



The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)

REGULAR MINUTES

Via Zoom

Monday, December 12, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

Trustees Present: Nicole Duncan, Board Chair, Karin Kwan, Vice-Chair, Angela Carmichael, Natalie Baillaut, Derek Gagnon, Emily Mahbobi, Rob Paynter, Mavis David, Diane McNally

Administration: Deb Whitten, Superintendent of Schools, Katrina Stride, Secretary-Treasurer, Harold Caldwell, Deputy Superintendent, Tom Aerts, Associate Superintendent, Julie Lutner, Director of Finance, Budgets and Financial Reporting, Lisa McPhail, Manager of Communications, Andy Canty, Director of Information Technology

Partners: Ilda Turcotte, GVTA, Jane Massy, CUPE 947, Brenna O'Connor, VPVPA

A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

This meeting began at 7:42 p.m.

A.1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories

Chair Duncan 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 Kwan
Seconded by Trustee Paynter

That the December 12, 2022 agenda be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A.3. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Trustee Carmichael
Seconded by Trustee Baillaut

That the November 28, 2022 Regular Board minutes be approved with the following amendments:

Replace Moved by with Seconded by where appropriate.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A.4. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

A.5. Student Achievement

None.

A.6. District Presentations

None.

A.7. Community Presentations

None.

B. CORRESPONDENCE

B.1. December 5, 2022, VCPAC to SD61, Education Assistants

B.2. December 5, 2022, BCEdAccess to SD61, School Police Liaison Officer Committee

C. TRUSTEE REPORTS

C.1. Chair's Report

a. Chair's Report provided for information.

b. January Board Work Plan

C.2. Trustees' Reports

a. Trustee Kwan provided a verbal report.

D. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

D.1. Combined Education Policy and Directions Committee and Operations Policy and Planning Committee

- a. Draft combined minutes from the December 5, 2022 meeting – information only
- b. Recommended motions from the December 5, 2022 meeting:

Moved by Trustee Kwan
Seconded by Trustee McNally

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Policy Sub-Committee to review the current policies regarding legal services and make recommendations as needed to the Board.

Motion Carried Unanimously

D.2. Budget Advisory Committee

- a. Budget Advisory Committee DRAFT December 8, 2022 Minutes

E. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

E.1. Superintendent's Report

- a. Monthly Report

Superintendent Whitten provided the report for information.

Moved by Trustee Baillaut
Seconded by Trustee Mahbobi

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) receive the Superintendent's report as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- b. Trustee Questions

None.

E.2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

a. Monthly Report

Secretary-Treasurer Stride provided the report for information.

Moved by Trustee Kwan
Seconded by Trustee Mahbobi

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) receive the Secretary-Treasurer's report as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously

F. QUESTION PERIOD

None.

G. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS

G.1. Record of In-Camera Board of Education Meeting – October 24, 2022

G.2. Record of Special In-Camera Board of Education Meeting – November 3, 2022

G.3. Record of Special In-Camera Board of Education Meeting – November 14, 2022

G.4. Record of In-Camera Board of Education Meeting – November 28, 2022

H. NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS

H.1. New Business

a. Trustee Kwan

Moved by Trustee Kwan
Seconded by Trustee Duncan

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to identify the cost to increase custodial levels to the previous year, 2021-22, and provide recommendations to the Board on using funds coming out of revised budget allocations toward custodial deficits.

Amendment

Moved by Trustee Gagnon
Seconded by Trustee Paynter

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to identify **options** ~~the cost to increase custodial levels to the previous year, 2021-22,~~ and provide recommendations to the Board on using funds coming out of revised budget allocations toward custodial deficits.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Moved by Trustee Gagnon
Seconded by Trustee Paynter

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to identify options and provide recommendations to the Board on using funds coming out of revised budget allocations toward custodial deficits.

Motion Carried Unanimously

b. Trustee Duncan

Moved by Trustee Duncan
Seconded by Trustee Gagnon

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to update the gender language in all Bylaws of the Board.

Read a first time this 12th day of December 2022.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Moved by Trustee Duncan
Seconded by Trustee Gagnon

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to update the gender language in all Bylaws of the Board.

Read a second time this 12th day of December 2022.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Moved by Trustee McNally
Seconded by Trustee Baillaut

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agree to give all three readings of the motion “That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to update the gender language in all Bylaws of the Board” at the December 12, 2022 Board meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Moved by Trustee Duncan
Seconded by Trustee Gagnon

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to update the gender language in all Bylaws of the Board.

Read a third time this 12th of December 2022, and finally passed and adopted this 12th day of December 2022.

Motion Carried Unanimously

H.2. Notice of Motions

a. Trustee Kwan

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the chair to write a letter to the Province on behalf of the Board expressing support for an EA Standards of Practice (as stated in the letter from VCPAC on December 5, 2022).

b. Trustee Kwan

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to forward any reports, provided to the Board at Standing Committee meetings or Board meetings, on any current updates or status of the ongoing project at Vic High to the PAC president of Central Middle School, Carrie Peter, and the PAC president of Vic High, Kate Wallace.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Moved by Trustee Mahbobi
Seconded by Trustee McNally

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer