



**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
LIVE MS Teams Event
February 22, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.**

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

STAFF: Scott Stinson, Superintendent
Harold Cull, Secretary-Treasurer
Paul Block, Associate Superintendent
Dave Strange, Associate Superintendent
Dan Haley, Executive Director, HR
Farzaan Nusserwanji, Executive Director, IT
Steve Tonnesen, Manager IT Operations

GUESTS: Frances Krusekopf, Principal Millstream Elementary School
Amanda Culver, Educator, Millstream Elementary School

REGRETS: Bob Beckett, Trustee
Stephanie Hedley-Smith, Associate Superintendent

SECRETARY: Kristina Ross

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by the Board Chair. Ravi Parmar acknowledged the traditional territories of the First Nations.

Disclosure to Public of Previous In Camera Minutes

At the January 25, 2022 In Camera Meeting matters relating to personnel, real property, individual students, parents and/or guardians, legal opinions, respecting the liability or interest of the Board, accident claims and other matters of Board liability were discussed.

2. AGENDA

2.1 Call for amendments and additional items

- 30. **MOVED** Margot Swinburnson/Dianna Seaton
 That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the agenda of
 February 22, 2022 as presented.
 CARRIED

3. MINUTES

3.1 Call for amendments to minutes

31. **MOVED Margot Swinburnson/Dianna Seaton**
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the minutes of the January 25, 2022 meeting as presented.
CARRIED

4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.1 Board Chair Update – Ravi Parmar

The Board Chair discussed Anti Bullying Day and the importance of participating in Pink Shirt Day; School District 62 supports diversity, inclusion, and equity. The B.C. Government’s Budget 2022 “Moving Forward Together” includes reducing child care costs, and action on climate change. The Board of Education looks forward to reviewing the content and determining the impact on the District. The District is looking forward to hearing from its Stakeholder Groups on the upcoming budget, in addition to further developing its municipal relationship with the District of Sooke.

4.2 Communicable Disease Guidelines Changes Update – Scott Stinson

Scott Stinson provided an update to the (February 18th) recent changes to the Communicable Disease Guidelines. The amendment issued on January 7, 2022 was removed. Key changes to the include:

- School events (e.g. assemblies) may occur with no capacity limits;
- Visitors are able to attend schools but are encouraged to make an appointment;
- Extracurricular and other school events that bring members of the community together will be limited to 50 people or 50% capacity of the space; this means that spectators for sports and performing arts will once again be permitted; and
- There are no “proof of vaccine” requirements for school-led gatherings or events.

The Superintendent indicated that there is a decline the absences, for both staff and students.

5. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Millstream Elementary School New Mascot – Frances Krusekopf/Amanda Culver

Amanda Culver provided a presentation to the Board of Education on the process of Millstream Elementary School selecting a new mascot. The Equity in Action Team through a successful grant process, worked with local indigenous artist Jamin Zuroski, the school community and students to determine a more representative ambassador of the school (mascot). Three finalists were named, the Bee, Hawk and Frog and after a vote was taken, the Bee was selected as the school’s mascot. The Equity in Action Team will work with Jamin Zuroski to design the logo, and once complete, the entrance to the school and mural in front of the garden space will be updated.

6. CORRESPONDENCE & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence

a. Letter from B.V.

32. **MOVED Allison Watson/Margot Swinburnson**
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the letter from BV, share with staff, and send a card to thank BV.
CARRIED

- b. Letter from the Minister of Education and Minister of State for Child Care RE: Transition of Child Care dated February 8, 2022.

- 33. **MOVED Allison Watson/Dianna Seaton**
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the letter from the Minister of Education and Minister of State for Child Care RE: Transition of Child Care dated February 8, 2022.
CARRIED

- c. Letter from BCSTA President Stephanie Higginson RE: Response to FNLC Letter on FSAs, dated February 9, 2022.

- 34. **MOVED Margot Swinburnson/Dianna Seaton**
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the letter from BCSTA President Stephanie Higginson RE: Response to FNLC Letter on FSAs, dated February 9, 2022.
CARRIED

- d. Letter from the District Occupational Health and Safety Committee, RE: Presentation, dated January 17, 2022.

- 35. **MOVED Bob Phillips/Margot Swinburnson**
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the letter from the District Occupational Health and Safety Committee, RE: Presentation, dated January 17, 2022. The District will reply and suggest that the Committee present to a future Board of Education/Resources Committee meeting.
CARRIED

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

STA – Rita Zeni

Rita Zeni provided an update to the Board of Education on a series of mentorship workshops being offered to its members. Registration for an upcoming PRO D Day event featuring Georgette Walker is open, Trustees are welcome. The STA is monitoring class size, and looking forward to its budget presentation with the Board of Education. Further they are in support of the District Health and Safety Committee being able to present to the Resources Committee/Board of Education.

CUPE – Amber Leonard

Amber Leonard provided an update to the Board of Education on the CUPE 459 membership. She noted her members were struggling under the pressure of COVID-19 and a labour shortage, and outlined the support and help that is required. Recruitment and retention were key issues, in addition to the requested investment of upskilling current CUPE employees.

PVP – Jen Nixon

Jen Nixon acknowledged Pink Shirt Day and spoke to the theme of “Kindness in SD 62 Schools”. She provided a slide presentation highlighting the amazing acts of kindness seen throughout the District, while the Belmont Choir sang its “Secret for the Mad” in the spirit of kindness.

SPEAC – Melissa Da Silva

Melissa DaSilva indicated that SPEAC is looking forward to participating in the District budget discussions. Furthermore, they are encouraged to see Rapid Antigen Test Kits being sent out to District families in the community and are ready to assist if necessary. SPEAC indicated they would like to see health and safety measures remain in schools even if COVID measures are lifted by the PHO.

Canadian Parents for French – Billie-Jo Cavanaugh

No delegation.

7. FINANCE, FACILITIES AND SERVICES

7.1 Report on the Resources Committee – Meeting held on February 8, 2022

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

36. **MOVED Bob Phillips/Dianna Seaton**

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) give first, second and third readings to the 2021/22 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw specifying a total budget of \$166,960,008.

CARRIED

37. **MOVED Bob Phillips/Dianna Seaton**

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Resources Committee meeting of February 8, 2022.

AMENDED

38. **MOVED Ravi Parmar/Bob Phillips**

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Resources Committee meeting of February 8, 2022 **and furthermore that , the Board direct staff to develop a plan to spend one-time funding for the purpose of recruitment and retention of SD 62 employees prior to June 30, 2022.**

CARRIED

7.2 Real Property Disposal Bylaw – Harold Cull

Harold Cull provided an overview to the Board of Education on the exchange of land with the City of Langford pertaining to the McCallum Road School site.

39. **MOVED Bob Phillips/Margot Swinburnson**

That the Board Disposal of Real Property Bylaw No. 2022-01, specifying the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) authorize the disposal of a 0.782 ha/1.932 ac portion of its 7900 McCallum Road, be given second and third reading. This disposal involves a land exchange of equal value with the City of Langford.

CARRIED

8. EDUCATION PROGRAM

8.1 Report on the Education-Policy Committee – Meeting held on February 1, 2022

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

40. **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 B-132 "Career Education".

CARRIED

41. **MOVED Allison Watson/Margot Swinburnson**

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) give Notice of Motion to draft revised Policy and Regulations F-100 "Transportation".

AMENDED

- 42. **MOVED Allison Watson/Margot Swinburnson**
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) give Notice of Motion to draft revised Policy and Regulations F-100 "Transportation" **with feedback to be referred back to the Education -Policy Committee.**
CARRIED

- 43. **MOVED Allison Watson/Margot Swinburnson**
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) direct the Superintendent to review Policy B-425 "Community Schools" for the purpose of revising the Governance Structure. Further, that the Superintendent make recommendations for aligning funding from the District to the core vision and mission of the Society.
CARRIED

- 44. **MOVED Allison Watson/Dianna Seaton**
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the Strategic Plan Progress – Quarterly Report (Q2) for consideration and further discussion.
CARRIED

- 45. **MOVED Allison Watson/Dianna Seaton**
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Education Policy Committee meeting of February 1, 2022.
CARRIED

9. STUDENTS

9.1 Enrolment Estimate for 22/23 – Paul Block

Paul Block provided an Enrolment Estimate to the Board of Education for the 22/23 school year. He projected an increase of 3% which would bring the total student population to 12,006. In addition, with the opening of Pexsisen Elementary School and Centre Mountain Lellum Middle School, there are catchment impact issues as families exercise their right to choose. It was noted that Hans Helgesen is near capacity, as is Journey Middle School. The District indicated that staffing of teaching positions will occur in April, June and October in order to ensure that the budget is not overextended.

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.

10.2 BCSTA VISTA 2022 Spring Forum Speaker – Ravi Parmar

- 46. **MOVED Ravi Parmar/Margot Swinburnson**
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) authorize spending up to \$1,700 of School District 62 BCSTA Special Funds to engage "Stand up for Mental Health" as a guest speaker of the BCSTA VISTA 2022 Spring Conference.
CARRIED

11. ADMINISTRATION

11.1 Superintendent's Report – Scott Stinson

Scott Stinson provided an update to the Board of Education on Seamless Day Pilot Project, Middle School Philosophy & Guiding Principles, Elementary Learning and School Plans. The Communications Manager has

started a new weekly activity on SD 62's Facebook site asking the district community to share something good every Friday. This will capture the many great things happening around our district.

Furthermore, he indicated that the district has been supporting ongoing privacy education for staff, particularly around 3rd party cloud-based applications; Voice Over Internet Protocol Installation is underway at Dunsmuir, Willway and EMCS; and finally, the IT Department has been working to develop a Consolidated Enrolment Projections dashboard to assist in enrolment projections, school space planning (new divisions) and long-range facility planning.

12. PERSONNEL

13. UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 23 - Pink Shirt Day
- February 23 – Stakeholder Budget Meetings
- March 5 – VISTA Conference
- March 8 – International Women’s Day
- March 11 – Trustee/Student Forum

14. FUTURE ITEMS

15. QUESTION PERIOD

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

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Chairperson of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer