

**COMMITTEE REPORT OF THE
EDUCATION-POLICY COMMITTEE**
School Board Office
June 4, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

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

Guests: Matthew Kemshaw, Trisha L. Renken-Sebastian

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 an acknowledgement of the territory and followed with a review of the many accomplishments of the committee this year. The list was a diverse set of presentations, policy work and program review. The Chair expressed gratitude to committee members for their contributions this year. Members were invited to share celebrations and expressions of gratitude.

3. **COMMITTEE REPORT** of May 7, 2024 Education-Policy Committee meeting

The committee report for the May 7, 2024 Education-Policy Committee meeting was received by the committee. No errors or omissions were noted.

4. **BAA COURSE PROPOSALS**

There were no BAA course proposals for this meeting.

5. **REVIEW OF POLICIES/REGULATIONS**

There were no policies/regulations for this meeting.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. SD62 Operational Plan 2024-25 – Paul Block

Superintendent Paul Block provided an overview of next year’s District Operational Plan. The plan provided a high-level overview of the focus of the District for the 2024-25 school year. The plan outlined work that is the Executive’s to be done in alignment with the Strategic Plan as we close out the current plan and began in the development of the next multi year Strategic Plan.

The committee engaged in discussion and asked questions of the Superintendent.

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the 2024-25 Operational Plan.

b. Feeding Futures Year-End Report – Dave Strange and Matthew Kemshaw

A review of the work done this past year to address student food security was given by the presenters. This was followed with an overview work currently on going and plans for 2024-25. It was evident that great work is being done in this area and the scope of the program will be significantly increased next year.

The committee engaged in discussion and asked questions of the presenters.

FOR INFORMATION

a. Presentation – Research Project Approval Follow-Up – Trisha Renken-Sebastian – “Speaking Across Barriers: How Parents in a Canadian Public School System Learn About Their Children’s Diversity Education” <https://dspace.library.uvic.ca/items/60f28e5a-c0f0-4fd0-9156-07f57a055e8d>

The presenter provided a review of the research project and recommendations that emerged from the study. The presentation was well received, and members of the committee engaged in discussion and asked questions of the presenter.

b. Research Project Approval – Ministry of Education and Child Care – “How do BC School Districts Support Assessment and Instruction in Literacy and Numeracy?”

8. **FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

9. **ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING DATE:** tba