



The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
Operations Policy and Planning Committee

REGULAR MINUTES

Monday, April 17, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

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

Education Policy and Directions members: Nicole Duncan (ex officio)

Trustee Regrets: Diane McNally, Mavis David, Emily Mahbobi, Angela Carmichael

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

Partners: Jane Massy, CUPE 947, Cindy Romphf, GVTA, Sarah Winkler, VPVPA, Tracy Humphreys, VCPAC, Paula Marchese, VCPAC

A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

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

A.1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories

Chair Paynter 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 17, 2023 agenda be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A.3. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Trustee Gagnon

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

A.4. Business Arising from Minutes

None.

B. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

None.

C. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

None.

D. PERSONNEL ITEMS

D.1. April 2023 Staffing Report

Director of Human Resource Services Vair presented the bi-monthly staffing report.

Stakeholders and Trustees had questions of clarification.

E. FINANCE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

E.1. Monthly Financial Report: March 2023

Secretary-Treasurer Stride provided the report for information.

Trustees had questions of clarification.

E.2. Budget Change Report: March 2023

Secretary-Treasurer Stride provided the March 2023 Budget Change Report.

Trustees had questions of clarification.

F. FACILITIES PLANNING

F.1. Operations Update: April 2023

Director of Facilities Services Vistisen-Harwood provided the Operations Update for April 2023.

Trustees had questions of clarification.

F.2. Victoria High School Seismic Project Update

Director of Facilities Services Vistisen-Harwood provided the Victoria High School Seismic Project Update for April 2023.

Trustees had questions of clarification.

F.3. Lead in Water Report

Director of Facilities Services Vistisen-Harwood provided the Lead in Water report.

Trustees had questions of clarification. Trustee Duncan requested an update on the Elementary schools that must flush water lines for 30 seconds and whether there is a backlog of water filters that needs to be replaced. Director of Facilities Services Vistisen-Harwood agreed to provide an update at a future meeting.

F.4. Response to Northridge PAC Presentation

Secretary-Treasurer Stride provided the response to Northridge PAC questions.

Stakeholders and Trustees had questions of clarification.

G. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS

None.

H. NEW BUSINESS

H.1. Trustee Kwan

Moved by Trustee Kwan

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to commence a Pilot of Elementary Strings for the 2023-24 school year in 6 schools

AND FURTHER

Report back to the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) no later than the February 2024 Board meeting on the successes as well as challenges of the Pilot Program

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AND FURTHER

Consult rightsholders and stakeholders (including GVTA and VCPAC) either virtually or in-person prior to reporting to the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)

AND FURTHER

Survey student participants/families, music teachers, and school administrators to collect feedback on the Pilot Program prior to reporting to the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)

AMENDMENT

Moved by Trustee Duncan

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent **to identify up to 6 schools interested in participating** ~~commence in~~ a Pilot of Elementary Strings for the 2023-24 school year ~~in 6 schools~~

AND FURTHER

Report back to the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) no later than the February 2024 Board meeting on the successes as well as challenges of the Pilot Program

AND FURTHER

Consult rightsholders and stakeholders (including GVTA and VCPAC) either virtually or in-person prior to reporting to the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)

AND FURTHER

Survey student participants/families, music teachers, and school administrators to collect feedback on the Pilot Program prior to reporting to the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)

Trustee Duncan withdrew the amendment.

Moved by Trustee Duncan

To table the motion *“That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to commence a Pilot of Elementary Strings for the 2023-24 school year in 6 schools*

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AND FURTHER

Consult rightsholder and stakeholders (including GVTA and VCPAC) either virtually or in-person prior to reporting to the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)

AND FURTHER

Survey student participants/families, music teachers, and school administrators to collect feedback on the Pilot Program prior to reporting to the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)" to a future meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

H.2. Trustee Duncan

Moved by Trustee Duncan

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Policy Sub Committee to recommend a policy and regulation on international student enrollment with particular reference to the Surrey School District policy and regulation;

AND FURTHER

Present the recommendations to the Education Policy and Directions Standing Committee in June 2023.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Moved by Trustee Duncan

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Board Chair to write to the Minister of Education and Child Care, Minister of Finance and Premier advocating for additional funding.

Motion Carried Unanimously

I. NOTICE OF MOTION

None.

J. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Duncan

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer