



**COMMITTEE REPORT OF THE
EDUCATION-POLICY COMMITTEE
School Board Office
October 1, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.**

Present: Cendra Beaton, Trustee (Committee Chair)
Allison Watson, Trustee (Committee member)
Amanda Culver, STA
Tim Hamblin, CUPE
Shannon Miller, SPVPA
Sandra Arnold, SPEAC
Paul Block, Superintendent/CEO
Dave Strange, Associate Superintendent
D’Arcy Deacon, Associate Superintendent

Guests: Fred Hibbs, Wayne Kelly

Regrets: Trudy Spiller, Trustee (Committee member)

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 reminded the committee and observers of the proper protocol for participating in discussion and asking questions. The Chair invited members of the committee to share causes for recognition and celebration within the district and the sector. Members of the committee shared various examples highlighting successes in Sooke School District.

3. COMMITTEE REPORT of Sept. 10, 2024 Education-Policy Committee meeting

The committee report for the September 10, 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 (attached)

- a. Academies and Scholarships – Wayne Kelly, District Principal of Academies

Wayne Kelly provided an overview of the many district academies, with special emphasis on the post-secondary opportunities that students have accessed through their academy participation. The committee was very appreciative of the update and celebrated the work of all the staff involved in the diverse academy programs. Committee members followed with discussion and questions.

b. 2024/25 - Q1 Strategic Plan Report – Paul Block

The Superintendent provided the committee with the Quarter 1 Strategic Plan progress report. The Superintendent called on other Executive members, including Associates D’Arcy Deacon and Dave Strange, and Executive Director of HR Fred Hibbs, to provide an update on a variety of projects and initiatives actioned during Quarter 1. The report was well received, and committee members followed with discussion and questions.

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education receive the Q1 Strategic Plan Report as presented at the October 1, 2024 Education-Policy Committee meeting.

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

a. Draft Revised Policy E-358 “Pension Plan Membership” – Fred Hibbs, Executive Director - HR

Executive Director Fred Hibbs spoke to the draft revised policy. Committee members followed with discussion and questions.

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education for School District #62 (Sooke) give Notice of Motion to draft Revised Policy E-358 “Pension Plan Membership”.

b. Draft Revised Policy E-139 “Death Benefits for Excluded Employees” – Fred Hibbs, Executive Director - HR

Executive Director Fred Hibbs spoke to the draft revised policy. Committee members followed with discussion and questions.

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education for School District #62 (Sooke) give Notice of Motion to draft Revised Policy E-139 “Death Benefits for Excluded Employees”.

c. Draft Revised Policy E-331 “Access and Appeal for Excluded Employees” – Fred Hibbs, Executive Director - HR

Executive Director Fred Hibbs spoke to the draft revised policy. Committee members followed with discussion and questions.

Executive Director Hibbs acknowledged the tremendous work of Nora Reid – Strategic HR Manager and the broader team in the development of this and the previous policies presented during this meeting. The Chair reiterated this recognition.

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education for School District #62 (Sooke) give Notice of Motion to draft Revised Policy E-331 “Access and Appeal for Excluded Employees”.

7. **FOR INFORMATION**
8. **FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**
9. **ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING DATE: Nov. 5, 2024**