



**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
LIVE MS Teams Event
April 27, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.**

TRUSTEES: Ravi Parmar, Board Chair Bob Beckett, Vice-Chair
 Bob Phillips Margot Swinburnson
 Allison Watson Dianna Seaton

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
 Vanessa White, District Principal Safe and Healthy Schools

REGRETS: Wendy Hobbs
 Dave Strange

SECRETARY: Kristina Ross

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 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

68. MOVED Bob Beckett/Dianna Seaton
 That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the agenda of
 April 27, 2021 as presented.
 CARRIED

3. MINUTES

3.1 Call for amendments to minutes

69. MOVED Margot Swinburnson/Dianna Seaton
 That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the minutes of
 the March 9, 2021 meeting as presented.

CARRIED

4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.1 Board Chair Update – Ravi Parmar

Trustee Phillips spoke of the recent loss of Elder Jack Planes on April 9, 2021, and sent condolences to the family and friends of the T'Sou-ke First Nation. The Board Chair acknowledged how hard this pandemic has been on the staff, students and families of the District, and thanked them for their continued support. He acknowledged the National Day of Mourning on April 28, 2021 and renewed the district's commitment to creating a safe workplace. Further, the Board Chair had the pleasure of meeting with several District Principals on April 1, 2021 which led to productive and fruitful discussions.

4.2 COVID-19 Update – Scott Stinson

The Superintendent recognized the stress and anxiety in the District returning from Spring Break/Easter Break and the impact on exposures at our schools. Subsequently, the number of exposures has decreased significantly and there have been no new incidents this week. There are a number of processes available to staff concerning vaccinations, and the Superintendent urged staff to register through the age-based process, and at local pharmacies. Furthermore, there should be additional information regarding vaccinations to essential services workers coming shortly.

5. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Strategic Plan – The District's Vision, Mission, Beliefs and Values – Scott Stinson

Scott Stinson acknowledged Sue Grundy, Manager of Executive Operations, and provided an overview of the District's Strategic Plan and its mission, vision, beliefs and values to the Board of Education.

70. MOVED Allison Watson/Margot Swinburnson

That the Board of Education for School District 62 (Sooke) reaffirm their commitment to the existing vision statement: "We honour student voice and choice through engaging, purposeful and experiential learning in a safe and respectful community".

CARRIED

71. MOVED Ravi Parmar/Allison Watson

That the Board of Education for School District No. 62 (Sooke) amend the District's mission statement so it reads the following: "To help develop informed, literate, and resilient citizens through engagement in a safe, respectful, inclusive and responsive School District #62 learning community."

CARRIED

72. MOVED Ravi Parmar/Margot Swinburnson

That the Board of Education for School District 62 (Sooke) reaffirm the Board's values statement with the addition of 'Diversity' and 'Equity' to the existing list of Board values, thereby becoming: "Relationships, Choice, Respect, Integrity, Trust, Safety, Diversity and Equity".

CARRIED

73. MOVED Ravi Parmar/Margot Swinburnson

That the Board of Education for School District 62 (Sooke) reaffirm the Board's belief statement as amended so it reads as the following:

In School District #62, we believe:

- The quality of experience for students and staff should be engaging, purposeful and reflective of voice and choice;
- All education partners, staff and citizens in the communities the District serves have a role in supporting student learning, each with distinct responsibilities;

- In the commitment of fostering diversity and actively pursue equity by understanding the complexities that affect achievement;
- In fostering a district-wide focus on learning and ensuring an equitable approach to enable everyone to have the opportunity to achieve their potential;
- In continuous improvement through decision-making informed by gathering evidence that is strength and results-based;
- We are growing at an unparalleled pace and it is necessary to manage this growth appropriately to ensure that the District continues to deliver successful education programs; and
- That the shifting landscape due to the COVID 19 pandemic has reinforced the importance of public education in our community and has provided the unique opportunity to learn from its challenges and work with our partner groups to leverage the opportunities discovered.

CARRIED

74. MOVED Allison Watson/Bob Beckett
That the Board of Education for School District 62 (Sooke) amend the motion by rewording bullet #3 so it reads as the following:

- **In the commitment of fostering diversity and actively pursue equity by understanding the complexities that affect achievement;**

CARRIED

75. MOVED Allison Watson/Bob Beckett
That the Board of Education for School District 62 (Sooke) amend the motion by rewording bullet #7 so it reads the following:

- That the shifting landscape due to the COVID-19 pandemic-has reinforced the importance of public education in our community and has provided the unique opportunity to learn from its challenges and work with our partner groups to leverage the **lessons learned**.

DEFEATED

76. MOVED Margot Swinburnson/Allison Watson
That the Board of Education for School District 62 (Sooke) amend the motion by rewording bullet #7 so it reads as the following:

- That the shifting landscape due to the COVID-pandemic has reinforced the importance of public education in our community and has provided the unique opportunity to learn from its challenges and work with our partner groups to leverage **the opportunities discovered**.

AMENDED

6. CORRESPONDENCE & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence:

- a. Letters from Minister Fleming, Minister Malcolmson, and Minister Robinson:

77. MOVED Bob Beckett/Dianna Seaton
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the letters from Minister Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, dated March 30, 2021; from Minister Malcolmson, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, dated March 30, 2021; and from Minister Robinson, Minister of Finance, dated April 12, 2021.

CARRIED

6.2 Standing Delegations (STA, CUPE, PVP, SPEAC, CPF, Students) – 5 minutes each

STA – Jennifer Anderson

Jennifer Anderson read a letter to the Board of Education from a group of SD 62 staff pertaining to the hiring practices of Sooke School District. There were several recommendations, regarding equity and diversity, that were proposed to the Board of Education.

CUPE – Amber Leonard

Amber Leonard indicated that the next CUPE PRO-D is occurring on May 14, 2021 with a focus on mental health of its members. In addition, she recognized the National Day of Mourning on April 28, 2021 which offers the District an opportunity to renew our collective commitment to protecting the health, safety, and well being of all workers.

PVP – Mike Huck

No delegation.

SPEAC – Sandra Arnold

Sandra Arnold indicated that the SPEAC AGM is occurring on May 19, 2021 via MS Teams. In addition, there is a parent session, Social Media Awareness, Digital Footprint, and Cyberbullying, being offered on May 6, 2021.

Canadian Parents for French – Billie-Jo Cavanaugh

Billie-Jo Cavanaugh indicated that the Candian Parents for French AGM is occurring on May 25, 2021. CPF is currently looking for members and volunteers to join its chapter.

Students

No delegation.

7. FINANCE, FACILITIES AND SERVICES

7.1 Report on the Resources Committee – Meeting held on April 13, 2021

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

78. **MOVED** Bob Beckett/Margot Swinburnson

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) write a letter to the Minister of Education and the Minister of Finance detailing the budget challenges being faced by the Sooke School District and request that Government fully fund all collective agreement wage and inflationary increases.

CARRIED

79. **MOVED** Bob Beckett/Dianna Seaton

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Resources Committee Meeting of April 13, 2021.

CARRIED

7.2 Report on the Audit Committee – Meeting held on April 20, 2021

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

80. **MOVED** Bob Phillips/Allison Watson

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the Audit Planning Report as provided by KPMG at the April 20, 2021 Audit Committee Meeting.

CARRIED

7.3 Provincial Budget 2021/22 and the Ministry of Education Service Plan – Harold Cull/Ravi Parmar

Harold Cull provided an overview of the Provincial Budget 2021/22 and how it relates to the District funding as well as a summary of the Ministry's current service plan.

8. EDUCATION PROGRAM

8.1 Report on the Education Policy Committee – Meeting held on April 6, 2021

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

81. MOVED Allison Watson/Bob Phillips
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) give Notice of Motion to draft revised Policy and Regulations B-345 "Core French".
CARRIED

82. MOVED Allison Watson/Bob Phillips
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) give Notice of Motion to draft revised Policy and Regulations B-346 "French Language Programs".
CARRIED

83. MOVED Allison Watson/Dianna Seaton
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Education-Policy Committee Meeting of April 6, 2021.
CARRIED

8.2 Policy Feedback Received on Policies D-310 and E-311

At the March 9, 2021 Public Board Meeting, the Board gave "Notice of Motion" for new Policy and Regulations D-310 and revised Policy E-311. Feedback has been provided during the 30-day period, and revisions have been incorporated.

8.2.1 Policy and Regulations D-310 Non-Initiated Research

84. MOVED Allison Watson/Bob Phillips
Given that the required period for notice of motion has been served that the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt revised draft Policy and Regulations D-310 "Non-Board Initiated Research".
CARRIED

8.2.2 Policy E-311 Class II License

85. MOVED Allison Watson/Dianna Seaton
Given that the required period for notice of motion has been served that the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt revised draft Policy E-311 "Class II License".
CARRIED

9. STUDENTS

9.1 District Work Supporting Student Mental Wellbeing – Vanessa White

This item has been referred the Education-Policy Committee Meeting due to time restraints. This item will be brought to the Board of Education's attention again on May 25, 2021.

10. FOUNDATIONS & GOVERNANCE

10.1 Report on the Governance Committee – Meeting held on April 19, 2021

86. **MOVED** Dianna Seaton/Allison Watson
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the changes to Procedural Regulation A-401 “Board Meeting Agenda Planning” as presented at the April 19, 2021 Governance Committee meeting.
CARRIED

87. **MOVED** Dianna Seaton/Allison Watson
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the changes to Procedural Regulation A-411 “Order of Business for Board Meetings” as presented at the April 19, 2021 Governance Committee meeting.
CARRIED

10.2 Report from the Aboriginal Education Council – Meeting of April 21, 2021 - Dianna Seaton
Trustee Seaton provided an overview of the Aboriginal Education Council Meeting held April 21, 2021. The Aboriginal Education Department has been renamed Na’tsa’maht Indigenous Education Department.

10.3 Report from the French Advisory Committee – Meeting of April 22, 2021 – Wendy Hobbs
No report.

10.4 Report from the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee –Margot Swinburnson
Trustee Swinburnson provided an overview of the VFCYJC and indicated that the subject of governance was widely discussed. Of note, all South Island school districts have representation on this committee.

10.5 BC Schools Trustees Association AGM Update – Allison Watson
Trustee Watson provided an update on the BCSTA AGM and the disposition of motions that were presented. The Keynote Town Hall speaker was Carole James with additional presentations from Andy Hargreaves and Kevin Godden.

11. ADMINISTRATION

11.1 Superintendent’s Report – Scott Stinson

Scott Stinson provided an update to the Board of Education an update on the District activities surrounding Learning, Engagement and Growth. The Superintendent acknowledged the National Day of Mourning and indicated that the School Board Office will be showcasing the flag provided by CUPE 459. In addition, he apologized for the outdated language sent from the District surrounding dress codes in our schools. This language has been updated, and provided throughout the District.

12. PERSONNEL

13. UPCOMING EVENTS

National Day of Mourning – April 28, 2021
UN Anti Bullying Day – May 4, 2021
Education Committee of the Whole – Budget Review – May 18, 2021

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 9:32 p.m.
Certified Correct:



Chairperson of the Board



Secretary-Treasurer