



MINUTES OF THE **COMBINED EDUCATION AND OPERATIONS POLICY & PLANNING COMMITTEE**
HELD **TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017** AT 7:30 PM
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE, 800 ONTARIO STREET

PRESENT: Ms. J. Campbell, Trustee
Mr. C. Cook, Trustee
Mr. M. Ewen, Trustee
Mr. M. Gifford, Board Vice Chair
Ms. M. Lalji, Trustee
Ms. K. Slade-Kerr, Board Chair

Mr. P. Duncan, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. K. Lorenz, Secretary Treasurer
Ms. P. Samra, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Mr. J. Janzen, Trustee

Trustee Ewen recognized and acknowledged the Qayqayt First Nations, as well as the Coast Salish peoples, on whose traditional and unceded territories we live, we learn, we play and we do our work.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved and Seconded:

THAT the agenda for the March 7, 2017 Combined Education and Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting be as adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

2. QUEENSBOROUGH MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESENTATION “MINDFULNESS”

Three students from Queensborough Middle School, Susanna Ujfalusi, Gunjot Nahal and Eshnoor Cheema, presented on Mindful Breathing and Growth Mindsets.

3. FINANCIAL UPDATE

The Committee received a Financial Update for the period ending January 31, 2017.

4. MAINTENANCE & CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

The Committee received an update on the current Maintenance and Capital Projects.

At this point in the meeting Committee Chair Ewen stepped down and Trustee Slade-Kerr Chaired the remainder of the meeting.

5. POLICY HANDBOOK: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO POLICIES

POLICY 7: BOARD OPERATIONS

Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Combined Education & Operations Policy and Planning Committee amend draft Board Policy 7, “Board Operations” under section 10.2.6: “Conference and Travel Expenses” 10.2.6.

MOTION FAILED

POLICY 9: BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

- i. By consensus of the Board, proposed amendments to Policy 9 “Civic and Community Committee Representatives” preamble was changed to “City” from “Municipal” and to “Board” from “District.”

Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Combined Education & Operations Policy and Planning Committee amend draft Board Policy 9 “Board Representatives”, under “Civic and Community Representatives by deleting Section 1 that reads: “Normally such committees deal with administrative matters and therefore shall be represented by administrative staff selected by and reporting to the Superintendent”; and renumbering the remaining section accordingly.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Combined Education & Operations Policy and Planning Committee amend draft Board Policy 9 “Board Representatives” under “Civic and Community Committee Representatives, Section 2” by deleting: “Normally if there is such a need the Board corporate will seek a meeting with the Municipal Council to determine the issues to be addressed and the most appropriate means of addressing these issues of mutual interest to the two governing bodies. Major facility construction, for example has resulted in a Task Force being established.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Combined Education & Operations Policy and Planning Committee amend draft Board Policy 9 “Board Representatives” under “Civic and Community Committee Representatives, Section 2 to read: “When an invitation is received for Board membership on a civic or community committee, the Board shall determine, in consultation with the Superintendent whether to accept the invitation and if so, whether it requires Board or staff representation.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Combined Education & Operations Policy and Planning Committee amend draft Board Policy 9 “Board Representatives”, under “School Liaison Trustee Role”, to read: “Therefore the role of school liaison trustee does not require attendance at Parent Advisory Council meetings.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Combined Education & Operations Policy and Planning Committee amend draft Board Policy 9 “Board Representatives”, under School Trustee Liaison Role” to read “The role of liaison trustee is to represent the Board of Education and to provide visible support for school activities including but not limited to athletic competitions, fine arts performances and displays, school celebrations, and recognition events.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. AMENDED ANNUAL BUDGET 2016-2017

There was no discussion or action on the Amended Annual Budget 2016-2017.

7. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Chair Slade-Kerr participated in a conference call regarding the Provincial Budget 2017.

Trustee Lalji shared feedback from the May Day changes.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm