



EDUCATION-POLICY COMMITTEE

School Board Office

3143 Jacklin Road

January 7, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Present: Trustees – Bob Phillips (Chair), Dianna Seaton, Margot Swinburnson
STA – Diane Wiens and Jen Anderson
PVP – Georgie Walker
SPEAC – Paula Williams
CUPE – Amber Leonard
Sr. Admin. – Scott Stinson, Stephanie Hedley-Smith, Paul Block, Dave Strange

Guests: Wayne Kelly, Patrick Gale, Jeannie DeBoice, Laura Lancaster

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FIRST NATIONS TERRITORIES**

We are honoured to be meeting on the traditional territories of the Coast Salish, specifically Esquimalt Nation, Songhees Nation, and acknowledge the three nations SD62 works with directly in our schools: Scia'new Nation, Coast Salish, and T'Sou-ke Nation; including the West Coast Pacheedaht Nation, Nuuchah-nulth. (words gifted by the three Nations SD62 works with)

2. **COMMITTEE REPORT** of November 5, 2019 Education Standing Committee meeting.

The committee report of November 5, 2019 was approved as presented.

3. **BAA COURSE PROPOSALS**

a.

4. **REVIEW OF POLICIES/REGULATIONS**

- a. C-426 Regulations "Provision of Menstrual Products" – Dave Strange
Dave provided an overview of the draft new regulations.

Recommendation:

That the Board of Education **ADOPT** draft new Regulations C-426 "Provision of Menstrual Products.

- b. D-120 Policy "Communication with the Public" – Scott Stinson

Scott advised that as part of the executive's review of policies, D-120 was deemed to be no longer necessary.

Recommendation:

That the Board of Education **RESCIND** Policy D-120 "Communication with the Public".

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Proposed Bi-Lingual School District Logo (attached) – Stephanie Hedley-Smith
Stephanie spoke about the logos and the reasons for having a bi-lingual logo for the district.

Recommendation:

That the Board consider adopting the bi-lingual logo for the purpose of communication and marketing.

- c. Academies Discussion – Wayne Kelly & Dave Strange
Wayne Kelly, District Vice-Principal of Academies, gave a presentation on the district’s academies, including a brief discussion on policy and admin regulation review still to be done.

EMCS teacher, Patrick Gale, introduced the concept of an Eco Academy at EMCS (see attached information).

Recommendation:

That the Board **APPROVE** the proposed Eco Academy at EMCS, effective September, 2020.

- d. Strengthening Early Years to Kindergarten Transitions – Jeannie DeBoice & Laura Lancaster
Jeannie DeBoice, District Vice-Principal of Curriculum and Programs and Laura Lancaster, Curriculum Co-ordinator, gave a presentation on the Ministry initiative, Strengthening Early Years to Kindergarten Transitions. Work has begun with the John Muir School community to determine strengths and barriers to transitioning to Kindergarten. This initiative is designed to better support children and families as they move from early years programming to district Kindergarten programs.

6. **FOR INFORMATION**

- a. Research Project Approval – Dr. A. Prest, UVic – “Decolonizing and Indigenizing Music Education Through Teachings of the Grandmother Drum: Examining Educational Modelling Process and Outcomes” – Scott Stinson

7. **FOR FUTURE MEETINGS – REVIEW OF POLICIES/REGULATIONS**

As per Policy Work Plan

8. **ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING DATE:** Feb. 4, 2020