

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
January 23, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.

TRUSTEES: Amanda Dowhy, Board Chair
Russ Chipps (virtual)
Ebony Logins (virtual)
Allison Watson
Cendra Beaton, Vice Chair
Christine Lervold (virtual)
Trudy Spiller

STAFF: Paul Block, Superintendent
Harold Cull, Secretary-Treasurer
Monica Braniff, Deputy Superintendent
D’Arcy Deacon, Associate Superintendent
David Strange, Associate Superintendent
Fred Hibbs, Executive Director, HR
Farzaan Nusserwanji, Executive Director, IT
Steve Tonnesen, Manager, IT Operations

SECRETARY: Kristina Ross

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FIRST NATIONS TERRITORIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by the Board Chair, who acknowledged the traditional territories of the First Nations.

2. AGENDA

2.1 Call for amendments and additional items

9. MOVED Ebony Logins/Trudy Spiller

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the public meeting agenda of January 23, 2024, as presented.

CARRIED

2.2 Report on In Camera Meeting – Amanda Dowhy

This notice is to inform the public that prior to this meeting an “in-camera” meeting of the Board was held where issues of legal, land and personnel were discussed.



3. MINUTES

3.1 Call for amendments to minutes

10. MOVED Allison Watson/Trudy Spiller
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the public meeting minutes of December 19, 2023, as presented.
CARRIED

4. INFORMATION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.1 Board Chair Update – Amanda Dowhy

The Board Chair spoke about the recent leadership transitions effective January 1, 2024 and thanked the members of the Facilities Department for their support in response to the incremental weather concerns. She spoke to the upcoming 2024/25 Budget Planning Cycle and that she looks forward to engaging with the District Stakeholders. Further, she thanked Hockey Day in Canada event organizers and reminded members that nominations for the 2024 Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education are being accepted.

5. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

5.1 International Student Program Presentation – Laura Schwertfeger

School District 62 (Sooke) hosts 300 students (243 FTE) from 23 countries with the majority of its students hailing from Germany, Japan, Mexico, Spain, and Italy. SD 62 offers two program types, one is the Graduation Program (28% of students participate in this program), and the Cultural Immersion Program (72% of students participate in this program). The International Student Program is currently focussing on its post COVID rebuild, focussing its energy and resources on rebuilding the Graduation Program market, and is looking forward to seeing a new secondary school open up in the District.

5.2 School Trip to Sisters OR, May 3-6, 2024 – Cody Cook

Staff provided an overview of the school trip to the Board of Education.

11. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Russ Chipps
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the Royal Bay Secondary School Lacrosse Trip to Sisters, OR May 3-6, 2024, subject to the oversight and direction of the Superintendent's Office.
CARRIED

5.3 School Trip to Denver CO, June 13-17, 2024 – Lucas McNeil



Staff provided an overview of the school trip to the Board of Education.

12. **MOVED** Cendra Beaton/Ebony Logins
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the Royal Bay Secondary School Lacrosse Trip to Denver CO, June 13-17, 2024, subject to the oversight and direction of the Superintendent's Office.
CARRIED

6. CORRESPONDENCE & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence

- a. Email from Linda C. dated January 12, 2024, RE: School Buses in Sooke

13. **MOVED** Trudy Spiller/Cendra Beaton
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the email from Linda C., dated January 12, 2024, RE: School Buses in Sooke.
CARRIED

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

STA – Jennifer Anderson

The STA indicated that it is growing and currently looking for a clerical member to assist in its delivery of services: to date the STA has 1000 members it supports. It is currently planning its April/May PRO D Days, which will be a combination of hybrid and in person offerings.

CUPE 459 – Amber Leonard

President Amber Leonard, and Tim Hamblin attended on behalf of CUPE 459. CUPE 459 is looking forward to meeting with the Board of Education to discuss the upcoming 2024/25 Budget Process and its priorities. Safety of students and members are at the forefront of its concerns. CUPE 459 thanked members of the Facilities and Transportation team for their hard work over the last several days.

PVP – Jen Nixon

Jen Nixon proved an overview of the activities around the District for the Board of Education. Belmont Secondary School completed its Capstone Interviews on January 17, 2024; students from John Stubbs were able to participate in a ski trip to Mount Washington, Ruth King Elementary hosted a Hack-a-thon with cash prizes and certificates available Spencer Middle School is hosting a human library, and a Salish weave art galley, and the District is hosting Literacy Week.



SPEAC – Nevada Kaludjar
No delegation.

7. FINANCE, FACILITIES AND SERVICES

7.1 Resources Committee Meeting of January 16, 2024 – Ebony Logins

Trustee Logins provided an overview of the Resources Committee Meeting of January 16, 2024, to the Board of Education.

14. **MOVED** Ebony Logins/Cendra Beaton
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the Middle School Lacrosse Academy Fees for 2023/2024 school year and the District Academy Fees for the 2024/25 school year as amended at the Resources Committee meeting of January 16, 2024.

CARRIED

15. **MOVED** Ebony Logins/Trudy Spiller
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) allow all three readings of the 2023/24 Amended Budget Bylaw at its meeting of February 27, 2024.

CARRIED

16. **MOVED** Ebony Logins/Cendra Beaton
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the Long-Range Facilities Plan as amended at the Resources Committee meeting of January 16, 2024.

CARRIED

17. **MOVED** Ebony Logins/Cendra Beaton
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Resources Committee Meeting of January 16, 2024.

CARRIED

7.2 Amended Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD62-04 – Harold Cull

18. **MOVED** Cendra Beaton/Allison Watson



That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) allow all three readings of the 23/24 Amended Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24 CPSD62-04 at its meeting of January 23, 2024.

CARRIED

19. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Trudy Spiller

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) give first, second and third readings to the 23/24 Amended Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24 CPSD62-04.

CARRIED

8. EDUCATION PROGRAM

8.1 Education-Policy Committee Meeting of January 9, 2024 – Allison Watson

Trustee Watson provided an overview of the Education-Policy Committee Meeting of January 9, 2024, to the Board of Education.

20. MOVED Allison Watson/Cendra Beaton

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) give Notice of Motion to draft revised Policy F-302 “Use of School Facilities for Child Care Programs”.

CARRIED

21. MOVED Allison Watson/Trudy Spiller

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the SD 62 Middle School Lacrosse Academy as a District Academy to begin in April 2024.

CARRIED

22. MOVED Allison Watson/Cendra Beaton

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) accept and endorse the Elementary Blended Learning Program as presented to the Education Policy Committee meeting.

CARRIED

23. MOVED Allison Watson/Cendra Beaton

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Education-Policy Committee Meeting of January 9, 2024.

CARRIED

8.2 Adoption of District Policies & Regulations – Paul Block



The Superintendent provided an overview of the policies and regulations due for adoption.

24. **MOVED Allison Watson/Cendra Beaton**
Given that the required period for Notice of Motion has been served, that the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt draft revised Policy and Procedural Regulations E-158 “Public Interest Disclosure – Whistleblower Protection”
CARRIED

25. **MOVED Allison Watson/Trudy Spiller**
Given that the required period for Notice of Motion has been served, that the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt draft new Policy and Regulations E-205 “Recruitment and Selection of Administrative Personnel”
CARRIED

8.3 Sanctuary School Policy and Regulation – Allison Watson

Trustee Watson provided an overview of the sanctuary school policy and regulation she would like produced.

26. **MOVED Allison Watson/Russ Chipps**
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) direct staff to create a Sanctuary School Policy and Regulations.
CARRIED

9. **STUDENTS**

10. **FOUNDATIONS AND GOVERNANCE**

10.1 Trustee Liaison Reports – Board of Education

Trustee Beaton provided an update on BCPSEA activities to the Board of Education. AGM January 25th, information is available on BCPSEA website.

10.2 Proposed BCSTA Motions – Allison Watson

Trustee Watson asked for the Board of Education’s support for the following motion:

27. **MOVED Allison Watson/Trudy Spiller**
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) submit the following motion to the BCSTA 2024 AGM.



That BCSTA urge the Ministry of Education and Childcare, to implement effective methods for assessing and measuring the impacts of climate change on student outcomes in a manner that supports timely and improved decision-making, policies and planning at a local and provincial level.

CARRIED

28. **MOVED** Allison Watson/Trudy Spiller

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) write a letter to the Minister of Education and Childcare to urge it to implement effective methods for assessing and measuring the impacts of climate change on student outcomes in a manner that supports timely and improved decision-making, policies and planning at a local and provincial level.

CARRIED

11. **ADMINISTRATION**

11.1 Board of Education 90 Day Work Plan – Amanda Dowhy

The Board Chair provided an overview of the work plan to the Board of Education.

12. **PERSONNEL**

12.1 Superintendent’s Report – Scott Stinson

The Superintendent provided the Board of Education an update on Learning, Engagement and Growth. Registration, PVP Recruitment, Leadership Changes within the District and an updated Long-Range Facilities Plan were discussed in greater detail. The Superintendent acknowledged the efforts of the Facilities personnel during the incremental weather challenges.

13. **UPCOMING EVENTS**

February 6 – Education Policy Committee Meeting

February 13 – Resources Committee Meeting

February 16- Non-Instructional Day

February 19 – BC Family Day

February 27 – Public Board Meeting

14. **FUTURE ITEMS**

15. **QUESTION PERIOD**

Members of the public can ask questions related to agenda items discussed at tonight’s meeting using the QA function in MS Teams. Individuals must identify themselves and ask



questions directed to the Chair. Members of the media can direct their questions to the Manager, Strategic Communications for response following the meeting.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Chairperson of the Board



Secretary-Treasurer

