



**The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
Education Policy and Directions Committee Meeting
REGULAR MINUTES
Monday, February 6, 2023, 7:00 p.m.**

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

Operations Policy and Planning members: Nicole Duncan, Rob Paynter, Karin Kwan, Natalie Baillaut

Trustee Regrets: Diane McNally, Emily Mahbobi, Derek Gagnon

Administration: Deb Whitten, Superintendent of Schools, Katrina Stride, Secretary-Treasurer, Harold Caldwell, Deputy Superintendent, Tom Aerts, Associate Superintendent, Lindsay Johnson, District Vice-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 7:02 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 Carmichael

That the February 6, 2023 agenda be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A.3. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Trustee Carmichael

That the January 9, 2023 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting minutes, be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A.4. Business Arising from Minutes

None.

B. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

- B.1.** Matt Christie presented on Education Assistants (EA) non-replacement in the Greater Victoria School District and made some suggestions on how the district could improve services.

C. NEW BUSINESS

- C.1.** Associate Superintendent Aerts presented the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) Review Memo. District Vice-Principal Johnson presented on Careers/Transitions.

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

- C.2.** Director of International Student Program Davis presented the International Student Fees for the 2023-2024 school year.

Trustees had questions of clarification.

Moved by Trustee Carmichael

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the International student fees for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- C.3.** Indigenous Grad Requirement – GVTA

Associate Superintendent Aerts presented on the new Indigenous Grad Requirements for the 2023-2024 school year.

Partners and Trustees discussed the Indigenous Grad Requirement.

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 Ministry of Education and childcare advocating for the funding to allow teachers time to plan, collaborate and learn together, as well as provide the resources, to deliver the new Indigenous Grad requirements (courses) successfully.

Motion Carried Unanimously

C.4. Education Assistant (EA) resourcing and future reporting

Trustees, staff and partners discussed Education Assistants (EA) retention and recruitment in the Greater Victoria school district.

D. NOTICE OF MOTION

None.

E. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Carmichael

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer