



COMMITTEE REPORT OF THE EDUCATION-POLICY COMMITTEE

School Board Office
Apr. 9, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.

Present: Cendra Beaton, Trustee (Committee Chair)
Allison Watson, Trustee (Committee member)
Trudy Spiller, Trustee (Committee member)
Christina Kempenaar, STA
Tim Hamblin, CUPE
Preston Lowther, SPVPA
Nevada Kaludjar, SPEAC
Paul Block, Superintendent/CEO
Dave Strange, Associate Superintendent
D'Arcy Deacon, Associate Superintendent

Guests: Laura Schwertfeger, Farzaan Nusserwanji, Wayne Kelly, Dayna Christ-Rowling,
Belmont Student Representatives

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: Sc'ianew Nation, and T'Sou-ke Nation; including the West Coast Pacheedaht Nation, Nuu-chah-nulth. (words gifted by the three nations SD62 works with)

2. Opening Remarks from Chair, Cendra Beaton

The Chair opened with the Territorial Acknowledgement and followed with a recognition of several great things taking place in the district. This included recent events recognizing students receiving awards for their work and learning in the area of trades through the Canada Skills Program, and also recognizing April as the month celebrating children of military families. Others celebrated additional events and work being done in support of students and staff including efforts around youth engagement.

3. COMMITTEE REPORT of March 5, 2024 Education-Policy Committee meeting

The committee report for the March 5, 2024 Education-Policy Committee meeting was received by the committee. No errors or omissions were noted.

4. BAA COURSE PROPOSALS

There are no BAA course proposals for this meeting.

5. REVIEW OF POLICIES/REGULATIONS

a. Draft Policy and Regulations C-114 "Sanctuary Schools" – D'Arcy Deacon and Laura Schwertfeger

Associate Superintendent D’Arcy Deacon spoke to the recent Board motion to draft a Sanctuary Schools policy. In response to the motion he and District Principal Laura Schwertfeger created and presented to the committee the draft new policy as well as the rationale. After the presentation, the committee members engaged in conversation and asked questions and provided comment. Feedback was very positive from all partners and trustees.

Recommended Motion

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) give Notice of Motion to draft new Policy and Regulations C-114 “Sanctuary Schools”.

- b. Draft New Policy and Regulations F-329 “Records Management” – Farzaan Nusserwanji
Mr. Nusserwanji, CIO and Executive Director – Digital Solutions, presented the draft new policy and regulations and the rationale to rescind existing related polices that will no longer be needed should F-329 be adopted by the Board of Education. After the presentation, the committee members engaged in conversation and asked questions and provided comment.

Recommended Motions

That the Board of Education for School District #62 (Sooke) RESCIND Policy and Regulations C-220 “Student Records”.

That the Board of Education for School District #62 (Sooke) RESCIND Regulations F-330 “Document Retention”.

That the Board of Education for School District #62 (Sooke) give Notice of Motion to draft new Policy and Regulations F-329 “Records Management”.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Academies Update - Wayne Kelly
Wayne Kelly, District Principal – Sports Academy Programs, provided an update on academy programs in the district. This included a look into the number of programs, types of programs, participation rates, and impacts on student outcomes. Of note was the work done consulting community as to the interest in developing a music academy program in the Milnes Landing zone. After the presentation, the committee members engaged in conversation and asked questions and provided comment. Gratitude was expressed for the efforts of Mr. Kelly and all staff supporting the many academies across the district.
- b. Belmont Secondary School – Student Trip to Japan Presentation – Dayna Christ-Rowling
Dayna Christ Rowling, teacher at Belmont Secondary, led a presentation with students that recently visited Japan. The presentation spoke to the highlights of the trip and gave the committee insight into the value of international travel experiences for students and staff. After the presentation, the committee members engaged in conversation and asked questions and provided comment. The committee was truly appreciative of the students and their presentation.

7. FOR INFORMATION

8. FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

9. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING DATE: May 7, 2024