** Trustee Paynter

2.2 i. Prior to each Board meeting confer with the Vice-Chair, Secretary-Treasurer and Superintendent to develop the Board Agenda ~~in a manner that is consistent~~ with **consideration of** the Board's Annual Work Plan.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Trustee Paynter

ii. ~~Encourage all Trustees present to vote on all Agenda items.~~

For: Paynter, McNally, Ferris

Against: Leonard, Duncan, Whiteaker, Watters, Painter

**Motion Defeated (3 to 5)**

**Moved by** Trustee Duncan

ii. ~~Encourage all Trustees present to vote on all Agenda items.~~ **Ensure that all Trustees have an opportunity to vote on all agenda items.**

For: Duncan, Ferris, McNally, Painter, Whiteaker, Watters

Against: Leonard

**Motion Carried (6 to 1)**

**Move by** Trustee Paynter

2.3 ii. Insert “and the Board” after Superintendent.

Trustees discussed the motion.

Trustee Paynter withdrew the motion.

**Moved by** Trustee Leonard

That the motion “*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve Policy XXXX Role of Chair and Vice-Chair as presented.*” be referred to the October 24, 2022 Board Meeting.

For: Leonard, Ferris, Watters, Painter

Against: McNally, Duncan, Paynter, Whiteaker

**Motion Defeated (4 to 4)**

**C.4. Policy 8110 Role of Board**

**Moved By** Trustee Leonard

That the motion “*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve Policy 8110 Role of Board as presented*” be referred to the October 24, 2022 Board Meeting.

For: Leonard, Ferris, Watters, Painter

Against: McNally, Duncan, Paynter, Whiteaker

**Motion Defeated (4 to 4)**

**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 9:10 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer