



MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
LIVE MS Teams Event
February 28, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

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

STAFF: Scott Stinson, Superintendent
 Harold Cull, Secretary-Treasurer
 Monica Braniff, Associate Superintendent
 Paul Block, Associate Superintendent
 Fred Hibbs, Executive Director, HR
 Farzaan Nusserwanji, Executive Director, IT
 Steve Tonnesen, Manager IT Operations
 Kendra Laidlaw (virtual)
 Windy Beadall, Associate Superintendent

REGRETS:
SECRETARY: Kristina Ross

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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

45. MOVED Allison Watson/Cendra Beaton
 That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the agenda of February 28, 2023, as presented.
 CARRIED

3. MINUTES

3.1 Call for amendments to minutes

46. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Amanda Dowhy
 That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the minutes of the January 24, 2023, meeting as presented.
 CARRIED

4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.1 Board Chair Update – Ravi Parmar

The Board Chair recently took part in a humanitarian visit to the Ukraine, representing the Sooke School District. He played a short video and spoke of how deeply the trip affected him, and of the truly brave people of Ukraine. He was able to deliver 18 bags of school supplies to the students and spoke of the need for used laptops.

5. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Student Trip to Seattle, July 5-7, 2023, Belmont Secondary School – Alexis Sanschagrín/Stephen McHugh School staff provided an overview of the trip to the Board of Education.

47. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Amanda Dowhy

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the Belmont Secondary School trip to Seattle from July 5-7, 2023, subject to the oversight and direction of the Superintendent's Office.

CARRIED

6. CORRESPONDENCE & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence:

- a. Letter from Minister Singh, dated February 10, 2023, RE: Congratulations
- b. Letter from Minister Fleming, dated February 14, 2023, RE: Congratulations
- c. Letter from Minister Conroy, dated February 16, 2023, RE: Congratulations

48. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Amanda Dowhy

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the letter from Minister Singh, dated February 10, 2023, RE: Congratulations, the letter from Minister Fleming, dated February 14, 2023, RE: Congratulations, and the letter from Minister Conroy, dated February 16, 2023, RE: Congratulations.

CARRIED

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

STA – Jennifer Anderson

The STA President thanked the Board of Education for the opportunity to brief them on STA priorities concerning the upcoming 23/24 budget; and welcomed all trustees to visit the classrooms.

CUPE 459 – Amber Leonard

Call to Action #7 from the Truth and Reconciliation Report calls upon the federal government to develop with Aboriginal groups a joint strategy to eliminate educational and employment gaps between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Canadians. Further, Call to Action #20 relates to addressing the jurisdictional disputes concerning Aboriginal people who do not reside on reserves. The CUPE 459 Executive is looking to focus on this type of training for its membership at upcoming PRO D Days. CUPE 459 thanked members of the facilities team for their hard work removing snow and making building entrances and parking lots safe for all.

PVP – Kendra Laidlaw

Kendra Laidlaw indicated that the ½ snow day worked well from a PVP perspective, and thanked the facilities staff for clearing the sidewalks, parking lots and school entrances. She thanked Board Chair Parmar for his work on behalf of the school district on his recent trip to Ukraine and indicated that students were looking forward to receiving their response letters from their counterparts in Ukraine.

She provided a short video on the activities at Willway Elementary focussing on kindness.

SPEAC – Melissa Da Silva

The SPEAC President thanked the Board of Education for the opportunity to brief them on SPEAC priorities concerning the upcoming 23/24 budget. Further, she thanked members of the facilities team for their hard work during the ½ snow day. The next SPEAC meeting will be held March 15, 2023.

6.3 Presentation by Dyslexia B.C. – Cathy McMillian

Cathy McMillian provided a presentation on dyslexia to the Board of Education. Dyslexia BC is a parent-led grassroots movement within British Columbia concerned with the limited access to educational interventions for dyslexia within the public and private education systems.

7. FINANCE, FACILITIES AND SERVICES

7.1 Resources Committee – Meeting of February 14, 2023 – Ebony Logins

Trustee Logins provided the Board of Education with an overview of the Resources Committee Meeting of February 14, 2023.

49. MOVED Ebony Logins/Amanda Dowhy

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the District and School Fees for the 2023/2024 school year as presented at the Resources Committee meeting of February 14, 2023.

CARRIED

50. MOVED Ebony Logins/Cendra Beaton

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) give first, second and third readings to the 2022/23 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw specifying a total budget of \$188,486,329.

CARRIED

51. MOVED Ebony Logins/Amanda Dowhy

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Resources Committee Meeting of February 14, 2023.

CARRIED

8. EDUCATION PROGRAM

8.1 Report on the Education-Policy Committee – Meeting held on February 7, 2023 – Cendra Beaton

Trustee Beaton provided the Board of Education with an overview of the Education-Policy Committee Meeting of February 7, 2023.

52. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Amanda Dowhy

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) continue to support the implementation of the BC K-12 Reporting Policy for educators and support an increased awareness and understanding of these challenges for families.

CARRIED

53. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Allison Watson

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the Quarter Two Report as presented at the February 7, 2023, Education-Policy Committee meeting.

CARRIED

54. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Ebony Logins
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) direct staff to work with the Curriculum Transformation Department to provide enhancements to practice and pedagogy utilizing outdoor spaces for learning for grades K – 12 within the existing staffing contingent.
CARRIED
55. MOVED Ravi Parmar/Cendra Beaton
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) direct staff to create a plan to prioritize and develop outdoor play spaces at those elementary schools that do not have a natural playground zone.
CARRIED
56. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Amanda Dowhy
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Education-Policy Committee Meeting of February 7, 2023.
CARRIED

8.2 Adoption of Policy and Regulations – Scott Stinson

Scott Stinson provided an overview of the draft new Policy and Regulations F-495 “Business Continuity”.

57. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Ebony Logins
Given that the required period for Notice of Motion has been served, that the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt draft new Policy and Regulations F-495 “Business Continuity”.
CARRIED

9. STUDENTS

9.1 Enrolment Update for 22/23 and 23/24 – Paul Block

Paul Block provided an overview of the 22/23 actuals and indicated that enrolment continues to rise. Currently, enrolment growth after September 30, 2023 has resulted in three additional classrooms that were not funded by the Ministry of Education within the funding windows. Further, he provided an estimate of the 23/24 enrolment figures, with the District of Sooke growing at a rate of 4 %, the City of Colwood expanding at 4.8% and the City of Langford growing at 6.6%.

10. FOUNDATIONS & GOVERNANCE

10.1 Na’tsa’maht Education Council – Meeting of February 15, 2023 – Russ Chipps

Trustee Chipps provided a summary of the meeting and thanked members of the Council for the open lines of communication between all.

10.1a Na’tsa’maht Indigenous Enhancement Agreement Mid-Year Report – Paul Block

Paul Block introduced District Principal Jon Carr, and Vice-Principal Marlys Denny, who provided an overview of the Na’tsa’maht Indigenous Enhancement Agreement Mi-Year Report.

58. MOVED Russ Chipps/Cendra Beaton
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive and endorse the Na’tsa’maht Enhancement Agreement Mid-Year Report (NEAR) to foster and provide opportunities for on-going dialogue and the review of academic achievement, sense of belonging and the continued learning experiences that embrace Indigenous languages, culture and world views. It is the truth that will maintain the foundation from which the district can actively work towards achieving Reconciliation.
CARRIED

- 10.2 SD 62 Renewal of Programs and Rebranding – Paul Block
Paul Block provided an overview of the SD 62 Renewal of Programs.

59. **MOVED** Amanda Dowhy/Cendra Beaton
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) allow the Superintendent/CEO to renew and re-brand SD 62 Online and SD 62 Continuing Education outside the parameters of Policy F-204, "Naming of Schools", which will allow for more widely recognized programming in the community.
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 in the District. Highlights included hosting the Minister of Finance at Ruth King Elementary in support of a government funded meal program, and pink shirt day across the district.

12. PERSONNEL

13. UPCOMING EVENTS

March 20 – National Francophonie Day
March 31 – International Transgender Day of Visibility

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.

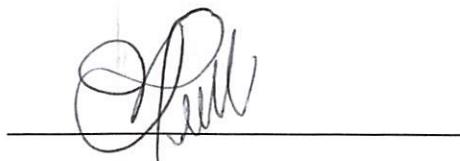
16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Chairperson of the Board



Secretary-Treasurer