



The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)

Regular Board Meeting

MINUTES

Monday, October 28, 2024, 7:30 p.m.

Trustees Present:	Nicole Duncan, Board Chair, Karin Kwan, Vice-Chair, Natalie Baillaut, Mavis David, Derek Gagnon, Emily Mahbobi, Rob Paynter
Trustee Regrets:	Angela Carmichael, Diane McNally
Administration:	Deb Whitten, Superintendent of Schools, Katrina Stride, Secretary-Treasurer, Tom Aerts, Associate Superintendent, Sean Powell, Acting Associate Superintendent, Julie Lutner, Associate Secretary-Treasurer, Marni Vistisen-Harwood, Director of Facilities Services, Vicki Roberts, VPVPA
Partners:	Shawna Abbott, CUPE 947, Carolyn Howe, GVTA, Braden Hutchins, VCPAC, Darren Reed, CUPE 382

A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

This meeting began at 7:30 p.m.

A.1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories

Chair Duncan recognized and acknowledged the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, on whose traditional territories, we live, we learn, and we do our work.

A.2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Trustee Baillaut
Seconded by Trustee David

That the October 28, 2024 agenda be approved.

Amendment

Moved by Trustee Mahbobi
Seconded by Trustee Baillaut

That the motion "*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to provide the Board and the Equity Ad Hoc Committee with a break down of student to staff incident for each Elementary school;*

B. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

C. TRUSTEE REPORTS

C.1. Chair's Report

a. Chair's Report

Chair Duncan presented her report for information.

C.2. Trustees' Reports

None.

D. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

D.1. Education Policy and Directions Committee

a. Draft minutes from the October 7, 2024 meeting – information only

b. Recommended motion from the October 7, 2024 meeting:

Associate Superintendent Aerts presented revised Regulation 6163.1
Learning Resources.

Trustees suggested revisions to the Regulation.

Moved by Trustee Kwan
Seconded by Trustee Mahbobi

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) accept revised Regulation 6163.1 *Learning Resources*, as amended.

Amendment

Moved by Trustee Kwan
Seconded by Trustee Paynter

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to work with the principal of each elementary school in the school district to ensure that;

1. The School Plan is presented to each respective school parent advisory council (PAC) along with request for PAC input;
2. To identify and then ensure there are common objectives and measures in place and tracked throughout the 2024~~5~~-202~~5~~⁶ school year in alignment with the Boards strategic plan;

AND FURTHER

Upon completion of this work to present the revised elementary school plans to the Board.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Moved by Trustee Kwan
Seconded by Trustee Gagnon

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to work with the principal of each elementary school in the school district to ensure that;

1. The School Plan is presented to each respective school parent advisory council (PAC) along with request for PAC input;
2. To identify and then ensure there are common objectives and measures in place and tracked throughout the 2025-2026 school year in alignment with the Boards strategic plan;

AND FURTHER

Upon completion of this work to present the revised elementary school plans to the Board.

Motion Carried Unanimously

c. Equity Ad Hoc Committee Terms of Reference

Associate Superintendent Aerts provided rationale for the revised Equity Ad Hoc Committee Terms of Reference.

Trustees and Partners discussed the Terms of Reference and suggested revisions.

Moved by Trustee Mahbobi
Seconded by Trustee Gagnon

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the revised Terms of Reference for the Equity Ad Hoc Committee.

A: Chair Duncan stated that the Board

For (4): Trustees David, Gagnon, Mahbobi and Paynter
Against (1): Trustee Duncan
Abstain (1): Trustee Kwan

Motion Carried (4 to 1)

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer