



**COMMITTEE REPORT OF THE
EDUCATION-POLICY COMMITTEE via MS Teams
Jan. 5, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.**

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

Guests: Dante Di Ponio, Careers Co-ordinator; Sue Grundy, Mgr. of Exec. Operations

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, Bob Phillips**
Trustee Phillips advised that Trustee Allison Watson will be the new Chair of the Education-Policy Committee, effective February 2021. He noted that Committee Chairs are appointed by the Chair of the Board of Education.
3. **Review of Committee Policy and Format and Function of the Education Policy Committee**
Superintendent Scott Stinson provided an overview of the guiding policy, format and function of the committee for the benefit of returning and new committee members.
4. **COMMITTEE REPORT of Dec. 1, 2020 Education-Policy Standing Committee meeting**
The committee report for the Dec. 1, 2020 Education-Policy Committee meeting was reviewed by the committee members.
5. **BAA COURSE PROPOSALS**
 - a. **Professional Cook 11A**
Paul Block presented the proposed course to the committee for discussion. Members of the committee discussed the proposed course and engaged in a Q and A.

Recommendation

That the Board of Education approve BAA course Professional Cook 11A.

b. Professional Cook 11B

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Recommendation

That the Board of Education approve BAA course Professional Cook 11B.

c. Professional Cook 12A

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Recommendation

That the Board of Education approve BAA course Professional Cook 12A.

d. Professional Cook 12B

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Recommendation

That the Board of Education approve BAA course Professional Cook 12B.

6. **REVIEW OF POLICIES/REGULATIONS**

No policies/regulations submitted for this meeting.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. COVID-19 Update – Scott Stinson

The Superintendent gave a brief update to the committee. Members of the committee discussed the information presented and engaged in a Q and A. The committee chair recognized the tremendous work of the entire SD62 staff to deliver safe service to students and families in the context of the global pandemic.

b. Presentation – Dante Di Ponio – Career Education in SD62 – Transitions to Post-Secondary Training

Dante Di Ponio gave a comprehensive overview of the district's opportunities and programs as related to Career Education. The overview included a highlighting of programs and opportunities at each of our high schools and middle schools, district and school-based staff, and district and post-secondary partnerships. Members of the committee discussed the information presented and engaged in a Q and A.

c. Strategic Plan Update – Sue Grundy

Sue Grundy gave a comprehensive update on the upcoming strategic planning process. The overview included a highlighting of the proposed process and timelines. Members of the committee discussed the information presented and engaged in a Q and A. The committee provided extensive feedback to inform updates to the proposed strategic plan process. This will be brought by Sue to the executive and an update will be provided to the committee and the Board in the near future.

8. **FOR INFORMATION**
 - a. Research Project Approval – Alaina Chun, BC Children’s Hospital/UBC – “Child and Youth Mental Health During a Pandemic: MyHEARTSMAP COVID-19 Study” – Scott Stinson
7. **FOR FUTURE MEETINGS – REVIEW OF POLICIES/REGULATIONS**
As per Policy Work Plan
8. **ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING DATE:** Feb. 2, 2021, 6 p.m.