

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
School Board Office
3143 Jacklin Road
March 10, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

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

STAFF: Scott Stinson, Superintendent
Harold Cull, Secretary-Treasurer
Stephanie Hedley-Smith, Associate Superintendent
Dave Strange, Associate Superintendent
Paul Block, Associate Superintendent

REGRETS: Dianna Seaton
Dan Haley

SECRETARY: Kristina Ross

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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

39. MOVED Allison Watson/Wendy Hobbs
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the agenda of
March 10, 2020 as presented.
CARRIED

3. MINUTES

3.1 Call for amendments to minutes

40. MOVED Margot Swinburnson/Bob Beckett
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the minutes of the
February 25, 2020 meeting as presented.
CARRIED

4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.1 Mental Health Update – Margot Swinburnson

Trustee Swinburnson provided the Board of Education with an update regarding mental health strategies, On May 8, 2020 she will attend a BCSTA Forum on the Implementation of Mental Health Strategies in Schools; and on May 8, 2020 the third annual Mental Health Conference will be held.

4.2 COVID – 19 Update – Scott Stinson

Scott Stinson provided the Board of Education with an updating regarding the COVID – 19 virus including the cancellation of school trips to 3 international field trips; Greece, Rome/Paris and Japan. The District continues to monitor travel advisories, and public health sites.

5. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Student Trip to Denver, Colorado – June 18-22, 2020 – Royal Bay Secondary School – Lucas McNeil

41. MOVED Wendy Hobbs/Bob Beckett

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the Royal Bay Secondary School boy's lacrosse trip to Denver from June 18-22, 2020, subject to the oversight and direction of the Superintendent's office.

CARRIED

5.2 Student Trip to Calgary, Alberta – May 20-23, 2020 – Royal Bay Secondary School – Glenn Whitney

42. MOVED Allison Watson/Bob Phillips

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the Royal Bay Secondary School music department trip to Calgary from May 20-23, 2020, subject to the oversight and direction of the Superintendent's office.

CARRIED

6. CORRESPONDENCE & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence

a. Letter from Minister Fleming – Education Statutes Amendment

43. MOVED Bob Phillips/Allison Watson

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the letter from Minister Fleming – Education Statutes Amendment.

CARRIED

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

STA – Jennifer Anderson

No delegation.

CUPE – Amber Leonard

Amber Leonard acknowledged the excellent communication concerning the COVID-19 virus from the District and spoke regarding the need for cleaning of buses, in addition to, schools during spring break. The CUPE Pro D Day will take place at Royal Bay Secondary School, and will include the rollout of names for the new schools.

PVP – Jennifer Nixon

Jennifer Nixon acknowledged the Board of Education for its continued support of the PVP. Events happening around the District include: the overhaul of the governance structure, identifying of values, and neighbourhood groupings at Spencer Middle School; Jump Rope for Heart is occurring at Poirier Elementary School; Aboriginal

Storytelling and Japanese History Speakers were invited to Hans Helgesen Elementary School; and PVP has introduced a professional book club.

SPEAC – Amanda Dowhy

Amanda Dowhy indicated that Dory Thust is now the Acting SPEAC President, until elections can be held during the AGM in May 2020. Cendra Beaton is the Chair of the Emergency Preparedness Committee, and Jenny Naydek is the Chair of Heathy Schools, Heathy People Committee. The SPEAC Summit will be held on June 1, 2020 at the Royal Colwood Golf Course.

Canadian Parents for French

No delegation.

Students

No delegation.

7. FINANCE, FACILITIES AND SERVICES

7.1 Report on the Resources Committee – Meeting of March 4, 2020

Highlights from the Resources Committee meeting of March 4, 2020 were summarized.

44. **MOVED Bob Beckett/Bob Phillips**

That the Board of Education of School District #62 (Sooke) approve the proposed 20/21 academy fees as presented at the March 4th Resource Committee meeting.

CARRIED

45. **MOVED Bob Beckett/Allison Watson**

That the Board of Education of School District #62 (Sooke) approve the proposed 21/22 international student program fees as presented at the March 4th Resource Committee meeting.

CARRIED

46. **MOVED Bob Beckett/Wendy Hobbs**

That the Board of Education of School District #62 (Sooke) direct staff to conduct a public consultation process on the addition of an administration transportation fee of no more than \$25/student with a discounted family rate for the 20/21 school year.

CARRIED

47. **MOVED Bob Beckett/Allison Watson**

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) request staff to explore the feasibility and legality of adding specific clauses that promote the employment opportunities of SD62 students as well as the prioritization of contractors being chosen from the South Island for the construction of the new West Langford Middle and Elementary Schools.

CARRIED

48. **MOVED Bob Beckett/Bob Phillips**

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Resources Committee meeting of March 4, 2020.

CARRIED

7.2 20/21 Budget Development Process – Harold Cull

Harold Cull provided the Board of Education an overview of the budget development process. The Board of Education reviewed the district's priorities to determine if there were any items of significance missing. The

Strategic Plan, and SD 62 Operational Plan will be reviewed and realigned once funding levels are identified, as priorities will relate back to Strategic Plan.

7.3 20/21 Capital Plan Response - Harold Cull

Harold Cull provided the Board of Education an update regarding the 20/21 capital plan response. Funding was received for the Dunsmuir Middle School Enhancement Project and the purchase of new school buses; staff is now working through the procurement process.

8. EDUCATION PROGRAM

8.1 Report on the Education Policy Committee – Meeting of March 3, 2020.

Highlights from the Education Policy Committee meeting of March 3, 2020 were summarized.

49. MOVED Bob Phillips/Margot Swinburnson

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the BAA Course Music Composition 10.

CARRIED

50. MOVED Bob Phillips/Margot Swinburnson

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) give Notice of Motion to draft revised Policy and Regulations C-320 "Supervision of Students on School Buses".

CARRIED

51. MOVED Bob Phillips/Margot Swinburnson

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) write a letter calling on the Ministries of Children and Family Development, Education, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and the Municipal Affairs and Housing to work collectively within the Provincial Government and with applicable stakeholders, e.g. School Districts, to address the recommendations proposed by homeless youth in the Representative for Children and Youth's report titled "From Marginalized to Magnified".

CARRIED

52. MOVED Bob Phillips/Allison Watson

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) request staff to review the report "From Marginalized to Magnified" submitted by the Representative for Children and Youth and provide an analysis on the recommendations with a lens as to how the Sooke School District can provide a leadership role in addressing the recommendations proposed in the report that pertain to the work of a school district".

CARRIED

53. MOVED Bob Phillips/Margot Swinburnson

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Education -Policy Committee meeting of March 3, 2020.

CARRIED

9. STUDENTS

No delegation

10. FOUNDATIONS & GOVERNANCE

10.1 Report on the Aboriginal Education Council – no meeting in March 2020

11. ADMINISTRATION

11.1 Superintendent's Report – Stephanie Hedley-Smith

Stephanie Headley-Smith provided an updated to the Board of Education on the EMCS Family of Schools.

12. PERSONNEL

No personnel matters were discussed.

13. UPCOMING EVENTS

14. FUTURE ITEMS

14.1 New School Project Celebration – March 12 at Belmont Secondary School

14.2 Spring Break – March 16-27, 2020

15. QUESTION PERIOD


SPEAC spoke to the importance of the school community being involved in developing a School Code of Conduct. A suggestion was made to reinstate school planning days.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Chairperson of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer