



**COMMITTEE REPORT OF THE
EDUCATION-POLICY COMMITTEE via MS Teams
Feb. 2, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.**

Present: Allison Watson, Trustee (Committee Chair)
Bob Phillips, Trustee (Committee Member)
Dianna Seaton, Trustee (Committee Member)
Christina Kempenaar, STA
Lou Leslie, CUPE
Georgette Walker, SPVPA
Cendra Beaton, SPEAC
Scott Stinson, Superintendent/CEO
Stephanie Hedley-Smith, Associate Superintendent
Paul Block, Associate Superintendent
Dave Strange, Associate Superintendent

Guests: Kerry Arnot, Frances Krusekopf, Jennifer Nixon, Brian Hotovy

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FIRST NATIONS TERRITORIES

We are honoured to be meeting on the traditional territories of the Coast Salish: T'Sou-ke Nation and Scia'new Nation and Nuu-chah-nulth: Pacheedaht Nation. We also recognize some of our schools reside on the traditional territory of the Esquimalt Nation and Songhees Nation.

2. Opening Remarks from Chair, Allison Watson

- COVID-19 Update

Superintendent Stinson provided a brief update related to COVID-19 health and safety initiatives.

3. COMMITTEE REPORT of Jan. 5, 2021 Education Standing Committee meeting

The committee report for the Jan. 5, 2021 Education-Policy Committee meeting was reviewed by the committee members.

4. BAA COURSE PROPOSALS

No submissions for this meeting.

5. REVIEW OF POLICIES/REGULATIONS

- a. Draft Revised Regulations C-210 "Placement of Students" – Stephanie Hedley-Smith
Stephanie Hedley-Smith reviewed the proposed revisions to the Regulations.

Recommendation:

That the changes to Administrative Regulations for Policy C-210 be received by the Board as part of the Education-Policy Committee report.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Presentation – Brian Hotovy – Youth Work in Trades – Student Opportunities and Community Engagement

Brian Hotovy, District Careers Co-ordinator, presented to the committee on Youth Work in Trades initiatives within the school district. Brian indicated that a number of students within the district have been able to receive secondary course credits for work experience as a result of their current ability to work. He advocated for parents and staff to encourage secondary students to approach our Career Co-ordinators to ensure they get the credits they have earned.

b. Outdoor Learning Discussion – Kerry Arnot, Frances Krusekopf, Jennifer Nixon, Stephanie Hedley-Smith

Led by Associate Superintendent, Stephanie Hedley-Smith, and Elementary Principals, Kerry Arnot, Frances Krusekopf, and Jennifer Nixon, a presentation was made on the current status of outdoor learning/education opportunities that exist within the school district.

The Outdoor Learning Working Committee will continue to gather information relative to expansion recommendations, research of other jurisdictions and consultations with partners, including Indigenous Rights Holders to bring forward to a future Education-Policy Committee Meeting.

The committee recommended that the video presentation be brought forward to share with the entire Board at the next Public Board Meeting.

7. **FOR INFORMATION**

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8. **FOR FUTURE MEETINGS – REVIEW OF POLICIES/REGULATIONS**

As per Policy Work Plan

9. **ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING DATE: Mar. 2, 2021**