



**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
LIVE MS Teams Event
May 25, 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
 Dan Haley, Executive Director, HR
 Farzaan Nusserwanji, Executive Director, IT
 Steve Tonnesen, Manager IT Operations
 Sue Grundy, Manager Executive Operations

REGRETS: Paul Block, Associate Superintendent

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

88. MOVED Bob Beckett/Allison Watson
 That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the agenda of
 May 25, 2021 as presented.
 CARRIED

3. MINUTES

3.1 Call for amendments to minutes

89. MOVED Bob Beckett/Margot Swinburnson
 That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the minutes of
 the April 27, 2021 meeting including the letter from STA as presented.
 CARRIED

4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.1 Board Chair Update – Ravi Parmar

The Board Chair provided comments on the BC Restart 4-step plan and encouraged everyone to get vaccinated as it is the most important tool supporting the restart. He acknowledged Bus Driver Appreciation Day on May 21, 2021, and thanked them all for their dedication and hard work in this challenging year.

4.2 COVID-19 Update – Scott Stinson

Scott Stinson provided comments on the BC Restart plan, and indicated that the District continues to clarify the new directions and how they relate to District operations. Once direction is clear, a communication will be sent to all students, families and staff. The District took part in the End-of-Day Vaccination Program which allowed SD 62 staff a chance to be vaccinated by means of unused vaccination doses. Approximately 40 staff took advantage of this program.

5. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

6. CORRESPONDENCE & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence:

a. Letter from Citizen's Environment Network in Colwood dated May 8, 2021 RE: Electric School Buses in SD 62

90. MOVED Margot Swinburnson/Dianna Seaton

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) accept the letter from Citizens' Environment Network in Colwood dated May 8, 2021 RE: Electric School Buses in SD 62.
CARRIED

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

STA – Rita Zeni

Rita Zeni indicated that Sooke Teachers' Association (STA) recently donated \$3,000 to local food banks in support of the community. The STA held its AGM on May 5, 2021 virtually, and have a full executive board moving into the 2021/22 school year. The 1st Vice-President indicated that members are exhausted and looking forward to the summer. Furthermore, they are eager to return to normal practices in the upcoming school year.

CUPE – Amber Leonard

Amber Leonard indicated that CUPE staff are looking forward to the end of the school year. She thanked the leadership team for its support and guidance during this challenging year. She indicated that CUPE BC is lobbying for day-time custodian positions to allow for continuing levels of cleanliness in schools. She acknowledged Bus Driver Appreciation Day, and spoke of the safety of students when leaving their homes.

PVP – Tamara Deleeheer

Tamara Deleeheer provided an update to the Board of Education on activities in the District celebrating diversity, equity and inclusion. She spoke of Millstream Elementary School's pride week, Belmont Secondary School's new aboriginal acknowledgement art work, outdoor chalk art at Sangster and Poirier Elementary Schools, an early start to National Indigenous Week at Lakewood Elementary School and Role Model visits at Ruth King and Poirier Elementary Schools. Further, outdoor learning continues at Colwood Elementary School and Journey Middle School and the Saseenos Parent Advisory Council has raised \$26,000 for a future nature playground.

SPEAC – Cendra Beaton

Cendra Beaton congratulated Melissa DaSilva, the newly elected president, and the incoming SPEAC Executive Team effective June 1, 2021. She thanked the Board of Education and staff for their support during her tenure, spoke of increased parent engagement during the last year and hopes it continues into the new school year. SPEAC is presently recognizing its volunteers and requests any nominations be sent to speac@sd62.bc.ca.

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 May 11, 2021

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

91. MOVED Bob Beckett/Margot Swinburnson
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the one-time increase of the financial reserve to an amount of not greater than 3% of the operating budget as at June 30, 2021.
CARRIED
92. MOVED Bob Beckett/Wendy Hobbs
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Resources Committee Meeting of May 11, 2021.
CARRIED

7.2 Education Committee of the Whole (ECOW) – Ravi Parmar

Trustee Parmar provided the Board of Education with an overview of the ECOW Meeting.

93. MOVED Ravi Parmar/Allison Watson
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Education Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 18, 2021.
CARRIED

7.3 21/22 Annual Budget Bylaw – Harold Cull

Harold Cull provided an overview of the 21/22 Annual Budget Bylaw.

94. MOVED Bob Beckett/Margot Swinburnson
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) give first reading to the 2021/22 Annual Budget Bylaw, specifying a total budget of \$154,143,447.
CARRIED (1 Opposed)

7.4 21/22 Capital Budget – Harold Cull

Harold Cull provided an update on the proposed 21/22 annual capital budget.

95. MOVED Bob Phillips/Dianna Seaton
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) give first reading to Capital Plan Bylaw 2021/22-CPSD62-01.
CARRIED

8. EDUCATION PROGRAM

8.1 Report on the Education Policy Committee – Meeting held on May 4, 2021

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

96. MOVED Allison Watson/Dianna Seaton

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve BAA course Class Design 12.

CARRIED

97. MOVED Allison Watson/Bob Phillips

Given that the required period for notice of motion has been served, that the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the revised draft Policy and Regulations B-345 “Core French”.

CARRIED

98. MOVED Allison Watson/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 the revised draft Policy and Regulations B-346 “French Immersion Programs”.

CARRIED

99. MOVED Allison Watson/Dianna Seaton

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Education-Policy Committee Meeting of May 4, 2021.

CARRIED

9. STUDENTS

10. FOUNDATIONS & GOVERNANCE

10.1 Report from the Na'tsa'maht Education Council Meeting of May 19, 2021 – Dianna Seaton

Dianna Seaton provided an overview of the meeting to the Board of Education. Discussion included the upcoming budget for next year, the 2021 Strategic Plan, revisions to the child care policy to align to the *School Act* and the expansion of the Elder in Residence Program, and the appointment of Jo-Ina Young as the Métis Knowledge Keeper.

10.2 Report from the French Advisory Committee Meeting of May 20, 2021 – Wendy Hobbs

Trustee Hobbs provided an overview of the meeting to the Board of Education. The French exit protocol, budget and Policy and Regulations updates were discussed.

10.3 Report from the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee – Meeting of May 19, 2021 - Margot Swinburnson

Trustee Swinburnson indicated that the Committee is still undergoing a review by the Capital Regional District and as such the Committee continues to work on governance issues. It was noted that the Committee has a healthy budget, however, they are reluctant to make any expenditures prior to the review being completed.

10.4 Ongoing Mental Health Funding – Margot Swinburnson

Trustee Swinburnson spoke to the Board of Education on the requirement for ongoing funding related to mental health.

100. MOVED Margot Swinburnson/Allison Watson
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) write a letter to the ~~M~~**E**
Minister of Education and the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions requesting
targeted funding continues for Mental Health initiatives in a sustained and timely manner
so staff can plan resources and programs to continue ongoing initiatives.
CARRIED

11. ADMINISTRATION

11.1 Superintendent's Report – Scott Stinson

Scott Stinson provided an update to the Board of Education on its Learning, Engagement and Growth goals. The Superintendent has been visiting a number of schools over the last month, engaging in conversations with students, teachers, and administrators. He spoke of the Royal Bay Rainbow Crosswalk, the act of vandalism, and the coming together of the community in its response. Work continues regarding the 2021 Strategic Plan, with an ECOW Meeting planned for June 15, 2021.

12. PERSONNEL

13. UPCOMING EVENTS

14. FUTURE ITEMS

June 21, 2021 – National Indigenous Peoples Day


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 8:28 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Chairperson of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer