

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
LIVE MS Teams Event
February 23, 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
 Dave Strange, Associate Superintendent
 Paul Block, Associate Superintendent
 Dan Haley, Executive Director, HR
 Farzaan Nusserwanji, Executive Director, IT
 Steve Tonnesen, Manager IT Operations

REGRETS:

SECRETARY: Kristina Ross

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 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

38. MOVED Allison Watson/Bob Beckett
 That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the agenda of
 February 23, 2021 as amended.
 CARRIED

3. MINUTES

3.1 Call for amendments to minutes

39. MOVED Dianna Seaton/Bob Beckett
 That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the minutes of
 the January 26, 2021 meeting as amended.
 CARRIED

4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.1 Board Chair Update – Ravi Parmar

The Board Chair acknowledged Black History Month and the contributions made to society by these Canadians. He encouraged members to learn more about notable people who have shaped Black Canadian history, and the transformative work they are doing in their communities.

4.2 COVID-19 Update – Scott Stinson

On February 4, 2021, the Minister of Education and the Public Health Officer announced revisions to the health and safety guidelines for schools in BC. Several adjustments were made primarily on enhanced masked wearing protocols and practices in physical education and music classes. An online app has been created to assist students in their assessing of personal health prior to attending school. The District has until February 26, 2021 to respond to the Ministry of Education regarding adjustments to its Work Plan.

5. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Outdoor Learning Opportunities Presentation – Stephanie Hedley-Smith

Jennifer Nixon, Kerry Arnot, and Frances Krusekopf provided a presentation to the Board of Education on Outdoor Learning Opportunities in the District. It highlighted the District's outdoor learning spaces, gardening spaces and nature playgrounds which have been developed and promoted through a collective culture of eagerness, excitement and passion. The District continues to partner with local communities and receive funds through several different streams. Next steps in the process include a District/School level conversation and an inventory of committee groups involved.

6. CORRESPONDENCE & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence:

a. Email from James Powell dated February 18, 2021 RE: School Bussing Fee Legality

40. MOVED Dianna Seaton/Allison Watson

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the email dated February 18, 2021 from James Powell RE: School Bussing Fee Legality and refer to the Secretary-Treasurer.

CARRIED

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

STA – Jennifer Anderson

Jennifer Anderson read a letter from a Grade One Elementary School teacher to the Board of Education. It spoke of her individual and professional pressures in the COVID-19 classroom, and the balance in keeping her family safe and healthy. Further, it explained the exhaustion of being a frontline educator.

CUPE – Amber Leonard

Amber Leonard thanked the Board of Education for the opportunity to provide its budget priorities to the District on February 22, 2021. She spoke of CUPE members' COVID-19 fatigue, and collective weariness. She indicated that the District is better together working in unison, rather than alone, and encouraged a refocus of engagement.

PVP –Camille McFarlane

Camille McFarlane provided a presentation to the Board of Education on events occurring around the District. Pink Shirt Day, Black History, the Moose Hide Campaign and Carnival were highlighted in the District, while Trent Arteberry, a local visual arts performer, visited Lakewood Elementary School. Colwood Elementary continues to work with its community partners creating its outdoor learning spaces, and EMCS is celebrating its 97% pass rate

in this last octa semester. Extra-curricular activities such as rugby, badminton, and ultimate frisbee are beginning in the Spring.

SPEAC – Cendra Beaton

Cendra Beaton indicated that District families very much appreciate the effort and hard work of teachers, support staff, and volunteers of SD 62. She thanked the Board of Education for the opportunity to discuss SPEAC' s priorities for the upcoming school year and spoke of events that they are hosting in the upcoming months. The next SPEAC meeting is on March 17, 2021 in which they are accepting nominations for the upcoming election of executive positions.

Canadian Parents for French – Billie-Jo Cavanaugh

No delegation

Students

No delegation.

7. FINANCE, FACILITIES AND SERVICES

7.1 Report on the Resources Committee – Meeting held on February 9, 2021

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

41. MOVED Bob Beckett/Margot Swinburnson
That the Board of Education School District 62 (Sooke) allow all three readings of the 2020/21 Amended Budget Bylaw at its meeting of February 23, 2021.
CARRIED (UNANIMOUSLY)
42. MOVED Bob Beckett/Margot Swinburnson
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw of the Board for the fiscal year 2020/2021 as presented.
CARRIED
43. MOVED Bob Phillips/Margot Swinburnson
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the guiding principles for the 21/22 budget year as presented at the Resources Committee meeting on February 9, 2021.
AMENDED
44. MOVED Ravi Parmar/Bob Beckett
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the guiding principles as amended on page 52 of the agenda for the 21/22 budget year as presented at the Resources Committee meeting on February 9, 2021.
CARRIED

Amended Principle:

The District will maintain the current direction and the 21/22 budget will focus on investments to the district's infrastructure as it recovers from the pandemic.

45. MOVED Bob Beckett/Margot Swinburnson
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the assumptions for the 21/22 budget year as presented at the Resources Committee meeting on February 9, 2021.
CARRIED

46. MOVED Bob Beckett/Margot Swinburnson
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Resources Committee meeting of February 9, 2021.
CARRIED

8. EDUCATION PROGRAM

8.1 Report on the Education Policy Committee – Meeting held on February 2, 2021

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

47. MOVED Allison Watson/Dianna Seaton
That the changes to Administrative Regulations for Policy C-210 be received by the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) as part of the Education-Policy Committee Report.
CARRIED

48. MOVED Allison Watson/Bob Phillips
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Education-Policy Committee meeting of February 2, 2021.
CARRIED

9. STUDENTS

9.1 Estimated Enrolment and Funding Update – Paul Block/Harold Cull

Paul Block provided the Board of Education with the projected 21/22 Enrolment and Funding.

9.2 Safe and Active Routes Project Plan – Dianna Seaton

As part of the recently revised Transportation policy (F-100), Trustee Seaton provided overview of the Safe and Active Routes proposed plan.

49. MOVED Dianna Seaton/Bob Beckett
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) direct staff to create a project plan for the development of Safe and Active Routes to School. This project plan will identify the scope, budget and timelines required to deliver this project and will be submitted to the Resources Committee in May, 2021.
CARRIED

50. MOVED Dianna Seaton/Bob Beckett
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) direct staff to contact CRD Parks to discuss the intended approach and timeline for the completion of the E&N Rail Trail from Jacklin Avenue and Humpback Road. The purpose of the discussion is to emphasize the exponential growth in SD62 and the importance of the CRD information to create a project plan for the development of a safe and active route to our schools.
CARRIED

10. FOUNDATIONS & GOVERNANCE

10.1 Report from the Aboriginal Education Council – Dianna Seaton

The Report from the Aboriginal Council Meeting of December 16, 2020 was tabled until the March 9, 2021 Public Board Meeting

10.2 Reporting from the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee – Margot Swinburnson

Margot Swinburnson provided an update to the Board of Education on the Victoria Family Court and Youth

Justice Committee which included oaths of office, and an orientation presentation for new committee members.

10.3 Goldstream Trestle Working Group – Margot Swinburnson

Trustee Swinburnson indicated that improvements to the Goldstream Trestle have begun. A communication strategy is being developed as the Working Group moves towards more of a “Western Communities” concept, and a roadmap is being developed to include growing community resources.

10.4 BCSTA Provincial Council Update – Allison Watson

Trustee Watson provided the Board of Education with an update on the Provincial Council which was held February 20, 2021. The update included passed motions relating to amended funding for distance learning, COVID-19 vaccine priority to public educators, and timely communication on COVID-19 to its members.

11. ADMINISTRATION

11.1 Superintendent’s Report – Scott Stinson

Scott Stinson highlighted the engagement work being done in the district from his written report. Associate Superintendent Block added the METAL TASK Program at Royal Bay Secondary School received a grant/investment which allowed the installation of three welding booths; this will allow the school to run a METAL TASK ticket program. Acknowledgement to Dante Di Ponio, Mike Huck, Landon Craven, Pete Godau, and Mhairi Nicolson for all their hard work on this item. CUPE staff will complete the installation of most of this equipment.

12. PERSONNEL

13. UPCOMING EVENTS

February 24, 2021 – Pink Shirt Day

March 8, 2021 - International Woman’s Day

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 9:26 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Chairperson of the Board



Secretary-Treasurer