

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
LIVE MS Teams Event
November 24, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

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

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
Sue Grundy, Manager of Executive Operations

REGRETS:

SECRETARY: Kristina Ross

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 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

113. MOVED Margot Swinburnson/Bob Beckett
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the agenda of
November 24, 2020 as amended.
CARRIED

3. MINUTES

3.1 Call for amendments to minutes

114. MOVED Margot Swinburnson/Dianna Seaton
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the minutes of
the October 27, 2020 meeting as presented.

CARRIED

4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.1 Board Chair Update – Ravi Parmar

Ravi Parmar thanked members of the community, staff and students for their continued commitment to the updated restrictions issued by the Provincial Government. He mentioned the ground-breaking ceremony for a future Middle and Elementary school in West Langford, and spoke briefly about Chilliwack School District 33.

4.2 COVID-19 Health & Safety Update – Scott Stinson

Scott Stinson provided the Board of Education an update on communication to staff, students and families as updated restrictions were issued by the Public Health Office which are in effect November 19, 2020 to December 7, 2020. There have been 549 active COVID-19 exposures in schools which includes both students and staff in the Province. Eighty-one percent of these exposures are in 14 school districts, the majority of which are in the Lower Mainland. Twenty-eight school districts had 0 exposures, while 83% of provincial schools have had 0 cases. The data tells us that the protocols in place in schools are working. The School District continues to take its direction from the Provincial Health Office, BC Centre for Disease Control and WorkSafeBC.

5. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Catchment Review – Scott Stinson

Scott Stinson provided an update to the Board of Education on the Catchment Review.

115. MOVED Wendy Hobbs/Dianna Seaton

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) convene a Committee of the Whole meeting on December 8, 2020 for the purpose of discussing the proposed catchment revisions and furthermore allow members of the public to address the Board through delegation requests with a maximum of 2 minutes to address the Board.

CARRIED

The following is a timeline of events:

- December 1 - Review of consultation information with Catchment Advisory Committee
- December 2 – Catchment review feedback presented to the Resources Committee
- December 8 – Committee of the Whole Meeting – Catchment Review – Community Input
- December 15 – Board decides on catchment lines based on input
- December – Public is informed on the revised catchment boundaries

6. CORRESPONDENCE & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence:

a. Letter from Metchosin Museum Society – October 22, 2020

116. MOVED Dianna Seaton/Margot Swinburnson

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the letter from Metchosin Museum Society and refer it to the Superintendent.

CARRIED

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

STA – Jennifer Anderson

Jennifer Anderson indicated according to a recent poll, 68% of STA members are feeling utterly exhausted/somewhat exhausted, and are looking forward to Winter Break. Further, she indicated that Winter Break won't provide much of a rest period for teachers, as she feels the break needs to be longer

in duration. In addition, she discussed remote learning for students as COVID-19 cases rise, and indicated that the District may lose enrollment in future years.

CUPE – Amber Leonard

Amber Leonard indicated that risk assessments continue at sites in the School District. CUPE 459 conducted a Pro D Day on November 20, 2020 in which members were able to attend webinars including: Crisis Development Model; and Balance and Burnout - Unplugging During Challenging Times.

PVP – Karen DeCicco

Karen DeCicco briefed the Board of Education on art installations at RBSS, increased attendance rates across the District, District wide storytelling, live streamed Remembrance Day assemblies and upcoming winter concerts, outdoor learning, the STA Pro D Day, and the return of sports across the District. Further, Karen DeCicco thanked education assistants, teachers, students and parents for continuing to collaborate and connect inside and outside of schools.

SPEAC – Cendra Beaton

Cendra Beaton was unable to attend the Board Meeting virtually; however, she did send a statement to be read by the Board Chair. She indicated that SPEAC is conducting PAC 101 learning sessions this month for parents interested in taking a leadership role in a PAC or DPAC.

Canadian Parents for French – Billie-Jo Cavanaugh

Billie- Jo Cavanaugh indicated that the Sooke Chapter of the Canadian Parents for French has not met since October, 2020; the next scheduled meeting will occur on December 16, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Students

No delegation.

7. FINANCE, FACILITIES AND SERVICES

7.1 Report on the Resources Committee – Meeting held on November 10, 2020

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

117. MOVED Bob Beckett/Allison Watson

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Resources Committee meeting of November 10, 2020.

CARRIED

8. EDUCATION PROGRAM

8.1 Report on the Education Policy Committee – Meeting held on November 3, 2020

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

118. MOVED Bob Phillips/Margot Swinburnson

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) give “Notice of Motion” to draft a new Policy and Regulations “E-158 – Public Interest Disclosure – Whistleblower Protection”.

CARRIED

119. MOVED Bob Phillips/Margot Swinburnson

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Education Policy Committee meeting of November 3, 2020.

CARRIED

9. STUDENTS

10. FOUNDATIONS & GOVERNANCE

10.1 Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee (VFCYJC) Report – Margot Swinburnson

Margot Swinburnson provided the Board of Education an update on the latest VFCYJC meeting and provided members with a copy of the Three-Year Strategic Plan.

10.2 EMCS Society Update

Bob Phillips provided the Board of Education an update on the EMCS Society. Highlights included: changes in the risk management insurance program; completion of the EMCS theatre seats project, completion of the Tale of the Whale project; and the decline of revenue due to COVID-19.

11. ADMINISTRATION

11.1 Superintendent’s Report – Scott Stinson

Scott Stinson provided an update to the Board of Education on the Jointly Convened Annual Meeting (important session), the November 20, 2020 Non-Instructional Day, District Remembrance Day Assemblies, Inclusive Education Services virtual professional learning opportunity with Shelley Moore, and Willway Elementary School’s new pathway.

12. PERSONNEL

13. UPCOMING EVENTS

BCSTA Academy - Renewed Focus Leading Through Crisis– November 26-27, 2020

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 9:06 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Chairperson of the Board



Secretary-Treasurer