



**The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) Education Policy and
Directions Committee Meeting
MINUTES
Monday, January 13, 2025, 7:00 p.m.**

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

Trustee Regrets: Diane McNally

Administration: Deb Whitten, Superintendent of Schools, Katrina Stride, Secretary-Treasurer, Tom Aerts, Associate Superintendent, Sean Powell, Acting Associate Superintendent, Connor McCoy, VPVPA, Marni Vistisen-Harwood, Director of Facilities Services

Songhees Nation: Anevey Belliveau, Student Success Manager

Partners: Shawna Abbott, CUPE 947, Cindy Romphf, GVTA, Nyssa Temmel, VCPAC

A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

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 January 13, 2025 agenda be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A.3. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Trustee Baillaut

That the December 2, 2024 Combined Education Policy and Directions Committee and Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting minutes as they pertain to Education Policy and Directions Committee, be approved.

Amendment

Moved by Trustee Duncan

D.1.

Trustees and partners reviewed the proposed equity audit recommended by the committee and raised questions for clarification. ~~After further discussion, it was agreed that the Operations Policy and Planning Committee would not endorse the equity audit.~~ Trustees suggested that the Equity Ad Hoc Committee continue its work on the motion carried by the Board during the Special Open Board of Education Meeting on October 1, 2024.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Moved by Trustee Baillaut

That the December 2, 2024 Combined Education Policy and Directions Committee and Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting minutes as they pertain to Education Policy and Directions Committee, be approved, as amended.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A.4. Business Arising from Minutes

None.

B. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

None.

C. NEW BUSINESS

- C.1.** Acting District Vice-Principal Blecic and District Career Education Coordinator Alexander presented on career development in the District. Career Center Coordinator, Tarra Clarke, and Career Center Department Head, Ken Henderson, highlighted Esquimalt Secondary students and the career education team.

Trustees thanked staff for the presentation and the work that they do.

- C.2.** Trustee Duncan presented Draft Policy 5145, *Police Questioning in Schools* for feedback.

By consensus it was decided that feedback be provided at the February 3, 2025 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting.

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 7:56 p.m.