



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

**Special Open Board Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**Via Zoom**

**Wednesday, May 31, 2023, 7:30 p.m.**

Trustees Present:	Nicole Duncan, Board Chair, Karin Kwan, Vice-Chair, Natalie Baillaut, Derek Gagnon, Rob Paynter, Emily Mahbobi, Mavis David
Trustee Regrets:	Diane McNally, Angela Carmichael
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, Andy Canty, Director of Information Technology
Partners:	Brenna O'Connor, VPVPA, Ilda Turcotte, GVTA, Shawna Abbott, CUPE 947

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**A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

This meeting began at 7:30 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 Kwan

**Seconded by** Trustee Mahbobi

Add three Community Presentations under A.3.

A.3.c. Mark Jenkins

A.3.d. Matt Christie

A.3.e. Elaine Ho

That the May 31, 2023 agenda be approved, as amended.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**A.3. Community Presentations (5 minutes per presentation)**

- a. Director of the Oak Bay Police Board Heather Cochran presented in favor of keeping the School Police Liaison officers in the Greater Victoria School District.
- b. Saanich Police Department Chief Dean Duthie presented in favor of keeping the School Police Liaison officers in the Greater Victoria School District.
- c. Constable Mark Jenkins presented in favor of keeping the School Police Liaison officers in the Greater Victoria School District.
- d. Matt Christie presented in favor of ending the School Police Liaison officers in the Greater Victoria School District.
- e. Elaine Ho presented in favor of ending the School Police Liaison officers in the Greater Victoria School District.

**B. CORRESPONDENCE**

- B.1. March 3, 2023, 2023, GVTA to the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)**
- B.2. March 23, 2023, Chief Del Manak to SD61 Trustees, School Police Liaison Officers**
- B.3. March 17, 2023, Mary Kelly to SD61 Trustees, School Police Liaison Officers**
- B.4. April 20, 2023, Tillicum Elementary School PAC, School Police Liaison Officers**
- B.5. April 20, 2023, Tillicum Elementary School Staff Committee, School Police Liaison Officers**
- B.6. April 17, 2023, Saanich Police, School Police Liaison Officers**
- B.7. November 30, 2021, Saanich Police, School Police Liaison Officers**
- B.8. April 21, 2023, VPVPA, School Police Liaison Officers**
- B.9. April 21, 2023, Teachers from Tillicum Elementary School, School Police Liaison Officers**
- B.10. April 24, 2023, West Shore RCMP, School Police Liaison Officers**

- B.11. April 28, 2023, Support Network for Indigenous Women and Women of Colour to the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)**
- B.12. May 2, 2023, Jodi Pavesic, Saanich Police to the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)**
- B.13. May 4, 2023, Jennifer Chambers to the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)**
- B.14. May 4, 2023, Oak Bay Police Board to the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)**
- B.15. May 25, 2023, Saanich Police to the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)**
- B.16. May 25, 2023, Saanich Police letters #1, School Police Liaison Officers**
- B.17. May 25, 2023, Saanich Police letters #2, School Police Liaison Officers**
- B.18. May 25, 2023, Saanich Police Course List, School Police Liaison Officers**

Trustees discussed correspondence and questions of clarification were asked.

## **C. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **C.1. School Police Liaison Officer Committee Recommendations**

Trustee Duncan invited Trustee Kwan to preside over the meeting.

Trustees discussed recommendations and questions of clarification were asked.

**Moved by** Trustee Duncan

**Seconded by** Trustee Baillaut

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to end the SPLO Program; AND FURTHER the Superintendent will ensure that protocols are established in relation to the following matters: school emergencies, lockdowns, critical incidents, Violent Threat Risk Assessments and ongoing District tracking of all student interactions with Police while in the care of the Board of Education;

AND FURTHER

The Superintendent will provide the Board of Education with a list of the services no longer provided by SPLOs and suggestions for service provision moving forward.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Moved by** Trustee Duncan  
**Seconded by** Trustee Baillaut

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 and the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General urging them to immediately commission research into the impacts of SPLO programs on K-12 students in BC.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Moved by** Trustee Duncan  
**Seconded by** Trustee Baillaut

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 and the Premier requesting that the provincial government commit to adequate ongoing funding for civilian alternatives to SPLOs such as civilian coaches, youth and family counsellors, social workers, substance use educators, restorative justice initiatives, etc.- so that all school districts have adequate resources to deliver necessary services through the education system utilizing appropriately trained, certified and regulated professionals.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

Trustee Kwan invited Trustee Duncan to preside over the meeting.

**D. QUESTION PERIOD**

None

**E. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00p.m.

**Moved by** Trustee Baillaut  
**Seconded by** Trustee Mahbobi

The meeting be adjourned.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer