

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
LIVE MS Teams Event
January 26, 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
Sue Grundy, Manager Executive 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

19. MOVED Allison Watson/Dianna Seaton
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the agenda of
January 26, 2021 as presented.
CARRIED

3. MINUTES

3.1 Call for amendments to minutes

20. MOVED Bob Phillips/Bob Beckett
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the minutes of
the December 15, 2020 meeting as presented.

4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.1 Board Chair Update – Ravi Parmar

The Board Chair made a formal statement which reiterated its Provincial Declaration from June 2020 regarding racism and bigotry in the community. Further, racist graffiti on SD 62 property and buildings will not be tolerated and does not have any place in our community or society.

4.2 COVID-19 Health & Safety update – Scott Stinson

On January 18, 2021 the District was notified by Island Health that a member of the Royal Bay Secondary School community was confirmed as a COVID positive case. The date of exposure at school was January 15, 2021. Contact tracing was completed, a deep clean of the school was completed, and follow-up information was provided to staff and families. Staff and students are reminded to continue with Daily Health Checks. Furthermore, the BC Government has released its COVID-19 Immunization Plan in which it states all immunizations will be completed by September 2021.

5. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

5.1 School's Codes of Conduct – Paul Block

In 2016 there was a significant change to the language in the BC Human Rights Code. This revision caused the District to discuss the lens of diversity, inclusion and equity in relation to our schools codes of conduct. In February 2021 the Board of Education will be presented with the revised Code of Conduct from schools in our District.

6. CORRESPONDENCE & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence

Board Chair, Ravi Parmar, sent welcoming letters to several Ministers and Ministers of State appointed in the Cabinet of BC.

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

STA – Rita Zeni

First Vice President, Rita Zeni, indicated that the STA was pleased with the quick and effective response of the District regarding its first COVID positive case. While the STA was satisfied with the response, it has seen an increase in its members' anxiety, as members are still hearing from their students and families regarding their social gatherings and travel. In addition, the BCTF is still troubled that there is no mask mandate in BC schools. The STA referenced the lack of mental health days for its members, and spoke of the need for a District Power Outage Policy.

CUPE – Amber Leonard

Amber Leonard indicated that CUPE appreciated the letters sent by the Board of Education to the various Ministers and Ministers of State. Particularly those sent to Minister Chen, Minister of State for Child Care and Minister Malcolmson, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions. CUPE looks forward to discussing the expansion of the District Child Care Program that their members provide. In addition, CUPE is interested in participating in the Budget Planning Process for the 2021/22 school year.

PVP – Francis Krusekopf

Francis Krusekopf shared a PowerPoint presentation with the Board of Education on the great start to 2021 which included pictures of students and activities from around the District.

SPEAC – Sandra Arnold

Vice President, Sandra Arnold, indicated that SPEAC was happy with quick and effective response from the District regarding its first COVID positive case. In addition, SPEAC is sponsoring several topics of interest for parents. Information will be forthcoming.

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 January 12, 2021

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

21. MOVED Bob Beckett/Wendy Hobbs
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the proposed 21/22 budget development process as outlined at the January 12, 2021 Resource Committee meeting.
CARRIED
22. MOVED Bob Beckett/Wendy Hobbs
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Resources Committee meeting of January 12, 2021.
CARRIED

7.2 Catchment Change Implementation Update – Scott Stinson

Staff have begun to develop a timeline and process map to ensure changes are in place for September 2022, when the new schools open for instruction.

8. EDUCATION PROGRAM

8.1 Report on the Education Policy Committee – Meeting held on January 5, 2021

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

23. MOVED Bob Phillips/Dianna Seaton
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve BAA course Professional Cook 11 A.
CARRIED
24. MOVED Bob Phillips/Allison Watson
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve BAA course Professional Cook 11 B.
CARRIED
25. MOVED Bob Phillips/Allison Watson
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve BAA course Professional Cook 12 A.
CARRIED

26. MOVED Bob Phillips/Allison Watson
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve BAA course Professional Cook 12 B.
CARRIED
27. MOVED Bob Phillips/Allison Watson
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Education Policy Committee meeting of January 5, 2021.
CARRIED

8.2 Policy Adoption – Scott Stinson

28. MOVED Bob Phillips/Dianna Seaton
Given that the required period for notice of motion has been served that the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt revised draft Policy E-123 “Probationary Employees”.
CARRIED
29. MOVED Bob Phillips/Bob Beckett
Given that the required period for notice of motion has been served, that the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt revised draft Policy E-139 “Deceased Employee Benefit”.
CARRIED
30. MOVED Bob Beckett/Margot Swinburnson
Given that the required period for notice of motion has been served, that the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt new draft Policy and Regulations E-158 “Public Interest Disclosure -Whistleblower Protection”.
CARRIED
31. MOVED Margot Swinburnson/Dianna Seaton
Given that the required period for notice of motion has been served, that the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt revised draft Policy and Regulations F-100 “Transportation”.
32. MOVED Allison Watson/Dianna Seaton
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) amend the regulations for F-100 “Transportation” under section two Transportation Fees and amend to read “late fee not to exceed \$100 per family”.
CARRIED

9. STUDENTS

9.1 Mental Health Funding – Wendy Hobbs

Trustee Hobbs spoke to the Board of Education on student mental health funding.

33. MOVED Wendy Hobbs/Bob Beckett
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) enter into discussions with community partners, municipalities and the provincial government regarding increased services and programs to support child and youth well-being and mental wellness in our community.
AMENDED

34. MOVED Ravi Parmar/Dianna Seaton
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) re-affirm its support to work with community partners, municipalities and the provincial government to increase services and programs to support child and youth well-being and mental wellness in our community.
CARRIED

10. FOUNDATIONS & GOVERNANCE

10.1 Governance Committee – Meeting of January 18, 2021 – Dianna Seaton

Trustee Seaton provided the Board of Education with an overview of the Governance Committee Meeting.

35. MOVED Dianna Seaton/Margot Swinburnson
Given that the required period for notice of motion has been served that the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt new draft Policy A-105 “Trustee Code of Conduct”.
CARRIED

36. MOVED Dianna Seaton/Bob Beckett
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) give second and third reading of By-Law No. 1-20 “School Board Governance”.
CARRIED

37. MOVED Dianna Seaton/Allison Watson
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) give second and third reading of By-Law No. 2-20 “Trustee Indemnification”.
CARRIED

11. ADMINISTRATION

11.1 Superintendent’s Report – Scott Stinson

Scott Stinson provided an update to the Board of Education on kindergarten registration and enrolment; Transformative Education; the Strategic Plan Renewal; catchment implementation; major capital projects; and the posted opportunity to draft the District’s Sustainable Energy Plan.

12. PERSONNEL

13. UPCOMING EVENTS

BCPSEA AGM – January 28, 2021
Health Day – January 28, 2021

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 8:58 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Chairperson of the Board



Secretary-Treasurer