

**COMMITTEE REPORT OF THE
EDUCATION-POLICY COMMITTEE
School Board Office**

Dec. 2, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

Present: Cendra Beaton, Trustee (Chair)
Allison Watson, Trustee (Committee member)
Trudy Spiller, Trustee (Committee member)
Dana Savage, CUPE
Amanda Culver, STA
Corrinne Kosik, SPVPA
Ash Senini, SPEAC
Paul Block Superintendent/CEO
D'Arcy Deacon, Associate Superintendent
Vanessa White, Acting Associate Superintendent

Regrets: Tim Hamblin, CUPE

Guests: Mike Huck, Frances Krusekopf, Anne Sahota

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FIRST NATIONS TERRITORIES

With gratitude and respect, we acknowledge that we live, learn, and work on the traditional territories of the Coast Salish: T'Sou-ke Nation, SCÍÁNEW (Beecher Bay) Nation, and the Nuu-chah-nulth: Paaʔčiidʔath (Pacheedaht) Nation. We also recognize that some of our schools are located on the traditional territories of the MÁLEXEL (Malahat) Nation, and the Lək'wəŋən peoples of Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.

2. Opening Remarks from Chair

Chair Beaton opened the meeting by acknowledging all partner groups and thanked staff for their work across the district. Chair Beaton acknowledged the upcoming winter break and encouraged all to take care of each other during the holiday season.

3. COMMITTEE REPORT of Nov. 4, 2025 Education-Policy Committee meeting

The committee report for the Nov. 4, 2025 Education-Policy Committee meeting was received by the committee. No errors or omissions were noted.

4. BAA COURSE PROPOSALS (attached)

a. BAA Hockey Innovation and Performance 11 – Mike Huck

District Principal of Pathways and Choice, Mike Huck, explained that there is a shortage in the workforce of individuals who go into the sporting industry. A student exposure gap and awareness impact exist that prevents students from making informed choices about career options in sports. The course will include hands on learning with 120 hours of instruction at the grade 11 level.

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education for School District #62 (Sooke) approve the proposed BAA Course “Hockey Innovation and Performance 11”, effective February 1, 2026.

5. **NEW BUSINESS** (attached)

- a. Early Learning and Childcare Presentation – Frances Krusekopf & Anne Sahota
District Principal of Early Learning and Childcare, Frances Krusekopf, and Childcare Manager, Anne Sahota, provided an update to the committee about the current operation of childcare centres in the Sooke School District. The committee asked questions about staffing and potential impact on Sooke School District employees. It was clarified that the district is learning its way into the new structures and legislation that empower school districts to provide additional care where possible.

6. **REVIEW OF POLICIES/REGULATIONS** (attached)

There are no policies or regulations for this agenda.

7. **FOR INFORMATION**

Members of the committee expressed gratitude to Acting Associate Superintendent Vanessa White for all her support during her time acting in the role.

8. **FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

9. **ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING DATE:** Jan. 6, 2026

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

