

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
LIVE MS Teams Event
January 24, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

TRUSTEES: Ravi Parmar, Board Chair Amanda Dowhy, Vice Chair
 Cendra Beaton Russ Chipps (virtual)
 Allison Watson

STAFF: Scott Stinson, Superintendent
 Harold Cull, Secretary-Treasurer
 Monica Braniff, Associate Superintendent
 Paul Block, Associate Superintendent
 Fred Hibbs, Executive Director, HR
 Farzaan Nusserwanji, Executive Director, IT
 Steve Tonnesen, Manager IT Operations
 Sue Grundy, Manager Executive Operations

REGRETS: Ebony Logins, Trustee
 Trudy Spiller, Trustee
 David Strange, Associate Superintendent

SECRETARY: Kristina Ross

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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

33. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Allison Watson
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the agenda of January 24, 2023, as presented.
CARRIED

3. MINUTES

3.1 Call for amendments to minutes

34. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Amanda Dowhy
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the minutes of the December 13, 2022, meeting as presented.

CARRIED

4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.1 Board Chair Update – Ravi Parmar

The Board Chair invited members of the community to partake in the School Naming Process of South Langford Elementary, and invited them to attend the Open House at Happy Valley Elementary School on February 15, 2023. Further, he provided an update on the Board and Council Meeting with the City of Langford which occurred on January 12, 2023, and the Board and Council Meeting with the City of Colwood which occurred on January 16, 2023.

5. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Unveiling of the Centre Mountain Lellum Mascot & Logo – Glenn Bedard

Glenn Bedard, the Vice Principal of Centre Mountain Lellum, presented the mascot and logo to the Board of Education.

6. CORRESPONDENCE & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence:

- a. Letter from the District of Metchosin, dated December 18, 2022, RE: Letter of Support
- b. Letter from Minister Selina Robinson, dated December 19, 2022, RE: Congratulations;
- c. Letter from Minister Mitzi Dean, dated December 29, 2022, RE: Congratulations;
- d. Letter from Minister Lisa Beare, dated January 4, 2023, RE: Congratulations

35. MOVED Amanda Dowhy/Cendra Beaton

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive:

- a. Letter from the District of Metchosin, dated December 18, 2022 RE: Letter of Support;
- b. Letter from Minister Selina Robinson, dated December 19, 2022 RE: Congratulations;
- c. Letter from Minister Mitzi Dean, dated December 29, 2022 RE: Congratulations;
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CARRIED

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

STA – Rita Zeni

The B.C. Government has launched its anti-racism action plan for K-12 students. STA Executive is looking forward to its members receiving training on this subject. The Executive continues to prioritize diversity, equity, and inclusion in its training to members. The Executive Committee is committed to recruiting diverse members to its team.

CUPE 459 – Amber Leonard

Call to Action 57 relates to a duty of reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples for all public servants. It states that all federal public servants have a duty to learn about the history and reality of Indigenous Peoples in Canada. CUPE 459 Executive is looking to focus on this type of training for its membership at upcoming PRO D Days. CUPE 459 membership is now over 1000 individuals, and they are looking forward to attending the upcoming Career Fair at Belmont Secondary School on January 26, 2023, in support of the District.

PVP – Gordon Johnson

Gordon Johnson provided an update to the Board of Education on the various activities occurring in the District. Highlights included: Sangster Elementary will be celebrating Literacy Week January 30 to February 3, 2023; Spencer Middle School has designed its own Pink Shirt and will be selling it to members of the school community; and the EMCS Family of School has introduced gender-neutral sports, with Basketball and Track and Field coming up next. Further, the Pathways and Choice

Department has indicated that Skills Canada BC is hosting its Annual Trades and Technology Competition and is presently conducting regional completions throughout the Province.

SPEAC – Melissa Da Silva

President Melissa Da Silva provided a brief update to the Board of Education. SPEAC solicited feedback on 2023/2024 budget priorities from parents and families for the upcoming budget discussion occurring on February 21, 2023. Based on these priorities, SPEAC will prepare its presentation to the Board of Education.

7. FINANCE, FACILITIES AND SERVICES

7.1 Resources Committee – Meeting of January 10, 2023 – Amanda Dowhy

Trustee Dowhy provided the Board of Education with an overview of the Resources Committee Meeting of January 10, 2023.

36. MOVED Amanda Dowhy/Cendra Beaton

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) allow all three readings of the 2022/23 Amended Budget Bylaw at its meeting of February 28, 2023.

CARRIED

37. MOVED Amanda Dowhy/Cendra Beaton

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the proposed 23/24 budget principles, assertions and process as outlined at the January 10th Resources Committee meeting.

CARRIED

38. MOVED Amanda Dowhy/Cendra Beaton

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the criteria and framework for the distribution funding from the Social Responsibility Fund as presented at the January 10th Resources Committee meeting.

CARRIED

39. MOVED Amanda Dowhy/Allison Watson

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Resources Committee Meeting of January 10, 2023.

CARRIED

7.2 22/23 Minor Capital Plan Amendment – Harold Cull

Harold Cull provided an update to the Board of Education on the amendment to the Minor Capital Plan.

40. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Amanda Dowhy

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the amendment to the 22/23 Minor Capital Plan submission as presented to the Board of Education on January 24, 2023.

CARRIED

8. EDUCATION PROGRAM

8.1 Report on the Education-Policy Committee – Meeting held on January 3, 2023

Trustee Watson provided the Board of Education with an overview of the Education-Policy Committee Meeting of January 3, 2023.

41. MOVED Allison Watson/Cendra Beaton
That the Board of Education for School District 62 (Sooke) give Notice of Motion to draft new Policy and Regulations F-495 "Business Continuity".
CARRIED
42. MOVED Allison Watson/Cendra Beaton
That the Board of Education for School District 62 (Sooke) approve the proposed Mountain Biking Academy as presented at the January 3, 2023 Education-Policy Committee meeting, beginning in the 2023-24 school year.
CARRIED
43. 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 3, 2023.
CARRIED

9. STUDENTS

10. FOUNDATIONS & GOVERNANCE

- 10.1 Alternative Board Meeting Sites – Scott Stinson
Staff provided an overview of the previous direction of the Board of Education and the investigation into the cost of providing an alternative board meeting site.
44. MOVED Amanda Dowhy/Cendra Beaton
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) direct staff to develop an engagement strategy for the Milnes Landing Zone that would allow for greater (two-way) dialogue between the Board and stakeholders/community members.
CARRIED
- 10.2 Na'tsa'maht Education Council – Meeting of January 18, 2023
Associate Superintendent Paul Block provided an overview of the Na'tsa'maht Education Council. He indicated that there was a discussion with families and students surrounding the subject of Graduation Ceremonies. It was determined that there was support for both an Indigenous Graduation Recognition and a land-based celebration.

11. ADMINISTRATION

- 11.1 Field Trip Update – Scott Stinson
The Superintendent provided an update to the location of the Belmont Secondary School field trip that was approved June 28, 2022, in which Belmont Secondary Students were travelling to Peru. With the recent travel advisory from the Government of Canada the location of this trip has been changed to Panama.
- 11.2 Superintendent's Report – Scott Stinson
The Superintendent provided an update to the Board of Education on Learning, Engagement and Growth in the District. Highlights included: Black Excellence Day, the upcoming Trustee Student Forum, the High School Teacher Laptop Refresh and Kindergarten Registration; to date there have been 814 kindergarten registrations.

12. PERSONNEL

13. UPCOMING EVENTS

February 5-12, 2023 - French Immersion Celebration Week
February 15 – Open House at Happy Valley

14. FUTURE ITEMS


15. QUESTION PERIOD

Members of the public can ask questions related to agenda items. All media questions can be directed to the Manager, Strategic Communications for follow-up and response.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Chairperson of the Board



Secretary-Treasurer