

COMMITTEE REPORT OF THE EDUCATION-POLICY COMMITTEE

**School Board Office
May 6, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.**

Present: Amanda Dowhy, Trustee (Acting Chair)
Cendra Beaton, Trustee (Committee member)
Trudy Spiller, Trustee (Committee member)
Dana Savage, CUPE
Melissa Horner, SPVPA
Amanda Culver, STA
Monica Braniff, Deputy Superintendent
Dave Strange, Associate Superintendent
D'Arcy Deacon, Associate Superintendent
Beth Kim, Digital Asset Management Analyst

Regrets: Paul Block, Superintendent/CEO, Sandra Arnold – SPEAC rep.

Guests: Jon Carr, District Principal – NIE, Marlys Denny – District Vice Principal NIE

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FIRST NATIONS TERRITORIES

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: Sc'ianew Nation, and T'Sou-ke Nation; including the West Coast Pacheedaht Nation, Nuu-chah-nulth. (words gifted by the three nations SD62 works with)

2. Opening Remarks from Chair

The Chair invited the committee to take a moment to reflect on the recent tragedy at the Vancouver Lapu Lapu festival offered condolences to the families and broader community affected by this tragic event. Additionally, the Chair highlighted this being Mental Health Awareness week and the work being done in community and the Sooke School District to support students, staff and families. Finally, the Chair recognized a variety of events held across the district this week including Music Monday and Red Dress Day events.

3. COMMITTEE REPORT of April 1, 2025 Education-Policy Committee meeting

The committee report for the April 1, 2025 Education-Policy Committee meeting was received by the committee. One omission was noted from the report. In the regrets section there were omissions - Trustee Logins had sent regrets and this was not recorded.

4. BAA COURSE PROPOSALS

There were no BAA course proposals for this meeting.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Na'tsa'maht Enhancement Agreement Mid-Year Report – Jon Carr

Mr. Carr and Ms. Denny presented the Na'tsa'maht Enhancement Agreement Mid-Year Report. The presentation was well received and was followed with discussion, questions and feedback. The committee expressed gratitude for the work being done in support of Indigenous students in our district and the commitment to continuing the work to improve Indigenous student success from K through to Grade 12.

At one point clarification was sought on the difference between an Enhancement Agreement and a Local Education Agreement. Additionally, concerns were expressed as to the work that remains to be done along with a strong expression of hope that we continue to take significant steps to improve success rates.

b. Quarter 3 Operational Plan Report – Monica Braniff

Deputy Superintendent Braniff presented the Quarter 3 Operational Plan Report. Associate Superintendents Deacon and Strange were invited to speak to specific sections in the report. The presentation was well received and was followed with discussion, questions and feedback. Appreciation was shared for updates and changes to the Q2 report. Additionally, committee members expressed hope that the district would be moving forward on several key items including gendered language in policy and SOGI work.

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the Quarter 3 Report as presented at the Education-Policy Committee meeting of May 6, 2025.

6. **REVIEW OF POLICIES/REGULATIONS**

There were no policies or regulations for review at this meeting.

7. **FOR INFORMATION**

a. Research Project Approval – “Considering Classroom Management Through a Lens of Coloniality” – Dr. Lyndze Harvey, UVic

The proposal was spoken to by the Deputy Superintendent. Support for the project was expressed by the committee with a hope that findings would be reported back at a later date.

8. **FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

9. **ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING DATE:** June 3, 2025