



**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PUBLIC MEETING  
LIVE MS Teams Event  
September 1, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.**

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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

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 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:

87.        MOVED Dianna Seaton/Bob Phillips  
              That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the agenda of  
              September 1, 2020 as presented.  
              CARRIED

**3. MINUTES**

3.1 Call for amendments to minutes:

88.        MOVED Bob Phillips/Dianna Seaton  
              That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the minutes of  
              the June 23, 2020 meeting as presented.  
              CARRIED

#### 4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### 4.1 Board Chair Update – Ravi Parmar

The Board Chair thanked all staff, students and families of School District 62 for their support and patience during this unprecedented time. He acknowledged the promotion of Farzaan Nusserwanji, Executive Director IT, and thanked the IT team for its continued support. The District will continue to hold its public meeting virtually via MS Teams, looking to the Public Health Officer for future direction.

##### 4.2 Verbal Update on K-12 Restart Plan – Scott Stinson

Scott Stinson provided an update to the Board of Education on the developing Stage 2 Restart Plan. It includes:

- In Class Learning (over 80% of District students indicated that they will return);
- Gradual Transition Through Remote Learning (approximately 12% preferred this method of learning);
- Distributed Learning (approximately 4% of District students preferred this method of learning); and
- Homeschooling (approximately 2% of District students preferred this method of learning-this number may change now there is a remote learning option).

#### 5. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

#### 6. CORRESPONDENCE & DELEGATIONS

##### 6.1 Correspondence:

###### a. Letter from FNEBC – Re: Mandatory First Peoples’ Course in the BC K-12 Graduation Program – June 29, 2020

89. MOVED Dianna Seaton/Allison Watson

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the Letter from FNEBC and in response send a letter of support for Mandatory First Peoples’ Course in the BC K-12 Graduation Program to the Minister of Education.

CARRIED

###### b. CUPE BC Seamless Day Proposal – August 12, 2020

90. MOVED Wendy Hobbs/Allison Watson

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the information from CUPE BC and refer it to the Superintendent to be brought forward to a future Resources Committee Meeting, following the introduction of a Board Policy to deal with childcare.

CARRIED

###### c. Black Lives in SD62 – Educational Materials – June 12, 2020

91. MOVED Bob Phillips/Allison Watson

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the correspondence regarding Black Lives in SD 62.

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 regarding feedback that the STA has surrounding the K-12 Restart Plan. Further, she indicated that STA will be surveying members regarding mental health concerns.

CUPE – Amber Leonard

Amber Leonard thanked those CUPE members who worked over the summer to provide a safe, clean and healthy environment for staff members' and students' return. CUPE intends to launch a membership engagement campaign in the new school year, and looks forward to working with the District on the CUPE BC Seamless Day Proposal.

PVP – Jim Lamond

Jim Lamond updated the Board of Education on the activities in the District. They included: Savory Elementary School repaved parking lot; District Fast Track Summer Learning success rate (96%); Colwood Elementary Staff Planning Day, John Stubbs Memorial nature playground installation; Royal Bay Secondary School Expansion Project; and the movement of portables to Belmont Secondary School.

SPEAC – Cendra Beaton

Cendra Beaton thanked the Board of Education, and the Leadership Team, for its work on the K-12 Restart Plan. SPEAC communicated with a large number of District families who required clarification on the Restart Plan. Further details pertaining to the start of the school year will be provided by individual schools.

Canadian Parents for French – Amanda Culver

Amanda Culver indicated that CPF also communicated with a large number of District families regarding the restart and concerns that families had. She indicated that the CPF Annual General Meeting is occurring virtually on September 19, 2020.

Students

No delegation.

**7. FINANCE, FACILITIES AND SERVICES**

**7.1 Report on the Resources Committee – Meeting held on August 26, 2020**

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

92. MOVED Wendy Hobbs/Bob Phillips

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Resources Committee meeting of August 26, 2020.

CARRIED

**8. EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**8.1 Report on the Education Policy Committee – Meeting held on August 25, 2020**

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

93. MOVED Bob Phillips/Allison Watson

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve BAA course Automotive Service and Repair 11.

CARRIED

94. MOVED Bob Phillips/Dianna Seaton

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve BAA course Automotive Service and Repair 12.

CARRIED

95. MOVED Bob Phillips/Dianna Seaton  
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from  
the Education Policy Committee meeting of August 25, 2020.  
CARRIED (Allison Watson absent)

**9. STUDENTS**

**10. FOUNDATIONS & GOVERNANCE**

**11. ADMINISTRATION**

**11.1 Superintendent's Report – Scott Stinson**

Scott Stinson provided an update to the Board of Education connected to the District's Strategic Plan goals of learning, engagement and growth. In addition to developing the K-12 Restart Plan, the District has been engaged in other activities. The Leadership Team has just completed a District Online Training Course: Return to School Through a Trauma Lens. Furthermore, the District has been in constant communication with the Minister of Education, its Partner Groups (STA, CUPE, PVP, SPEAC) and staff during the summer in an effort to maximize district engagement. The Royal Bay Secondary School Expansion has been completed for 2020-2021 school year. In addition, the contract for the Pexsisen Elementary School and the Centre Mountain Lellum Middle School new school build has been awarded. The tentative completion date for the new schools is July 20, 2022.

**12. PERSONNEL**

**13. UPCOMING EVENTS**

September 7, 2020 – Labour 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 8:36 p.m.

Certified Correct:

  
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Chairperson of the Board

  
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Secretary-Treasurer