



**The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)  
Education Policy and Directions Committee Meeting  
REGULAR MINUTES  
Monday, September 11, 2023, 7:00 p.m.**

Trustees Present: **Education Policy and Directions members:** Nicole Duncan (Chair), Natalie Baillaut, Mavis David, Diane McNally

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

Trustee Regrets: Angela Carmichael, Emily Mahbobi

Administration: Deb Whitten, Superintendent of Schools, Katrina Stride, Secretary-Treasurer, Harold Caldwell, Deputy Superintendent, Tom Aerts, Associate Superintendent, Andy Canty, Director, Information Technology for Learning, Dr. Jeff Davis, Director of International Student Program

Partners: Nyssa Temmel, VCPAC, Jane Massy, CUPE 947, Lena Palermo, GVTA, Sarah Winkler, 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 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 David

That the September 11, 2023 agenda be approved.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

**Moved by** Trustee Baillaut

That the June 5, 2023 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting minutes, be approved.

For: Baillaut, David, Duncan

Abstain: McNally

**Motion Carried (3 to 1)**

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

None.

## **B. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE**

None.

## **C. NEW BUSINESS**

**C.1.** Superintendent Whitten presented the Parent Education Fund 2022-2023 Update as well as the Parent Education Fund for the 2023-2024 school year.

**C.2.** Superintendent Whitten presented the Anaphylaxis Aggregate Report 2022-2023.

Questions of clarification were asked.

**C.3.** Superintendent Whitten, Deputy Superintendent Caldwell, and Associate Superintendent Aerts presented the Draft Enhancing Student Learning Report (ESLR) 2023-2024.

Questions of clarification were asked and feedback on the report was provided.

**C.4.** Deputy Superintendent Caldwell provided the Overview of Ed Policy Presentations for 2023-2024.

### **C.5. New Policy 5150 Sanctuary Schools**

Trustees, partners, and staff discussed the Policy.

**Moved by** Trustee McNally

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve new Policy 5150 Sanctuary Schools.

## Motion Carried Unanimously

**Moved by** Trustee McNally

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve new Regulation 5150 Sanctuary Schools at the September 25, 2023 Board of Education meeting.

## Motion Carried Unanimously

### C.6. New Policy XXXX International Student Enrollment

Chair Duncan stated that the Policy Sub Committee did not come to consensus on the Draft New Policy XXXX International Student Enrollment and are now seeking direction as per Board motion on next steps.

#### Amendment 1

**Moved by** Trustee Duncan

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) amend Draft New Policy XXXX International Student Enrollment, 3.0 Policy,  
3.7 The Board of Education directs that ~~any provisions made within schools to accommodate international students should not compromise nor detract from the resources and opportunities available for school aged children who are resident in the school district. These resources and opportunities include, but are not limited to, availability of space, access to educational programs, and additional instructional support.~~ **prior to considering International School enrollment schools to confirm that there is adequate space, educational programs, and instructional support available for school age children resident in the school district.**

#### Amendment 2

**Moved by** Trustee David

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) amend Draft New Policy XXXX International Student Enrollment, 3.0 Policy,  
3.7 The Board of Education directs that ~~any provisions made within schools to accommodate international students should not compromise nor detract from the resources and opportunities available for school aged children who are resident in the school district. These resources and opportunities include, but are not limited to, availability of space, access to educational programs, and additional instructional support.~~ **prior to considering International School enrollment schools must make every reasonable effort to confirm that there is adequate space, educational programs, and instructional support available for school age children resident in the school district.**

For: Baillaut, David, Duncan

Against: McNally

**Motion Carried (3 to 1)**

**Moved by** Trustee Duncan

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) amend Draft New Policy XXXX International Student Enrollment, 3.0 Policy, 3.7 The Board of Education directs that prior to considering International School enrollment schools must make every reasonable effort to confirm that there is adequate space, educational programs, and instructional support available for school age children resident in the school district.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Moved by** Trustee McNally

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) amend Draft New Policy XXXX International Student Enrollment, 3.0 Policy, 3.3 The Board of Education ~~believes it is appropriate to conduct active~~ **acknowledges that** marketing and recruiting activities **are carried out** to attract international students to the school district as described in the supporting regulation.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Moved by** Trustee Baillaut

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) refer the draft Policy XXXX International Education Enrollment and draft Regulation XXXX International Education Enrollment with the relevant additional data to the Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting October 16, 2023.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**C.7. Review of Policy, Regulation and Draft Administrative Procedure**

- a. Policy 5123 Student Placement
- b. Regulation 5123 Promotional Procedures – Secondary Schools Introduction
- c. Draft Administrative Procedure XXXX Student Retention

**Moved by** Trustee McNally

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Policy Sub-Committee to review Policy 5123 Student Placement.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**D. NOTICE OF MOTION**

None.

**E. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by** Trustee McNally

That the meeting adjourn.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.