

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
LIVE MS Teams Event
April 28, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

TRUSTEES: Ravi Parmar, Board Chair Bob Beckett, Vice-Chair
Wendy Hobbs 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
Stephanie Sherlock, Manager of Communications
Steve Tonnesen, Manager IT Operations

REGRETS:

SECRETARY: Kristina Ross

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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

54. MOVED Margot Swinburnson/Bob Beckett
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the agenda of April 28, 2020 as presented.
CARRIED

3. MINUTES

3.1 Call for amendments to minutes

55. MOVED Allison Watson/Margot Swinburnson
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the minutes of the March 10, 2020 meeting as presented.
CARRIED

4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

5.1 COVID-19 Pandemic Plan Update – Scott Stinson

Scott Stinson provided the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) an update on the district's response to the COVID-19, Ministry of Education's four priorities and the support to the Essential Support Workers (ESW) families at Colwood, Lakewood and Saseenos Elementary School sites. Trustee Swinburnson questioned whether the support would remain in place once the schools reopen. Scott Stinson suggested there was no clear direction on this yet.

5.2 Out-Of-Province Educational Travel Field Trips – Scott Stinson

Scott Stinson spoke to the Board of Education regarding the importance of suspending all out-of-province educational travel field trips.

56. MOVED Bob Phillips/Wendy Hobbs

That the Board of Education of School District (62) request the Superintendent advise all SD62 Schools that the Board of Education will not be accepting applications for any out-of-province travel field trips until the COVID-19 related BC Public Health Emergency and travel restrictions have been lifted.

CARRIED

6. CORRESPONDENCE & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence

a. Request from Jeff Bateman, EMCS Whale Tale Film Production 2020

57. MOVED Bob Phillips/ Dianna Seaton

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the request from Jeff Bateman RE: EMCS Whale Tale Film Production 2020 Request for Funding and refer this item to the Superintendent for approval, subject to review.

CARRIED

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

STA – Jennifer Anderson

Jennifer Anderson provided the Board of Education with an update regarding STA related items. Highlights included: the health and wellbeing of STA members, including teacher burnout; new teaching methods and technology platforms; administrative fees of STA members; and the uncertainty of the future.

SPEAC – Cendra Beaton

No delegation.

CUPE – Amber Leonard

No delegation.

PVP – Tamara Deleenheer

Tamara Deleenheer provided the Board of Education with an update regarding events around the District. Spencer Middle School/Edward Milne Community School Staff produced a music video for its students, Lakewood Elementary School Skip-a-thon will continue from home, Colwood, Lakewood and Saseenos continues to provide ESW support to the community, and the Savory Elementary School parking lot renovations continue.

Canadian Parents for French – Amanda Culver

No delegation.

Students

No delegation.

7. FINANCE, FACILITIES AND SERVICES

7.1 Report on the Resources Committee – No meeting held in April 2020

7.2 Budget Development Update – Harold Cull

Harold Cull briefed the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) on the current financial status and year end financial position; the 20/21 Budget Plan; the Board of Education revised approach on limiting spending; and amended timelines surrounding the budget process.

8. EDUCATION PROGRAM

8.1 Report on the Education Policy Committee – No meeting held in April 2020

9. STUDENTS

9.1 Catchment Review – Guiding Principles – Scott Stinson

Scott Stinson provided an overview on the Catchment Review and provided the Catchment Review Guiding Principles to the Board of Education.

58. MOVED Wendy Hobbs/Allison Watson

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the following Guiding Principles to direct the District's catchment review process as per board policy F-502:

- Proximity to feeder schools;
- Maximize existing space in all schools;
- Long-term sustainability;
- Minimize crossing of major roadways and maximize on current and future safe and active routes to schools;
- Ensure equity of opportunity and clear K-12 pathways when reviewing programs of choice;
- Minimize disruptions to students;
- Grandparent students in their own schools;
- Provide stability and a transparent process with opportunities for robust public engagement; and
- Use natural boundaries as much as possible.

CARRIED

10. FOUNDATIONS & GOVERNANCE

10.1 Report on the Aboriginal Education Council – No meeting in April 2020

11. ADMINISTRATION

11.1 Superintendent's Report – Family of Schools Update

Stephanie Hedley-Smith provided an update to the Board of Education on the EMCS Family of Schools. Highlights included: IT support surrounding technology platforms to Educational Assistants, Teachers, Staff and Students; ESW support to the community at Saseenos Elementary School; and Edward Milne Community School Staff produced a music video for its students.

Dave Strange provided an update to the Board of Education on the Belmont Family of Schools.

Highlights included: ESW support to the community at Lakewood Elementary School; Health and wellbeing of staff and stakeholders/partner groups; District support to vulnerable families and students; Online assemblies at various locations; and bus routes to visit students and school sites.

Paul Block provided an update to the Board of Education on the RBSS Family of Schools. Highlights included: ESW support to the community at Colwood Elementary School; "Tigers on Tour - Recess Road-trip" Parade and Virtual Easter Egg hosted by Happy Valley Elementary School.

12. PERSONNEL

No personnel matters were discussed.

13. UPCOMING EVENTS

- 13.1 Audit Committee Meeting to be held May 12, 2020
- 13.2 Resources Committee Meeting to be held May 12, 2020
- 13.3 Education Policy Meeting to be held May 13, 2020
- 13.4 SPEAC AGM to be held on May 20, 2020
- 13.5 Public BOARD Meeting to be held May 26, 2020

14. FUTURE ITEMS

15. QUESTION PERIOD

What does year-end look like for Grade 12 students? Will there be any graduation events (physically distanced in person, and/or online)? And how has the scholarship application process been proceeding for Grade 12 students looking to post-secondary this fall?- Editor, Westshore Voice News

Superintendent, Scott Stinson, indicated those students who are in a position to graduate in 2020 will graduate. In addition, staff is working on a strategy for graduation events. The Scholarship application process continues with an extension provided to students allow for COVID-19. The district continues to receive submissions from students.

Board Chair, Ravi Parmar, indicated that staff is mindful of transition of students to Kindergarten, from Elementary to Middle, and from Middle to Secondary School.

Will our 3 school families re-calibrate which school's feeders are within them as you update the catchment zones?-Cendra Beaton, SPEAC Acting President

The Superintendent, Scott Stinson, indicated that catchment review will take into consideration:

- Proximity to feeder schools;
- Maximize existing space in all schools;
- Long-term sustainability;
- Minimize crossing of major roadways and maximize on current and future safe and active routes to schools;
- Ensure equity of opportunity and clear K-12 pathways when reviewing programs of choice;
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As families balance education into their schedule, and this varies greatly from family to family, can you define what their responsibilities are in education? We have been told not to worry and to do the best we can, but it would be great to have our required responsibilities defined and explained. Cendra Beaton, SPEAC Acting President

The Superintendent, Scott Stinson, acknowledged the challenges that families face in this time of change and uncertainty. As the Minister of Education indicated those students who are eligible to move to the next grade will do so. Teaching staff are also aware of family responsibilities and continue to try to mitigate the impact of additional support to students on families.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Chairperson of the Board



Secretary-Treasurer