



MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
LIVE MS Teams Event
December 13, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

TRUSTEES: Ravi Parmar, Board Chair Amanda Dowhy
 Cendra Beaton Russ Chipps (virtual)
 Ebony Logins Trudy Spiller
 Allison Watson (virtual)

STAFF: Scott Stinson, Superintendent
 Harold Cull, Secretary-Treasurer
 Monica Braniff, Associate Superintendent
 Fred Hibbs, Executive Director, HR
 Farzaan Nusserwanji, Executive Director, IT (virtual)
 Steve Tonnesen, Manager IT Operations
 Sue Grundy, Manager Executive Operations

REGRETS: Paul Block, Associate Superintendent
 David Strange, Associate Superintendent

SECRETARY: Kristina Ross

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by the Board Chair. Ravi Parmar acknowledged the traditional territories of the First Nations.

2. AGENDA

2.1 Call for amendments and additional items

- 20. MOVED Amanda Dowhy/Cendra Beaton
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the agenda of December 13, 2022 as presented.
CARRIED

3. MINUTES

3.1 Call for amendments to minutes

- 21. MOVED Amanda Dowhy/Trudy Spiller
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the minutes of the November 29, 2022 meeting as presented.
CARRIED

4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.1 Board Chair Update – Ravi Parmar

The Board Chair spoke about a recent media event where CHEK's The Upside was welcomed to Centre Mountain Lellum Middle School for several segments. Jeff King and Ed Bain highlighted the opening of the new school alongside MLA Horgan who was a surprise guest. Further, the Board Chair congratulated Belmont Secondary, Royal Bay Secondary and Edward Milne Community Schools on their participation in 10,000 Tonight Initiative which directly supports the Western Communities Food Banks.

5. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

5.1 SPEAC's 40th Anniversary Recognition – Ravi Parmar

The Board Chair recognized SPEAC's 40th anniversary and invited Sharon Wilkinson to speak, the first president of SPEAC in 1982. Sharon Wilkinson provided the history relating to the founding of SPEAC, and the movement of facilitating parental involvement in education. SD 61, 62 and 63 were among the first District Parent Advisory Committee's in B.C. MLA Horgan and MLA Dean provided a recorded message of congratulations to SPEAC.

6. CORRESPONDENCE & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence:

a. Letter from Kasari Govender, dated November 24, 2022 RE: School Liaison Officer Programs

22. MOVED Ebony Logins/Amanda Dowhy

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the letter from Kasari Govender, dated November 24, 2022 RE: School Liaison Officer Programs.

CARRIED

6.2 Standing Delegations (STA, CUPE, PVP, SPEAC) – 5 minutes each

STA – Jennifer Anderson

Jennifer Anderson spoke of the recent ratification of the BCTF agreement and requested that all back pay be available to STA members prior to the end of 2022. She spoke of STA member burnout and a need for a restful winter break. She indicated that the District was in a surplus situation and requested funds be directed to JEC.

CUPE – Amber Leonard

President Amber Leonard recapped the Truth & Reconciliation Calls to Action #57 which refers to the responsibility of Employers to educate their employees on the history of Indigenous Peoples in Canada and Calls to Action # 66 which calls upon Employers to establish multiyear funding for community-based youth organizations. Further, she spoke of CUPE 459 members' burnout, and declining workplace morale. She thanked the students for their participation in 10,000 Tonight, and indicated that CUPE 459 had donated to the three high schools in support. Lastly, she indicated that she had been named General Vice President for CUPE B.C.

PVP – Shannon Miller

No delegation.

SPEAC – Melissa Da Silva

No delegation.

7. FINANCE, FACILITIES AND SERVICES

7.1 Resources Committee – Meeting of December 8, 2022 – Ebony Logins

Trustee Logins provided the Board of Education with an overview of the Resources Committee Meeting.

23. MOVED Ebony Logins/Amanda Dowhy
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) direct staff to create a one-time Social Responsibility Fund of \$25,000 to be used to advance the Strategic Plan’s social responsibility objectives and to bring forward the issue of making the fund structural during the 23/24 budget development process. Furthermore, the Board directs staff to develop the fund criteria to expand the culture of social responsibility based on the following guiding principles:
- School based projects that promotes engaging opportunities for students and staff;
 - Supports social and environmental matters important to the community; and
 - Pursue grant/funding matching partnerships.
- CARRIED AS AMENDED
- 23a. MOVED Allison Watson/Cendra Beaton
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) direct staff to create a one-time Social Responsibility Fund of \$25,000 to be used to advance the Strategic Plan’s **Growth, Objective #4** and to bring forward the issue of making the fund structural during the 23/24 budget development process. Furthermore, the Board directs staff **to develop criteria and a framework for the distribution of funds for the board to review in a resources committee meeting prior to the board’s final approval. Staff will consider including the following guiding principles when developing the criteria:**
- School based projects that promotes engaging opportunities for students and staff;
 - Supports social and environmental matters important to the community; and
 - Pursue grant/funding matching partnerships.
- CARRIED
24. MOVED Ebony Logins/Trudy Spiller
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the revised expenditure plan as presented at the Resources Committee meeting of December 7, 2022 and to include this plan as part of the 22/23 Amended Budget.
CARRIED
25. MOVED Ebony Logins/Cendra Beaton
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve changes to the Colwood/Crystal View catchment areas to include families registered in the English language program within the Belmont Park community to be included in the Crystal View catchment.
CARRIED
26. MOVED Ebony Logins/Amanda Dowhy
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) retain the existing catchment areas for Saseenos and Hans Helgesen Elementary Schools.
CARRIED
27. MOVED Ebony Logins/Amanda Dowhy
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Resources Committee Meeting of December 8, 2022.
CARRIED

- 7.2 Capital Plan Bylaw 2022-02 – Colwood Elementary School Lease -Harold Cull
Staff provided an overview of the Colwood Elementary School Site Lease and subsequent

requirement to dispose of the land, as the District moves into a long-term lease with a childcare provider.

28. MOVED Amanda Dowhy/Cendra Beaton
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) give second and third reading to *Disposal of Real Property Bylaw No. 2022-02* in order to authorize the lease of a 0.32 acres (1,224m²) triangle section on the north field of the Colwood Elementary property located at 3000 Wishart Road.
CARRIED

8. EDUCATION PROGRAM

8.1 Report on the Education-Policy Committee – Meeting held on December 7, 2022

Trustee Watson provided the Board of Education with an overview of the Education-Policy Committee Meeting.

29. MOVED Allison Watson/Trudy Spiller
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the revised Administrative Regulations to accompany Policy F-325 “Cyber Risk and Security”.
CARRIED
30. MOVED Allison Watson/Amanda Dowhy
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Education-Policy Committee Meeting of December 7, 2022.
CARRIED

9. STUDENTS

10. FOUNDATIONS & GOVERNANCE

10.1 Global Stewardship – Ravi Parmar

Trustee Parmar discussed the notion of developing a comprehensive approach to global stewardship through the dedication of developing a program.

31. MOVED Ravi Parmar/Allison Watson
That the Board of Education for School District 62 (Sooke) direct the Superintendent to develop a SD62 Global Stewardship Program for the purpose of initiating opportunities to support SD62 students becoming global citizens.
DEFEATED
32. MOVED Allison Watson/Cendra Beaton
That the Board of Education for School District 62 (Sooke) direct the Superintendent to develop a SD62 Global Stewardship Program for the purpose of initiating opportunities to support SD62 students becoming global citizens and that it be forwarded to the Education-Policy Committee for discussion.
CARRIED

11. ADMINISTRATION

11.1 Superintendent’s Report – Scott Stinson

The Superintendent provided an update to the Board of Education on learning, engagement and growth. Highlights included ongoing conversations with the Pacheedaht Chief and Council pertaining to a seismic

replacement of Port Renfrew, the District Wellbeing Committee, the District's Operational Plan for 23/24, and the Student Success Website.

12. PERSONNEL

13. UPCOMING EVENTS

Return from Winter Break – January 3, 2023

14. FUTURE ITEMS

15. QUESTION PERIOD

Members of the public can ask questions related to agenda items. All media questions can be directed to the Manager, Strategic Communications for follow-up and response.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Chairperson of the Board



Secretary-Treasurer