The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
Combined Education Policy and Directions and
Operations Policy and Planning Committee Meeting
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 4, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Trustees Present:	**Education Policy and Directions members:** Emily Mahbobi (Chair), Natalie Baillaut, Diane McNally **Operations Policy and Planning members:** Rob Paynter (Chair), Derek Gagnon, Karin Kwan, Nicole Duncan (ex officio)
Trustee Regrets:	Angela Carmichael, Mavis David
Administration:	Katrina Stride, Secretary-Treasurer, Tom Aerts, Associate Superintendent, Julie Lutner, Associate Secretary-Treasurer, Marni Vistisen-Harwood, Director of Facilities Services, Mike Knudson, Director of Human Resource Services, Andy Canty, Director, Information Technology for Learning, Vicki Roberts, VPVPA
Partners:	Lena Palermo, GVTA, Cindy Romphf, GVTA, Taily Wills, CUPE 947, Nyssa Temmel, VCPAC

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 Combined Education Policy and Directions and Operations Policy and Planning Committees meeting agenda

Moved by Trustee Duncan

That the March 4, 2024 Combined Education Policy and Directions and Operations Policy and Planning Committees meeting agenda be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

B. EDUCATION POLICY AND DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE

B.1. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Trustee Duncan

That the February 5, 2024 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

B.2. Business Arising from Minutes

None.

C. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

C.1. District Principal David Hovis provided a memo and introduced District Counsellors Monique Moore and Maureen Von Tigerstrom who provided a presentation on supporting Mental Health and Wellness - K-12 Update.

Trustees provided thanks for the presentation and questions of clarification were asked from Partners and Trustees.

C.2. Associate Superintendent Tom Aerts provided a memo and introduced District Vice-Principal Pathways and Partnership Lindsay Johnson and school-based Vic High Career Centre Team – Career Coordinator Samantha Spetter and Career Centre Teacher Jessica McDiarmid. The presentation focused on:

- Pathways and Partnerships District perspective and K-12 career education.
- Victoria High School program highlighted the hairstyle program and provided a “Day in the Life of a Career Center Team”.
- Enhancing Student Learning Report Connection to Pathways and Partnerships.

Trustees and partners provided thanks for the presentation and questions of clarification were asked.

D. NEW BUSINESS

None.

E. NOTICE OF MOTION

None.

F. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

G. OPERATIONS POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

G.1. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Trustee Kwan

That the February 12, 2024 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

G.2. Business Arising from Minutes

None.

H. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

H.1. Cindy Romphf, GVTA and Taily Wills, CUPE 947 presented on violence that is taking place in the classroom and affecting staff and students, specifically in elementary schools. Recommendations were proposed to the Committee.

Partners and Trustees had questions of clarification.

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

None.

J. PERSONNEL ITEMS

None.

K. FINANCE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

K.1. Monthly Financial Report: February 2024

Secretary-Treasurer Stride provided the report for information.
Trustees had questions of clarification.

K.2. Budget Change Report: February 2024

Secretary-Treasurer Stride provided the report for information.
Trustees had questions of clarification.

L. FACILITIES PLANNING

L.1. Operations Update: March 2024

Director of Facilities Services Vistisen-Harwood provided an update.
Trustees had questions of clarification.

L.2. Victoria High School Seismic Project Update

Director of Facilities Services Vistisen-Harwood provided an update.
Trustees had questions of clarification.

L.3. Cedar Hill Middle School Seismic Project Update

Director of Facilities Services Vistisen-Harwood provided an update.
Trustees had questions of clarification.

M. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS

None.

N. NEW BUSINESS

None.

O. NOTICE OF MOTION

None.

P. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

Q. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Kwan

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.