



**COMMITTEE REPORT OF THE
EDUCATION-POLICY COMMITTEE
School Board Office
January 9, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.**

Present: Cendra Beaton, Trustee (Acting 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
Dave Strange, Associate Superintendent
D’Arcy Deacon, Associate Superintendent

Guest: Wayne Kelly (District Principal of Academies), and Dayna Christ-Rowling (Teacher-Belmont)

Regrets: Ebony Logins (Committee Chair), Sandra Arnold (SPEAC)

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**

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

The committee report for the December 3, 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. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Outdoor Education Academy – Wayne Kelly/D’Arcy Deacon/Dayna Christ-Rowling
D’Arcy Deacon, Wayne Kelly, and Dayna Christ-Rowling presented on the proposed Outdoor Education Academy. The presentation provided an overview of Academies that currently exist in schools across the district followed by an overview of the proposed Outdoor Education Academy. The presentation was well received and following the presentation the committee engaged with Wayne and Dayna with comments and questions.

Motion:

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the SD62 Outdoor Education Academy at Belmont Secondary School to begin September 2025.

b. Student Voice – D’Arcy Deacon/Dave Strange

D’Arcy Deacon and Dave Strange provided an overview of the work completed and planned as relates to student voice and engagement in the Sooke School District. The presentation provided an overview of student engagement activities that currently exist in schools across the district and at the district level. The presentation framed out the work that has been completed and the future work planned to develop a comprehensive student voice engagement framework. The presentation was well received and following the presentation the committee engaged with D’Arcy and Dave with comments and questions.

c. Q2 Operational Plan Report – Paul Block

Paul Block presented the Q2 Operational Plan Report. The presentation provided an overview on progress made towards achieving the strategic plan goals and objectives that are the focus of this year’s district operational plan. The presentation was well received and following the presentation the committee engaged with Paul with comments and questions.

Motion:

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the Quarter 2 Report as presented at the Education-Policy Committee meeting of January 9, 2025.

6. **REVIEW OF POLICIES/REGULATIONS** (attached)

There were no Policies/Regulations for this meeting.

7. **FOR INFORMATION**

a. Research Project Approval – “Safeguarding Tomorrow’s Data Landscape: Young Digital Citizens’ Perspectives on Privacy within AI Systems” – Dr. Ajay Shrestha, Vancouver Island University

b. Research Project Approval – “Outcome Evaluation of Flourish! School Food Program in Sooke School District” – Matthew Kemshaw – Flourish School Food Society and Danielle Tan
– UBC Faculty of Education

8. **FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

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