

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
LIVE MS Teams Event
November 29, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

TRUSTEES: Ravi Parmar, Board Chair Amanda Dowhy (virtual)
Cendra Beaton Ebony Logins
Trudy Spiller Allison Watson (virtual)

STAFF: Scott Stinson, Superintendent
Harold Cull, Secretary-Treasurer
Paul Block, Associate Superintendent
Monica Braniff, Associate Superintendent
David Strange, Associate Superintendent
Fred Hibbs, Executive Director, HR
Farzaan Nusserwanji, Executive Director, IT (virtual)
Steve Tonnesen, Manager IT Operations
Sue Grundy, Manager Executive Operations

REGRETS: Russ Chipps

SECRETARY: Kristina Ross

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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

1. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Trudy Spiller
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the agenda of November 29, 2022 as amended.
CARRIED

3. MINUTES

3.1 Call for amendments to minutes

2. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Trudy Spiller
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the minutes of the October 25, 2022 and November 1, 2022 meetings as presented.
CARRIED

4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.1 Board Chair Update – Ravi Parmar

The Board Chair indicated that the incoming Board of Education was eager to get to work and referred to the recent Committee Assignments and Representative Assignments that he made. The Board Chair mentioned that he had recently met with the Mayors of Colwood, Langford, Metchosin and Sooke in an effort to maintain our strong connection to our municipal partners.

4.2 Governor General Awards – Ravi Parmar

Recipients of the Governor Generals' Academic Award, awarded to the student who achieves the highest academic average upon graduation from a Secondary School were acknowledged by the Board of Education.

- a. Belmont Secondary School 2020/2021 Recipient – Louisa Krusekopf
- b. Belmont Secondary School 2021/2022 Recipient – Jim Wheen
- c. Royal Bay Secondary School 2020/2021 Recipient – Hayley England
- d. Royal Bay Secondary School 2021/2022 Recipient – Rebecca Parson
- e. Edward Milne Community School 2020/2021 Recipient – Alyssa Taylor
- f. Edward Milne Community School 2021/2022 Recipient – Tija Dalep

5. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

5.1 PEXSISEN Elementary School Mascot – Karen DeCicco

Karen DeCicco provided an overview of the mascot naming process for the school PEXSISEN Elementary School will adopt the mascot of a Cub.

5.2 Student Exchange to Drummondville, Quebec - John Stubbs Memorial School – Matthew Tran/Angelina Hendry

An overview of the trip was provided to the Board of Education.

3. MOVED Allison Watson/Cendra Beaton

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the student exchange program to Drummondville, Quebec from February 1-8, 2023, subject to the oversight and direction of the Superintendent's Office.

CARRIED

5.3 Student Trip to Ecuador & the Galapagos Islands – Spencer Middle School – Yvonne Clark

An overview of the trip was provided to the Board of Education.

4. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Trudy Spiller

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the Spencer Middle School trip to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands from March 19-29, 2024 subject to the oversight and direction of the Superintendent's Office.

CARRIED

5.4 Student Trip to Sisters, Oregon – Royal Bay Secondary School – Lucas MacNeil

An overview of the trip was provided to the Board of Education.

5. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Trudy Spiller

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the Royal Bay Secondary School boys lacrosse trip to Sisters, Oregon from May 5-8, 2023, subject to the oversight and direction of the Superintendent's Office.

CARRIED

5.5 Student Trip to Sisters, Oregon – Royal Bay Secondary School – Ray Barkwill

An overview of the trip was provided to the Board of Education.

6. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Ebony Logins

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the Royal Bay Secondary School girls lacrosse trip to Sisters, Oregon from May 5-8, 2023, subject to the oversight and direction of the Superintendent's Office.

CARRIED

5.6 Student Trip to Denver, Colorado – Royal Bay Secondary School – Lucas MacNeil

An overview of the trip was provided to the Board of Education.

7. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Trudy Spiller

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the Royal Bay Secondary School boys lacrosse trip to Denver, Colorado from June 15-19, 2023, subject to the oversight and direction of the Superintendent's Office.

CARRIED

5.7 Student Trip to Belize – Royal Bay Secondary School – Linda Funk

An overview of the trip was provided to the Board of Education.

8. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Allison Watson

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the Royal Bay Secondary School trip to Belize from March 19-26, 2024 subject to the oversight and direction of the Superintendent's Office.

CARRIED

5.8 Student Trip to Huntington Beach, California – Royal Bay Secondary School – Lucas MacNeil

An overview of the trip was provided to the Board of Education.

9. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Amanda Dowhy

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the Royal Bay Secondary School boys lacrosse trip to Huntington Beach, California from February 2-6, 2023 subject to the oversight and direction of the Superintendent's Office.

CARRIED

6. CORRESPONDENCE & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence

- a. Letter from Minister Whiteside dated November 3, 2022, RE: School Food Program
- b. Letter from Assistant Deputy Minister Kim dated November 9, 2022 RE: School Food Program
- c. Letter from the STA dated November 10, 2022 RE: Draft Policy C-434 Universal Precautions
- d. Letter from the District of Metchosin dated November 16, 2022 RE: Appointment to School Board Trustee
- e. Letter from the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee – October 7, 2022 RE: Increased Funding and Staff Resources for MYST/CRED

10. MOVED Ebony Logins/Cendra Beaton

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the correspondence as outlined in

section 6.1a., b. c., d. and e.
CARRIED

- 6.2 Standing Delegations (STA, CUPE, PVP, SPEAC) – 5 minutes each
STA – Jennifer Anderson
No delegation.

CUPE – Lou Leslie

The Vice President spoke about CUPE's desire to see affordable public childcare delivered in school districts using existing facilities and staff, CUPE's 60th birthday in 2023, and the management mandated PRO-D Day held on November 25, 2022. CUPE indicated its frustration surrounding poorly attended planning meetings by management and hoped moving forward that management would reaffirm its commitment.

PVP – Jen Nixon

Jen Nixon led the Board of Education through a grounding session and provided a presentation on PVP strategies around health and wellness.

SPEAC – Melissa Da Silva

SPEAC hosted its leadership dinner at Royal Bay Secondary School on November 21, 2022. Melissa Da Silva indicated that SD 61 and SD 63 DPAC's are interested in reinstating a South Island network and hosting a joint parent conference in the new year. Details to follow. The next SPEAC meeting will be held via Zoom on January 18, 2023.

7. FINANCE, FACILITIES AND SERVICES

- 7.1 Resources Committee – Meeting of November 15, 2022 – Ravi Parmar

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

11. MOVED Ravi Parmar/Ebony Logan

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Resources Committee Meeting of November 15, 2022.

CARRIED

- 7.2 Capital Plan Bylaw 2022-02 – Colwood Elementary School Lease -Harold Cull

Staff provided an overview of the Colwood Elementary School Site Lease and subsequent requirement to dispose of the land, as the District moves into a long-term lease with a childcare provider.

12. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Allison Watson

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) give first reading to *Disposal of Real Property Bylaw No. 2022-02* in order to authorize the lease of a 0.32 acres (1,224m³) triangle section on the north field of the Colwood Elementary property located at 3000 Wishart Road.

CARRIED

- 7.3 Staff Affordability Fund – Ravi Parmar

Trustee Parmar spoke about the global increase in interest rates, basic housing, food, gas and other daily costs. He proposed that the District create a one-time staff affordability fund to help those staff members who are struggling.

13. MOVED Ravi Parmar/Amanda Dowhy

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) direct the Superintendent to create a one-time, \$25,000 staff affordability fund to support staff members struggling with rising costs due to global inflation. And furthermore, the fund be modelled off the student and family affordability fund.

CARRIED

8. EDUCATION PROGRAM

8.1 Report on the Education-Policy Committee – Meeting held on November 8, 2022

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

14. MOVED Ravi Parmar/Ebony Logins

Given that the required period for Notice of Motion has been served, that the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt new Policy F-325 “Cyber Risk and Security”.

CARRIED

15. MOVED Ravi Parmar/Cendra Beaton

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the Quarter One Strategic Plan Report presented at the Education-Policy Committee Meeting of November 8, 2022.

CARRIED

16. MOVED Ravi Parmar/Cendra Beaton

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Education-Policy Committee Meeting of November 8, 2022.

CARRIED

8.2 Adoption of Policy and Regulations – Scott Stinson

David Strange provided some feedback to the Board of Education on the draft new Policy and Regulations, C-434 “Universal Precautions”.

17. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Trudy Spiller

Given that the required period for notice of motion has been served, that the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the new Policy and Regulations C-434 “Universal Precautions”.

CARRIED

9. STUDENTS

10. FOUNDATIONS & GOVERNANCE

10.1 Na'tsa'maht Education Council - Meeting of November 16, 2022

Staff provided the Board of Education with the highlights of the Na'tsa'maht Education Committee Meeting which included discussion around the Student and Family Affordability Fund, updated the Terms of Reference for the upcoming year, and a decision to invite urban organizations to join the Council.

10.2 Board Reaffirmation of Values and SOGI Training – Allison Watson

Trustee Watson provided an overview of her proposed motions to the Board of Education.

18. MOVED Allison Watson/Cendra Beaton

That the Board of Education of School District No. 62 (Sooke) publicly reaffirm its support for the use of classroom materials that destigmatizes and normalizes conversations around gender identity and sexual orientation, including SOGI 123 resources.

CARRIED

19. MOVED Allison Watson/Amanda Dowhy
That the Board of Education of School District No. 62 (Sooke) engage in gender diversity training and capacity-building to adapt practice and language, by partnering with a gender diversity consulting company.
CARRIED

11. ADMINISTRATION

11.1 Superintendent's Report – Scott Stinson

The Superintendent provided an update to the Board of Education on Remembrance Day Assemblies, FSA testing in the District, and the 10,000 Tonight Food Drive. Three neighbourhood schools will be participating, following which donations will be made to the Westshore and Sooke food banks on behalf of the District.

12. PERSONNEL

13. UPCOMING EVENTS

December 6, 2022 Education-Policy Committee Meeting
December 7, 2022 – Resources Committee Meeting
December 13, 2022 – Public Board Meeting

14. FUTURE ITEMS


15. QUESTION PERIOD

Members of the public can ask questions related to agenda items. All media questions can be directed to the Manager, Strategic Communications for follow-up and response.


16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Chairperson of the Board



Secretary-Treasurer