

**MINUTES  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
PUBLIC MEETING  
LIVE MS Teams Event  
June 15, 2021 – 6:15 p.m.**

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

STAFF: Scott Stinson, Superintendent  
Harold Cull, Secretary-Treasurer  
Paul Block, Associate Superintendent  
Stephanie Hedley-Smith, Associate Superintendent  
Dave Strange, Associate Superintendent  
Dan Haley, Executive Director, HR  
Farzaan Nusserwanji, Executive Director, IT  
Sue Grundy, Manager Executive Operations  
Steve Tonnesen, Manager IT Operations

REGRETS:

SECRETARY: Kristina Ross

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m. by the Board Chair. Ravi Parmar acknowledged the traditional territories of the First Nations.

**2. AGENDA**

**3. MINUTES**

**4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**5. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

5.1 Sooke School District (SD 62) Strategic Plan Review – Scott Stinson

Scott Stinson provided a presentation of the Strategic Planning process to date and the latest draft of the Plan's goals and objectives. The Executive Team discussed their roles and thoughts in the development of the each of the three goals: Learning, Engagement and Growth.

**6. DELEGATIONS**

6.1 Standing Delegations (STA, CUPE, SPEAC)

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### STA-Rita Zeni

First Vice-President Rita Zeni spoke about the importance of the Engagement goal, and the recent Mentorship Program that STA participated in with its members. STA themes for the upcoming school year include Hope and Action related matters, with special attention being drawn to Truth and Reconciliation, racism, health and wellness of its members, and the funding of staff in district schools.

### CUPE-Amber Leonard

Amber Leonard recognized the importance of the SD 62 Strategic Plan and commended the collaborative approach taken by the District in the development of this document. CUPE valued the direction the plan was taking, specifically relating to diversity, inclusion and equity

### SPEAC-Melissa DaSilva

President Melissa DaSilva introduced herself to the Board of Education. She thanked the Board for the opportunity to participate in the discussion, and said she looks forward to future collaboration.

#### 6.2 Delegations (Members of the Public)

There were no public delegations.

## **7. FINANCE, FACILITIES AND SERVICES**

## **8. EDUCATION PROGRAM**

### 8.1 Strategic Plan Review Discussions

The Committee discussed the SD 62 Strategic Plan presentation and the importance of drafting a clear Message from the Board to introduce the document. Further discussion centered around:

- i. student voice
- ii. welcoming environments
- iii. racism
- iv. fiscal responsibility
- v. overall narrative
- vi. accountability framework

Staff spoke about the District's initial Strategic Plan 2018-2021, and its subsequent version which is more mature and progressive in nature, forward thinking in terms of pursuing organizational excellence while noting growth at an unprecedented rate. In conclusion, the District has grown tremendously over the last four years, and is looking forward to advancing its ambitious agenda.

## **9. STUDENTS**

## **10. FOUNDATIONS & GOVERNANCE**

## **11. ADMINISTRATION**

## **12. PERSONNEL**

## **13. UPCOMING EVENTS**

## **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 8:53 p.m.

Certified Correct:

  
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Chairperson of the Board  
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Secretary-Treasurer