

**COMMITTEE REPORT OF THE
EDUCATION-POLICY COMMITTEE
School Board Office
March 7, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.**

Present: Allison Watson, Trustee (Committee Chair)
Russ Chipps, Trustee (Committee Member)
Cendra Beaton, Trustee (Committee Member)
Amanda Culver, STA
Lou Leslie, CUPE
Georgette Walker, SPVPA
Melissa DaSilva, SPEAC
Scott Stinson, Superintendent/CEO
Paul Block, Associate Superintendent
Monica Braniff, Associate Superintendent

Guests: Jon Carr and Marlys Denny

Regrets: Windy Beadall, Acting Associate Superintendent

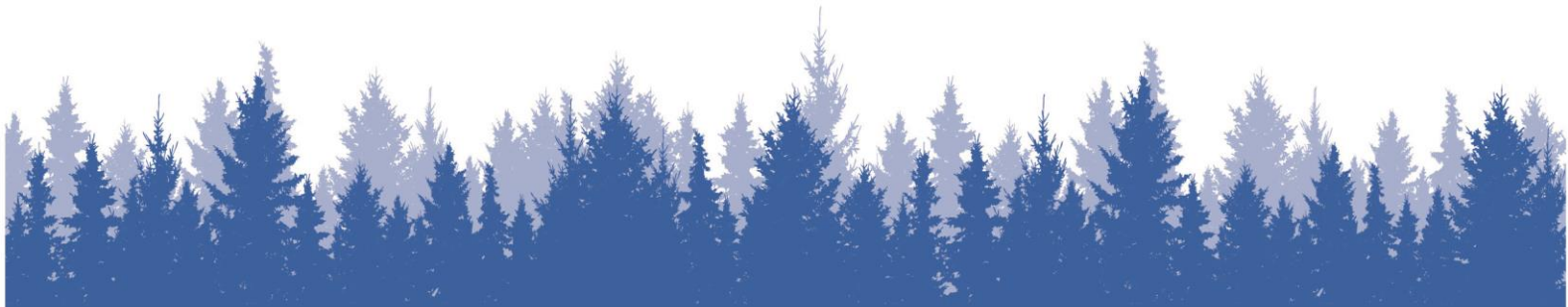
1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FIRST NATIONS TERRITORIES**

We are honoured to be meeting on the traditional territories of the Coast Salish: T'Sou-ke Nation and Sc'ianew Nation and Nuu-chah-nulth: Pacheedaht Nation. We also recognize some of our schools reside on the traditional territory of the Esquimalt Nation and Songhees Nation.

Those in attendance were encouraged to share their work in support of the TRC Calls to Action. CUPE - sent a member to a course on Truth & Reconciliation, bringing that information back to the broader CUPE membership. PVPA - Sangster Elementary speaking to Elders about their local knowledge and using this to inform a new school logo. Trustees - learning about the local nations in areas where they are travelling. STA - rewriting territory acknowledgment along with Elders, giving funds to nations that they work with, creating book bundles for families and medicine bundles for teachers. Executive - at community engagement dinner with Metis Nations last night, seeing the impact of TRC for individuals; also looking at learning the spelling and pronunciation of local Indigenous languages.

Opening Remarks from Chair, Allison Watson

Reminder: Spring Break means that the Board meeting is moved up to March 14, 2023.



2. **COMMITTEE REPORT** of February 7, 2023 Education-Policy Committee meeting
The committee report for the February 7, 2023 Education-Policy Committee meeting was reviewed by the committee. No errors or omissions were noted.

3. **BAA COURSE PROPOSALS**
There are no BAA course proposals for this meeting.

4. **REVIEW OF POLICIES/REGULATIONS**
There are no policies/regulations for this meeting.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

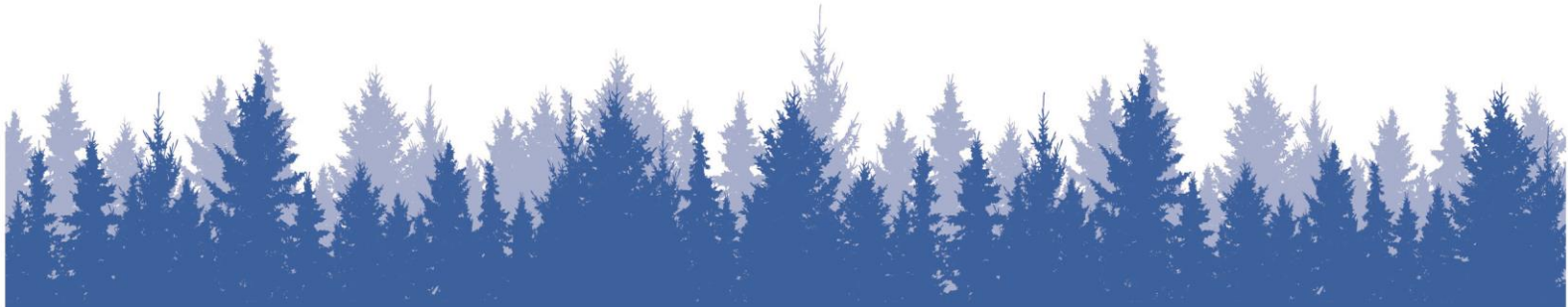
- a. SENĆOŦEN Language Legacy Project – Jon Carr and Marlys Denny
T'Sou-ke Nation provided teaching resources specific to the T'Sou-ke dialect for SENĆOŦEN language. Two videos were created featuring Elder Shirley Alphonse. The goal of the SENĆOŦEN Language Legacy Project is to increase language awareness and capture the legacy created by Elder Shirley. The first video is on numbers 1-10, and the second one is a focus on animals. Resources depicting animal cards and numbers has been made available throughout the district. Those in attendance were able to view the videos and practice speaking in SENĆOŦEN.

The project supports local language awareness in our district, aligning with the Calls to Action #14 and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Article 13. This spring our district is engaged in a partnership with School District 63 (Saanich) to create a legacy video for Elder Earl Claxton Jr.

- b. School Codes of Conduct – Paul Block
Mr. Block reviewed the parameters and process for determining district codes of conduct. Secondary and middle schools have submitted a common code of conduct with the same expectations across the district. Elementary schools continue to have separate code of conducts. Feedback was provided for possible edits:
- Elementary school - some schools missing parts of the Human Rights Code.
 - Middle school - indicate practices to support student behaviour and respond to incidents when the code of conduct is violated.
 - Middle school - clarify that guidelines for students' dress to be about offensive messaging.
 - Secondary school - typing error: values should be value (not plural).

Recommendation

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) accept and endorse the 2023/24 School Codes of Conduct as presented.



7. **FOR INFORMATION**

- a. Research Project Approval – Ratzlaff, Ketsia – “Setting the Table”

This builds on the pilot project that has been undertaken in the district this year. The research project will review the work done this year and inform work moving forward.

8. **FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

9. **ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING DATE:** April 4, 2023

Adjourned at 7:11 pm.

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