



**COMMITTEE REPORT OF THE
EDUCATION-POLICY COMMITTEE
School Board Office
February 4, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.**

Present: Ebony Logins, Trustee (Committee Chair)
Amanda Dowhy, Trustee (Committee member)
Trudy Spiller, Trustee (Committee member)
Amanda Culver, STA
Tim Hamblin, CUPE
Melissa Horner, SPVPA
Paul Block, Superintendent/CEO
Monica Braniff, Deputy Superintendent
Dave Strange, Associate Superintendent
D’Arcy Deacon, Associate Superintendent

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, Ebony Logins**

3. **COMMITTEE REPORT** of January 9, 2025 Education-Policy Committee meeting

The committee report for the January 9, 2025 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. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **2025-29 Strategic Plan** – Paul Block

The Superintendent spoke to the 2025-29 Strategic Plan as presented in the agenda package. A brief overview of the process was given and the invitation for feedback was extended to committee members. Committee members spoke highly of the process and expressed appreciation that the plan reflected input from district partners. Conversation continued with questions and critical feedback from members of the committee.

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education for School District #62 (Sooke) approve the District's 2025 – 29 Strategic Plan.

b. 2025-26 and 2026-27 School Calendars – Monica Braniff

Deputy Superintendent Braniff presented on the School Calendars for the next two years beginning with 2025-26. Conversation continued with questions and critical feedback from members of the committee.

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education for School District #62 (Sooke) approve the 2025-26 school calendar and 2026-27 school calendar (as revised).

6. **REVIEW OF POLICIES/REGULATIONS**

a. Draft Revised Policy and Regulations C-309 “District and School Codes of Conduct – Paul Block

The Superintendent presented the draft revised policy and regulations C-309 “District and School Codes of Conduct”. Conversation continued with questions and critical feedback from members of the committee.

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education for School District #62 (Sooke) give Notice of Motion to draft revised Policy and Regulations C-309 “District and School Codes of Conduct”.

b. Rescinding of Policy and Regulations C-310 “Student Behaviour” – Paul Block

The Superintendent presented the draft revised policy and regulations C-310 “Student Behaviour”. Conversation continued with questions and critical feedback from members of the committee.

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education for School District #62 (Sooke) **Rescind** Policy and Regulations C-310 “Student Behaviour” and remove them from the District’s Policy Manual.

c. Draft Revised Policy and Regulations C-311 “Student Attendance” – Paul Block

The Superintendent presented the draft revised policy and regulations C-311 “Student Attendance”. Conversation continued with questions and critical feedback from members of the committee.

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education for School District #62 (Sooke) give Notice of Motion to draft revised Policy and Regulations C-311 “Student Attendance”.

7. **FOR INFORMATION**

8. **FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

9. **ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING DATE:** Mar. 4, 2025