



**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
LIVE MS Teams Event
March 9, 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 7:02 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

51. MOVED Allison Watson/Bob Phillips
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the agenda of March 9, 2021 as presented.
CARRIED

3. MINUTES

3.1 Call for amendments to minutes

52. MOVED Allison Watson/Dianna Seaton
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the minutes of the February 23, 2021 meeting as presented.
CARRIED

4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.1 Board Chair Update – Ravi Parmar

Ravi Parmar thanked staff, students and families for their efforts made over the last year. He reflected on the past year and the challenges that we faced as a school district. The District continues to evolve its processes and learn lessons as we continue to operate in a pandemic. He wished everyone a well-deserved and restful spring break.

4.2 COVID-19 Update – Scott Stinson

Scott Stinson provided an update to the Board of Education on COVID-19. He indicated that the amendments to safe work practices have now been posted to the District website, and spoke briefly regarding a recent exposure at David Cameron Elementary School. The District continues to improve its response in these incidents and communication to the staff and families of the school district.

5. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

6. CORRESPONDENCE & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence:

a. Letter from Minister Popham, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries dated February 16, 2021.

53. MOVED Bob Phillips/Margot Swinburnson

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the letter from Minister Popham, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, dated February 16, 2021.
CARRIED

b. Letter from Jay Chalke, Ombudsperson, Province of British Columbia, dated February 4, 2021.

54. MOVED Margot Swinburnson/Bob Phillips

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the letter from Jay Chalke, Ombudsperson, Province of British Columbia, dated February 4, 2021.
CARRIED

c. Letter from Minister Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, dated February 24, 2021.

55. MOVED Allison Watson/Bob Beckett

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the letter from Minister Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, dated February 24, 2021.
CARRIED

d. Letter from Minister Beare, Minister of Citizen's Services dated February 25, 2021.

56. MOVED Allison Watson/Margot Swinburnson

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the letter from Minister Beare, Minister of Citizen's Services, dated February 25, 2021.
CARRIED

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

STA – Jennifer Anderson

Jennifer Anderson spoke to the Board of Education on the topic of Truth and Reconciliation. STA requested action from the district on developing a K-12 curriculum recognizing indigenous histories, cultures and perspectives in a way of contributing towards the goal of reconciliation. Furthermore, she

requested that the district prioritize the hiring of individuals who contribute to the level of indigenous knowledge in education.

CUPE – Amber Leonard

Amber Leonard acknowledged International Women’s Day, which commemorated the cultural, political and socioeconomic achievements of women. She was pleased to see the district showcase four of its women: Lynne-Mari De Frane, a District EA Mentor; Amanda McKee, a Landscape Horticulturist; Danielle Huculak, a Royal Bay Secondary School Teacher; and Laura Fulton, EMCS Principal. Furthermore, she is pleased to be representing SD 62 at the Provincial Custodian Working Group which focuses on standard cleaning practices in BC schools.

PVP –Karen Sjerven

No delegation.

SPEAC – Cendra Beaton

Cendra Beaton acknowledged the district’s custodial team for its quick response and hard work following the recent exposure at David Cameron Elementary School. She indicated that SPEAC had a successful session on anti-racism, and a presentation on student advocacy and how to navigate the system.

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 March 3, 2021

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

57. MOVED Bob Beckett/Wendy Hobbs

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the proposed 21/22 school fees as presented at the March 3rd Resources Committee Meeting.
CARRIED

58. MOVED Bob Beckett/Wendy Hobbs

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the proposed 21/22 transportation fees as presented at the March 3rd Resources Committee Meeting.
CARRIED

59. MOVED Bob Beckett/Wendy Hobbs

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the proposed 21/22 academy fees as presented at the March 3rd Resources Committee Meeting.
CARRIED

60. MOVED Bob Beckett/Wendy Hobbs

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the proposed 22/23 international student program fees as presented at the March 3rd Resources Committee Meeting.
CARRIED

61. MOVED Bob Beckett/Wendy Hobbs

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the District's Annual Facility Grant (AFG) Plan as submitted to the Resources Committee on March 3, 2021.
CARRIED

62. MOVED Bob Beckett/Wendy Hobbs
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Resources Committee Meeting of March 3, 2021.
CARRIED

8. EDUCATION PROGRAM

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

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

63. MOVED Allison Watson/Bob Phillips
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) give Notice of Motion to draft revised Policy E-311, Class II Licence.
CARRIED
64. MOVED Allison Watson/Dianna Seaton
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) give Notice of Motion to draft new Policy and Regulation D-310, Non-Board Initiated Research.
CARRIED
65. 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 March 2, 2021.
CARRIED
66. MOVED Wendy Hobbs/Bob Beckett
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) amend Policy D-111 by directing staff to put in place annual criminal record checks and also for volunteers who are driving our children in our schools to provide a driver's abstract and proof of insurance annually.
WITHDRAWN
67. MOVED Wendy Hobbs/ Bob Beckett
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) direct staff to contact the Schools Protection Program and get advice of the length of time between the provision of criminal record checks and driver's abstracts for volunteers.
CARRIED

9. STUDENTS

10. FOUNDATIONS & GOVERNANCE

10.1 Report from the Aboriginal Education Council – Dianna Seaton

Dianna Seaton provided an update to the Board of Education on the December 10, 2020 and the February 24, 2021 Aboriginal Education Council Meeting.

10.2 Report from the French Advisory Committee – Wendy Hobbs

No report.

10.3 Report from the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee –Margot Swinburnson

No report.

10.4 Healthy Schools Healthy People Roundtable - Margot Swinburnson

No report.

11. ADMINISTRATION

11.1 Superintendent’s Report – Scott Stinson

Scott Stinson provided an update to the Board of Education. Highlights included acknowledging the amazing women SD 62 is fortunate to have in its district, and the continued great work of the Inclusive Education Services Team.

12. PERSONNEL

13. UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 15-26, 2021 - Spring Break
- March 17, 2021 – St. Patrick’s Day
- March 29, 2021 – School Reopens
- April 2, 2021 – Good Friday
- April 5, 2021 – Easter Monday
- April 15-18, 2021 – BCSTA AGM
- April 19, 2021 – Non-Instructional 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 8:43 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Chairperson of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer