

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
LIVE MS Teams Event
December 14, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.**

TRUSTEES: Ravi Parmar, Board Chair Bob Beckett, Vice-Chair
Bob Phillips Margot Swinburnson
Allison Watson Dianna Seaton
Wendy Hobbs

STAFF: Scott Stinson, Superintendent
Harold Cull, Secretary-Treasurer
Stephanie Hedley-Smith, Associate Superintendent
Paul Block, Associate Superintendent
Dan Haley, Executive Director, HR
Farzaan Nusserwanji, Executive Director, IT
Steve Tonnesen, Manager IT Operations
Sandra Szalipszki, Principal Ecole John Stubbs Memorial

GUESTS: Kyle Maa

REGRETS: Dave Strange, Associate Superintendent

SECRETARY: Kristina Ross

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by the Secretary-Treasurer. Harold Cull acknowledged the traditional territories of the First Nations.

TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

1.1 Elections

The Secretary-Treasurer thanked the Board of Education Trustees for their service and called for nominations for Board Chair. Ravi Parmar was declared elected by acclamation. Chair Parmar then assumed his duties and continued the election process.

- Bob Beckett was nominated for the position of Vice-Chair and was declared elected by acclamation.
- Margot Swinburnson was nominated as BCSTA Provincial Council Representative.
- Allison Watson was nominated as the Alternative BCSTA Provincial Council.
- Allison Watson was nominated as BCPSEA Trustee Representative.
- Ravi Parmar was nominated as Alternative BCPSEA Trustee Representative.

2. AGENDA

2.1 Call for amendments and additional items

1. MOVED Bob Beckett/Margot Swinburnson
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the agenda of December 14, 2021 as presented.
CARRIED

3. MINUTES

3.1 Call for amendments to minutes

2. MOVED Allison Watson/Dianna Seaton
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the minutes of the November 23, 2021 meeting as presented.
CARRIED

4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.1 Board Chair Update

The Board Chair thanked the Board of Education Trustees for their years of service and continued support to the District. He spoke of his story of service, his family's experience as immigrants in Canada and their love of the community. He thanked SD 62 stakeholder groups, SPVP, CUPE, STA and SPEAC for their ongoing commitment to the District, and acknowledged the challenging year that staff, students, and families have faced. He wished everyone a restful and safe winter break.

4.2 WestShore Campus Naming – Paul Block

Paul Block provided notice to the Board of Education that in January 2022 a formal process of consultation with students, parents, staff and our partner Indigenous Nations will begin to rename WestShore Centre for Learning and Training, Juan de Fuca Distributed Learning and Byte Alternative, commonly referred to as the WestShore's Family of Schools.

5. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

5.1 French Immersion Student Presentation – Kyle Maa

Sandra Szalipszki, Principal of Ecole John Stubbs Memorial School, introduced Grade 7 student Kyle Maa. Kyle, a French Immersion student in the District, provided a presentation to the Board of Education on the benefits of learning a second language.

6. CORRESPONDENCE & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence

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

STA – Rita Zeni

Rita Zeni described her story of origin and spoke of how coming from a French-Canadian background impacted her and her family. Language education is an important component to the STA, further diversity, inclusion and equity are key elements in a vibrant school district. STA thanked staff, students and families and wished everyone happy holidays.

CUPE – Amber Leonard

No delegation. The Board Chair shared a message from Amber Leonard wishing a happy and safe holiday to all. The Board Chair thanked CUPE members for their continued support and hard work this year.

PVP – Gord Johnson

Gord Johnson provided an update to the Board of Education on the activities around the District. Colwood Elementary school is conducting its 12 Days of Giving Campaign and is providing comfort kits with essential toiletries to Our Place Society. Poirier Elementary School is wearing red and green, focussing on kindness and calmness, and providing donations to the Sooke Food Bank. Spencer Middle School has concluded its silent auction, has sent its Christmas Cards to serving members of the Canadian Forces, and continues with Holiday Spirit Week. Millstream Elementary School continues to support 10,000 tonight Food Drive and has collected 550 food items so far. Saseenos Elementary School has been provided a new logo from a T'Sou-ke Nation local artist and will now be know as the Saseenos River Runners. PVP thanked the Executive Team and the Board of Education for all their hard work this year and wishes all staff, students and families a very safe and restful vacation period.

SPEAC – Melissa Da Silva

Melissa Da Silva, congratulated returning and newly elected members of CUPE 459. She praised student Kyle Maa for a wonderful presentation to the Board of Education. SPEAC has concluded its PAC 101 sessions and will hold its next SPEAC meeting on January 9, 2022. She wished everyone a safe and restful winter break.

Canadian Parents for French – Billie-Jo Cavanaugh

No delegation.

7. FINANCE, FACILITIES AND SERVICES

7.1 Report on the Resources Committee – Meeting held on December 8, 2021

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

3. MOVED Bob Beckett/Margot Swinburnson

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) support, in principle, the three partnership projects with the City of Colwood as presented at the Resources Committee Meeting of December 8, 2021. Furthermore, the Board directs staff to work with the City of Colwood staff to define the projects in greater detail for formal approval consideration.

CARRIED

4. MOVED Bob Beckett/Dianna Seaton

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Resources Committee meeting of December 8, 2021.

CARRIED

8. EDUCATION PROGRAM

8.1 Report on the Education Policy Committee – Meeting held on December 7, 2021

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

5. MOVED Allison Watson/Dianna Seaton

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) give Notice of Motion to draft revised Policy and Regulations C-329 "Field Trips".

CARRIED

6. MOVED Allison Watson/Bob Phillips

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) give Notice of Motion to draft revised Policy and Regulations C-317 "Police Requests for Student Interviews".

CARRIED

7. **MOVED Allison Watson/Margot Swinburnson**
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) give Notice of Motion to draft revised Policy C-350 "Appeals".
CARRIED

8. **MOVED Allison Watson/Dianna Seaton**
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) give Notice of Motion to draft Policy and Regulations A-410 "Live Streaming Public Board and Standing Committee Meetings".
CARRIED

9. **MOVED Allison Watson/Margot Swinburnson**
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Education Policy Committee meeting of December 7, 2021.
CARRIED

8.2 Strategic Plan Operational Plan for 2021-2022 – Scott Stinson

Scott Stinson provided an overview of the SD 62 Operational Plan and its details concerning the work that will be undertaken in the upcoming year to assist in achieving the goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan. Key items of work include the Program Review, renewal of the Na'tsa'maht Agreement, and completion of the Middle School Philosophy.

9. STUDENTS

10. FOUNDATIONS & GOVERNANCE

10.1 Board Work Plan 90 Day Outlook – Ravi Parmar

The Board Chair provided a review of the next 90-day work plan. Committee Chair assignments are pending, please forward expressions of interest to the Board Chair.

10.2 Na'tsa'maht Education Council – Meeting of November 24, 2021 – Dianna Seaton

Trustee Seaton provided the Board of Education with an overview of the Na'tsa'maht Education Council Meeting. Paul Block provided a presentation to the Board of Education on the District Boardroom Naming Ceremonies held December 1, 2021.

11. ADMINISTRATION

11.1 Superintendent's Report – Scott Stinson

Scott Stinson provided an update on the Superintendent's Report and the progress on the District Program Review. Furthermore, he thanked staff for their professionalism, integrity and continued support to students as SD 62 strives to provide a welcoming learning environment to all students and families.

12. PERSONNEL

13. UPCOMING EVENTS

Winter Break – December 20 to January 3, 2022
Rotary Club of Sooke – Sock Drive

14. FUTURE ITEMS

15. QUESTION PERIOD

No questions.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Chairperson of the Board



Secretary-Treasurer