



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

Operations Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

MINUTES

Monday, September 21, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

Via Zoom

Trustees Present: **Operations Policy and Planning members:** Rob Paynter (Chair), Derek Gagnon, Angela Carmichael, Nicole Duncan (Ex Officio)

Trustee Regrets: Karin Kwan

Administration: Marni Vistisen-Harwood, Director of Facilities Services

Songhees Nation: Anevey Belliveau, Student Success Manager

Partners: Shawna Abbott, CUPE 947, Chris Clarke, GVTA, Nyssa Temmel, VCPAC

A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

A.1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories

Chair Paynter 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 Gagnon

That the September 21, 2026 agenda be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A.3. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Trustee Gagnon

That the January 20, 2025 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A.4. Business Arising from Minutes

None.

B. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

None.

C. PERSONNEL ITEMS

None.

D. FINANCE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

None.

E. FACILITIES PLANNING

E.1. Quarterly Facilities Operations and Capital Project Update: September 2026

Director of Facilities Services Vistisen-Harwood provided the report for information.

F. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS

None.

G. NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Trustee Gagnon

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent or delegate to add the following statement to the Facility rentals page (<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/our-district/departments-services/facility-rentals/>):

Greater Victoria School District grounds and facilities are first and foremost a safe, equitable and inclusive learning environment for all students and staff. Facility use must align with the principles of equity, inclusion, and respect, ensuring that all participants feel safe and welcomed.

The District will not permit space to groups or individuals that promote hatred, violence, discrimination or bias against any groups or individuals based on prohibited grounds of discrimination under the Human Rights Code.

And further add the following stipulations to the Rental Conditions:

The School District reserves the right to terminate any rental agreement:

- If the event, its organizers, or associated individuals engage in or promote activities that are found to be discriminatory, exclusionary, or harmful to marginalized groups.
- If the user, their organization, or key affiliates are found to have engaged in conduct, publicly or privately, that promote, or support hate speech, discrimination, or violence against any group or individual whether within or outside the context of the rental.

If misrepresentation of the event or violation of these principles is identified prior to or during the event, the School District reserves full discretion to cancel the agreement without refund and deny future rental requests.

Motion Carried Unanimously

H. NOTICE OF MOTION

None.

I. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Gagnon

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.