



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

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

Operations Policy and Planning members: Rob Paynter (Chair), Karin Kwan, Derek Gagnon, Natalie Baillaut, Nicole Duncan

Trustee Regrets: Diane McNally

Administration: Deb Whitten, Superintendent of Schools, Katrina Stride, Secretary-Treasurer, Harold Caldwell, Deputy Superintendent, Tom Aerts, Associate Superintendent, Julie Lutner, Associate Secretary-Treasurer, Sean McCartney, District Principal, Marni Vistisen-Harwood, Director of Facilities Services, Jim Vair, Director of Human Resource Services, Tammy Sherstobitoff, District Principal, Andy Canty Director, Information Technology for Learning

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

A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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 Combined Education Policy and Directions and Operations Policy and Planning Committees meeting agenda

Moved by Trustee Duncan

That the March 6, 2023 Combined Education Policy and Directions and Operations Policy and Planning Committees meeting agenda be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

B. EDUCATION POLICY AND DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE

B.1. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Trustee Duncan

That the February 6, 2023 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

B.2. Business Arising from Minutes

None.

B.3. Recognition of Student Representative

None.

C. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

C.1. Matt Christie presented information on a Sanctuary Schools Policy for consideration by the Board.

C.2. Omar Chu and Ellen Campbell presented information on a Sanctuary Schools Policy for consideration by the Board.

Trustees had questions of clarification and thanked presenters for their presentations.

C.3. Deputy Superintendent Caldwell introduced District Principal McCartney and Director of Facilities Services Vistisen-Harwood who provided a presentation on Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL), Inclusion for Learning Strategy.

Spring 2018 through February 2023:

- All schools were supported to purchase sensory supplies/equipment
- 40 schools were supported to create spaces
- Specific middle and secondary schools were supported to create additional spaces for accessibility needs

Trustees and partners had questions of clarification and provided thanks for the presentation.

- C.4.** Director of Human Resources Services Vair and District Principal Sherstobitoff provided an update on Education Assistant (EA).

Trustees and partners had questions of clarification and provided thanks for the update.

Director of Human Resources Services Vair will provide a “Need to Fill” report to the Board at a future meeting.

D. NEW BUSINESS

D.1. Trustee Kwan

Moved by Trustee Kwan

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Policy Sub Committee to research and explore Sanctuary School policies implemented by other School Districts in BC and provide recommendations to the Board through the Education Policy and Directions Committee about implementing a Sanctuary School policy in School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) by the May 2023 meeting.

Amendment

Moved by Trustee Duncan

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Policy Sub Committee to ~~research and explore~~ **consider the** Sanctuary School policies **proposal submitted at the 6 March 2023 Education Policy and Directions Committee** ~~implemented by other School Districts in BC and provide recommendations to the Board through the Education Policy and Directions Committee about implementing a Sanctuary School policy in School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) by the May 2023 meeting.~~ **by reference to Sanctuary School policies implemented by other School Districts in BC and relevant provincial policy;**

AND FURTHER

Provide recommendations to the Board though the Education Policy and Directions Committee by the May 2023 meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Moved by Trustee Duncan

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Policy Sub Committee to consider the Sanctuary School policy proposal submitted at the 6 March

2023 Education Policy and Directions Committee by reference to Sanctuary School policies implemented by other School Districts in BC and relevant provincial policy;

AND FURTHER

Provide recommendations to the Board through the Education Policy and Directions Committee by the May 2023 meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

D.2. Trustee Kwan

Moved by Trustee Duncan

That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Policy Sub-committee to examine and review the process and guidelines in place for Program Accreditation and Evaluation (reviews) relating to provisions made in Policy and Regulations 6162.8 and provide recommendations to the Board through the Education Policy and Directions Committee for any necessary additions or changes.

Motion Carried Unanimously

D.3. Trustee Kwan

Moved by Trustee Duncan

That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Policy Sub Committee to examine and review the process and guidelines in place for Consultation relating to provisions made in Policy and Regulation 1163 and provide recommendations to the Board through the Education Policy and Directions Committee for any necessary additions or changes.

Motion Carried Unanimously

E. NOTICE OF MOTION

None.

F. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

G. OPERATIONS POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

G.1. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Trustee Kwan

That the February 13, 2023 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

G.2. Business Arising from Minutes

None.

H. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

H.1. VCPAC President Tracy Humphreys presented on budget priorities.

Trustees provided thanks for the presentation.

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

None.

J. PERSONNEL ITEMS

None.

K. FINANCE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

K.1. Monthly Financial Report: February 2023

Secretary-Treasurer Stride provided the report for information.

Trustees had questions of clarification.

K.2. Budget Change Report: February 2023

Secretary-Treasurer Stride provided the report for information.

K.3. 2023-2024 Budget Update

Secretary-Treasurer Stride provided the report for information.

L. FACILITIES PLANNING

L.1. Operations Update: March 2023

Director of Facilities Services Vistisen-Harwood provided an update.

L.2. Victoria High School Seismic Project Update

Director of Facilities Services Vistisen-Harwood provided an update.

Trustees had questions of clarification.

M. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS

None.

N. NEW BUSINESS

None.

O. NOTICE OF MOTION

O.1. Trustee Duncan

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to implement a District wide discretionary spending freeze for the remainder of the 2022-23 financial year effective immediately.

O.2. Trustee Duncan

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to ensure that all local student registration, transfer requests, elementary to middle and middle to secondary transition needs are met in accordance with the District student enrollment priorities before placing an “out of district student” such as ISP students.

P. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

Q. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Gagnon

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer