



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

**Special Open Board Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 6:30 p.m.**

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

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, Jim Vair, Director of Human Resource Services, Dr. Shelly Niemi, Director of Indigenous Education, Lisa McPhail, Manager of Communications, Andy Canty, Director of Information Technology

Partners: Jane Massy, CUPE 947, Sarah Winkler, VPVPA, Taily Willis, CUPE 947, Tracy Humphreys, VCPAC, Trina Legge, CUPE 382, Ilda Turcotte, GVTA, Gautam Khosla, VPVPA

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**A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

This meeting was called to order at 6:30 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 Baillaut  
**Seconded by** Trustee Kwan

That the March 14, 2023 Special Open Board meeting agenda be approved.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**B. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**B.1. Budget Advisory Committee 2023-2024 Annual Budget Recommendations**

Trustee Gagnon, Chair of the Budget Advisory Committee, and Secretary-Treasurer Stride presented the Annual Budget Recommendations for 2023-2024 on behalf of the Budget Advisory Committee.

The Committee met 7 times between November 10, 2022 and March 9, 2023. Meetings alternated between in-person and online via Zoom. The meeting format varied depending on agenda items and topics of discussion, and sometimes included small group discussions or breakout rooms. A budget process debrief meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2023.

The Committee also participated in 3 events; Talking Tables, Student Symposium, and a Public Meeting. Event reports were shared with the Board at its Regular Board meetings and are located on the School District website.

The Committee does not make decisions. The Committee makes recommendations by consensus and, failing consensus, communicates committee discussions to the Board, including opposing views. The Committee reports its discussions to the Board through its meeting minutes.

The Committee did not reach consensus on any topics, but provided the poll results captured in Slido from the Committee meeting held on March 9, 2023

Trustees and Stakeholders had questions of clarification.

**C. QUESTION PERIOD**

None.

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

**Moved by** Trustee Kwan  
**Seconded by** Trustee McNally

That the meeting be adjourned.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer