



**The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)  
Education Policy and Directions Committee Meeting  
REGULAR MINUTES  
Monday, April 3, 2023, 7:00 p.m.**

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

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

Trustee Regrets: Diane McNally, Natalie Baillaut, Derek Gagnon, Angela Carmichael

Administration: Deb Whitten, Superintendent of Schools, Katrina Stride, Secretary-Treasurer, Harold Caldwell, Deputy Superintendent, Tom Aerts, Associate Superintendent, Dr. Shelly Niemi, Director of Indigenous Education, Andy Canty, Director, Information Technology for Learning

Partners: Lena Palmero, GVTA, Brenna O'Connor, VPVPA

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**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 April 3, 2023 agenda be approved.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

**Moved by** Trustee Duncan

That the March 6, 2023 Combined Education Policy and Directions and Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting minutes, be approved, as pertaining to the Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

None.

**B. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE**

**B.1.** Sheila Flood and Michelle Desreux presented on Global Solutions for Peace, Equality and Sustainability.

Trustees provided thanks for the presentation.

**C. NEW BUSINESS**

**C.1.** Deputy Superintendent Caldwell presented the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) Memo. Director of Indigenous Education Dr. Niemi presented on Indigenous Support and Wellness Framework.

The 4 Quadrants:

BEAR – Engagement and Location

WOLF – Social and Emotional Support

SALMON – Belonging, Transitions and Connection

RAVEN – Learning and Academic Support

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

**D. NOTICE OF MOTION**

None.

**E. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by** Trustee Duncan

That the meeting adjourn.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer