

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

Monday , November 25, 2024, 7:30 p.m.

Trustees Present: Nicole Duncan, Board Chair, Karin Kwan, Vice-Chair, Natalie Baillaut, Mavis David, Derek Gagnon, Emily Mahbobi, Diane McNally, Rob Paynter

Trustee Regrets: Angela Carmichael

Administration: 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, Dr. Jeff Davis, Director of International Education, Dr. Shelly Wilton, Director of Indigenous Education, Vicki Roberts, VPVPA

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Partners:

Moved by Trustee Paynter
Seconded by Trustee Kwan

That the November 25, 2024 agenda be approved, as amended.

For (6): Trustees

Trustees Gagnon, Mahbobi, and Paynter declined the nomination and Trustee Kwan accepted.

Chair Duncan declared Trustee Kwan the representative to BCPSEA by acclamation.

d. Election of British Columbia Trustees' Association Provincial Councilor

Chair Duncan called for nominations for the position of British Columbia School Trustees' Association (BCSTA) representative for a one-year term ending November 2025.

Nominations were received for Trustees Baillaut, Duncan, Gagnon and Mahbobi.

Trustees Baillaut, Duncan, and Gagnon declined the nomination and Trustee Mahbobi accepted.

Chair Duncan declared Trustee Mahbobi the representative to BCSTA by acclamation.

e. Motion to Destroy Election Ballots/Text Messages

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Seconded by Trustee Kwan

That the October 28, 2024 Regular Board d ()11.3 (t)-6.6p]TJ ET q 0 0 612 792 re W n BT 11.04

B.3. October 22, 2024, District of Highlands to Greater Victoria School District No. 61 Board of Education, Consideration of a Trustee Electoral Area Election Model

B.4. November 8, 2024, Greater Victoria Teachers' Association to Premier Eby, Advocacy for Adequate Funding for Public Education

C. TRUSTEE REPORTS

C.1. Chair's Report

a. Chair's Report

Chair Duncan presented her report for information.

b. 2024-25 District Annual Work Plan

Chair Duncan presented the Annual Work Plan for information.

Partners had questions about the Annual Work Plan.

C.2. Trustees' Reports

None.

D. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

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That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the amended Climate Action Plan Implementation Review Ad Hoc Committee terms of reference.

Motion Carried Unanimously

E. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

E.1. Superintendent's Report

a. Monthly Report

The report was provided for information.

Trustees had questions of clarification.

Moved by Trustee Mahbobi

Seconded by Trustee Gagnon

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) receive the Superintendent's report as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously

b. International Education Bi-Annual Report

Director of International Education Davis presented the International Education Bi-Annual Report.

Trustees had questions of clarification.

c. 2024-2025 Middle School Plans

Trustees had questions of clarification.

Moved by Trustee Kwan

Seconded by Trustee Mahbobi

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the 2024-2025 Middle School Plans as presented.

For (7): Trustees David, Duncan, Gagnon, Kwan, Mahbobi, McNally and Paynter

Abstain (1): Trustee Baillaut

Motion Carried Unanimously

d. Trustee Questions

None.

E.2. Secretary -Treasurer's Report

a. Monthly Report

Secretary-Treasurer Stride provided the report for information.

Trustees had questions of clarification.

Moved by Trustee Kwan

Seconded by Trustee Baillaut

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) receive the Secretary-Treasurer's report as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously

b. Sundance-Bank Elementary School Engagement Report

Secretary-Treasurer Stride provided the report for information.

Trustees and Partners had questions of clarification.

c. 2025-2026 Budget Update

i. Values and Guiding Principles

Secretary-Treasurer Stride provided the revised Values and Guiding Principles for review. Discussion ensued with a recommendation to refer the motion to a future meeting.

Moved by Trustee Kwan

Seconded by Trustee Gagnier

A: Chair Duncan explained that the Board engaged with Police first during the review process when Police were invited to take part in the review committee work. Following the decision, the Board invited all Police Boards to meet to discuss student safety. Police Boards were then invited to work with the school district to develop a communication protocol. One Police Board accepted the invitation, and, prior to the Minister's Order, the other Police Boards were still undecided about whether they wanted to participate in the development of a communication protocol. Delegations from both the police service and the school district progressed the communication protocol development work over the summer. We were looking to continue that work when the Minister's Order came out. To clarify, the safety plan highlights what safety looks like in our school district and includes new items that have been implemented. Our safety related work in the school district is continuous and ongoing. The submission to the Minister will be reviewed. Chair Duncan invited staff to speak to ongoing operational safety planning. Staff had nothing further to add.

Q: Regarding the Worrisome Online Behaviour program. What is the annual cost to the district for funding the program?

A: Acting Associate Superintendent Powell stated that the cost is approximately \$900 per month.

Q: Why is this board using stats and experiences from the United States and Toronto to make decisions about removing services such as School Police Liaison Officers from our children, while not listening to our regional professionals and parents of these students.

A: Chair Duncan stated that the Board did not only look at the United States and Toronto. The previous Board passed a motion directing that a review of how the District was using SPLOs be undertaken. That review happened over a number of years and included thousands of pages of information, data, and research from multiple jurisdictions including Canada. It also included feedback received from partner representatives around the Committee table, feedback from a speaker series that allowed folks to share their personal lived experiences in person and in writing. As well, the Board considered the District survey results and the recommendations from the Human Rights Commissioner. As part of considering the Human Rights Commissioner's recommendations the Board committed to and carried out further advocacy by writing to the Province in August 2023 asking that it commission research into the impacts of S(ssa3 by (H)/8PAsions fands1l.g t.:7c 0.007 12 (t)4.3 (w)2.n

- E.4. Record of Special In- Camera Board of Education Meeting – November 4, 2024
- E.5. Record of Special In- Camera Board of Education Meeting – November 14, 2024

H. NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS

E.1. New Business
None.

E.2. Notice of Motions
None.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

Moved by Trustee Gagnon
Seconded by Trustee Baillaut

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer