



**The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
Education Policy and Directions Committee Meeting
REGULAR MINUTES
Monday, January 9, 2023, 7:00 p.m.**

Trustees Present: **Education Policy and Directions members:** Emily Mahbobi (Chair), Mavis David, Angela Carmichael, Nicole Duncan

Operations Policy and Planning members: Nicole Duncan, Rob Paynter, Derek Gagnon, Karin Kwan

Trustee Regrets: Diane McNally, Natalie Baillaut

Administration: Deb Whitten, Superintendent of Schools, Katrina Stride, Secretary-Treasurer, Harold Caldwell, Deputy Superintendent, Tom Aerts, Associate Superintendent, Tammy Renyard, District Principal, Charmaine Shortt, Acting District Principal, Sean Powell, District Principal, David Hovis, District Principal, Andy Canty, Director, Information Technology for Learning

Partners: Jane Massy, CUPE 947, Lena Palmero, GVTA, Brenna O'Connor, VPVPA, Tracy Humphreys, VCPAC

A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

A.1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories

Chair Mahbobi 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 Duncan

That the January 9, 2023 agenda be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A.3. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Trustee Duncan

That the December 5, 2022 Combined Education Policy and Directions and Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting minutes be approved with the following amendment:

Add Nicole Duncan's name to the Education Policy and Directions members list.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A.4. Business Arising from Minutes

None.

B. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

B.1. Griffin Foster from Oak Bay High School presented on appointed student leadership at Oak Bay High School.

B.2. Amy Teucher and Andy Teucher presented on Late French Immersion at Cedar Hill Middle School.

C. NEW BUSINESS

C.1. Trustee Mahbobi informed the Board that the Elementary Strings Review will be provided at the January 16, 2023 Operations Policy and Planning Committee Meeting.

C.2. Deputy Superintendent Caldwell presented the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) review memo. District Principals Hovis, Renyard and acting District Principal Shortt presented on Literacy Framework and the K-12 Plan as it relates to FESL.

The primary purpose of education and the three main objectives are:

1. Intellectual Development
2. Human and Social Development

3. Career Development

The Provincial Literacy Focus was reviewed as the province realigns from english to literacy. Ongoing strategies to support literacy teaching and learning in the District were shared. Next steps are piloting of the Grades 3, 6, 9 literacy assessments and the development of the Grade 1 literacy assessment.

Trustees thanked staff for the presentation and had questions of clarification.

Moved by Trustee Carmichael

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) move C.5. Late French Immersion – District Principal Powell to C.3. and renumber accordingly.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- C.3.** District Principal Powell provided the Late French Immersion memo for information.

Questions of clarification were asked.

Meeting recessed at 9:01 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:06 p.m.

- C.4.** Associate Superintendent Aerts provided the Board Authority Authorized Courses Memo for information.
- C.5.** Superintendent Whitten provided the Parent Education Fund 2022-2023 update for information.
- C.6.** VCPAC EA Standards of Practice – Trustee Kwan

Moved by 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).

Motion Carried Unanimously

- C.7.** VCPAC Communication Protocol – Trustee Duncan

Moved by Trustee Duncan

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to work with Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (VCPAC) to develop a communication protocol to support the parents' advisory council (PAC) to communicate with PAC members in their school communities.

Motion Carried Unanimously

D. NOTICE OF MOTION

None.

E. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Mahbobi

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer