

**Committee Report of
Education-Policy Meeting via MS Teams
May 13, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Bob Phillips, Trustee (Committee Chair)
Dianna Seaton, Trustee (Committee Member)
Margot Swinburnson, Trustee (Committee Member)
Ravi Parmar, Trustee
Diane Wiens, STA
Georgette Walker, SPVPA
Cendra Beaton, SPEAC
Lisa Haug, CUPE
Scott Stinson, Superintendent and CEO
Stephanie Hedley-Smith, Associate Superintendent
Paul Block, Associate Superintendent
Dave Strange, Associate Superintendent

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FIRST NATIONS TERRITORIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Committee Chair. Bob Phillips acknowledged that we are honoured to be meeting on the traditional territories of the Coast Salish, specifically Esquimalt Nation, Songhees Nation, and acknowledge the three nations SD62 works with directly in our schools: Scia'new Nation, Coast Salish, and T'Sou-ke Nation; including the West Coast Pacheedaht Nation, Nuu-chah-nulth. (words gifted by the three Nations SD62 works with)

2. COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee report for the March 3, 2020 Education-Policy Committee Meeting was reviewed by the committee members.

3. BAA COURSE PROPOSALS (attached)

a. Percussion Ensemble 11A

Paul Block informed that this course had actually been presented to the committee and was recommended to the Board for approval, which was granted by the Board of Education on October 22, 2019.

b. Percussion Ensemble 11B

Paul Block presented the proposed course to the committee for discussion. The committee engaged in discussion and directed questions to Paul Block for response. The committee was supportive of recommending approval of this course to the Board of Education.

Recommendation

That the Board of Education approve BAA Course Percussion Ensemble 11B.

4. REVIEW OF POLICIES/REGULATIONS

There were no policies/regulations for review and/or approval.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. COVID-19 Update and District Plans – Scott Stinson

Superintendent Stinson provided an update on the work that has been done in the District as it relates to the original mandates set out by the Ministry of Education. In addition, an update was provided on next steps to be taken in accordance with new modeling and guidance from the PHO, the provincial government's BC Restart Plan, and related direction from the Ministry of Education. The district is working with its partners as it actively engages in planning to meet these directions with the goal of meeting Ministry communicated timelines.

The committee engaged in discussion and directed questions to the Chair and the Superintendent for responses. The Superintendent's PowerPoint presentation will be attached to the Board's package.

b. School Act Amendment re Child Care – Scott Stinson

Superintendent Stinson provided an update on the recent *School Act* Amendment re Child Care and spoke to considerations that the Board and District will need to address moving forward.

The committee engaged in discussion and directed questions to the Chair and the Superintendent for responses. The committee was in agreement to make the following recommendation to the Board of Education:

Recommendation

That the Board of Education direct staff to develop policy and regulations with regard to the recent amendments to the *School Act* on a Board of Education's abilities to offer childcare on School District properties.

6. FOR INFORMATION

Superintendent Stinson provided an overview of the following research proposals:

- a. Research Project – Chloe Faught, RRU – “Stronger Together: Developing an Environmental Education Provincial Specialist Association Chapter in the School Districts of the Capital Regional District”.
- b. Research Project Postponement – Zina Lee, University of the Fraser Valley – “Youth Online Study”.

7. FOR FUTURE MEETINGS – REVIEW OF POLICIES/REGULATIONS

8. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING DATE: June 2, 2020