



**The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
Education Policy and Directions Committee Meeting
REGULAR MINUTES
Monday, October 16, 2023, 7:00 p.m.**

Trustees Present: **Education Policy and Directions members:** Emily Mahbobi (Chair), Natalie Baillaut, Mavis David

Operations Policy and Planning members: Nicole Duncan, Karin Kwan

Trustee Regrets: Angela Carmichael, Diane McNally, Derek Gagnon, Rob Paynter

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

Partners: Jane Massy, CUPE 947, Lena Palermo, GVTA, Kristely Kelly, Songhees Nation, Kalie Dyer, Esquimalt Nation

A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 Agenda

Moved by Trustee Duncan

That the October 16, 2023 agenda be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A.3. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Trustee Baillaut

That the September 11, 2023 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting minutes, be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A.4. Business Arising from Minutes

None.

B. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

B.1. VCPAC President Tracy Humphreys was unable to attend and present on the Accessible BC Act and Supporting Students with Disabilities in the District.

B.2. Capital Bike Director, Patrick Schreck, presented recommendations for the school districts Climate Action Plan 2022-2027.

C. NEW BUSINESS

C.1. Deputy Superintendent Caldwell provided the memo and introduced Torquay Elementary Principal, Liz McMaster who presented the 2023-2024 school goals for Torquay with a focus on diversity and inclusion in action. District Principal David Hovis and Teacher Jen Barber presented on Anti-Racism & Supporting New Canadian Families Transition to SD61 (Welcome Centre).

Trustees provided thanks for the presentation.

C.2. Director of Indigenous Education Dr. Shelly Neimi presented on the World Indigenous People's Conference and Education that she attended in September 2022 with Director of Education, Esquimalt Nation Kalie Dyer and Director of Education, Songhees Nation Kristely Kelly.

Trustees provided thanks for the presentation.

C.3. Associate Superintendent Aerts presented Draft Policy 6163.1 Learning Resources.

Trustees discussed the Draft Policy that was presented.

Moved by Trustee Duncan

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) send Draft Policy 6163.1 Learning Resources to stakeholders and partners for feedback and bring back to the December 4, 2023 Education Policy and Directions committee meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

C.4. Policy Sub Committee

a. New Policy XXXX International Student Enrollment

Amendment

Moved by Trustee Duncan

3.9 The total annual international student enrollment, and the allocation of international student enrollment as a percentage of a school's population will be reviewed by the Board of Education. **The Superintendent will provide the Board with a bi-annual report in November and April on the International Student Program including the current student enrollment and any recommendations for future enrollment levels which will be based on the availability of space in the immediate and projected future (at least three years).** ~~during the International Student Program annual reporting process.~~

Motion Carried Unanimously

Moved by Trustee Duncan

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve Policy XXXX International Student Enrollment as amended.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Moved by Trustee Duncan

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) refer Draft Regulation XXXX International Student Enrollment to the Policy Sub-Committee for further development be brought back to the Education Policy and Directions committee meeting November 6, 2023.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Moved by Trustee Duncan

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to provide the Board with a report at the November 6, 2023 Education Policy and Directions committee meeting on the International Student Program including the current student enrollment levels which will be based on the availability of space in the immediate and projected future (at least three years),

And FURTHER

Include the capacity of each school (Elementary, Middle and Secondary), and at least three years of transfer data broken down by each of the Board of Education's Student Enrollment Priorities.

Motion Carried Unanimously

D. NOTICE OF MOTION

None.

E. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee David

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.