

**COMMITTEE REPORT OF THE
EDUCATION-POLICY COMMITTEE**
School Board Office
April 1, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

- Present:** Amanda Dowhy, Trustee (Acting Chair)
Christine Lervold, Trustee (Acting Committee member)
Amanda Culver, STA
Dana Savage, CUPE
Melissa Horner, SPVPA
Paul Block, Superintendent/CEO
Dave Strange, Associate Superintendent
D’Arcy Deacon, Associate Superintendent
- Regrets:** Trudy Spiller, Trustee (Committee member), Ebony Logins, Trustee, SPEAC representative
- Guests:** Danielle Huculak and Brian Hotovy

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 the Chair**
The Acting Chair welcomed the committee and any members of the public joining in the meeting this evening. The Acting Chair followed with recognizing March 31st as the International Transgender Day of Visibility. The Acting Chair invited the Superintendent to share an update on policies that remain out for Notice of Motion and a request for feedback and comment prior to the upcoming deadlines.
3. **COMMITTEE REPORT** of March 4, 2025 Education-Policy Committee meeting
The committee report for the March 4, 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** (attached)
 - a. Careers Dept. Presentation – Danielle Huculak and Brian Hotovy
Danielle and Brian, members of the district Careers Education Department, provided an overview of the work of the department and its partnership with school-based careers education teams. This included

an overview of the guiding principles and overreaching goals of the department. Of note was the scope of the work going on K-12 including programs such as Work Experience, TASK, Youth Work in Trades and Youth Train in Trades. The team also highlighted community partnerships as well as district events including those involving WorkBC, SkilledTradesBC and Skills Canada. The presentation was well received. Questions and discussion followed.

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

a. Draft Revised Policy C-313 “Willful Damage and Theft of School Property” – Paul Block

The Superintendent presented the draft Policy C-313. The presentation was well received and was followed with discussion, questions and feedback. Feedback was welcomed and recorded for consideration in addition to any additional feedback that may follow should the Board give Notice of Motion.

Recommended Motion

That the Board of Education for School District #62 (Sooke) give Notice of Motion to draft revised Policy C-313 “Willful Damage and Theft of School Property”.

b. Draft Revised Policy and Regulations C-314 “Substance Use Prevention and Intervention” – Paul Block

The Superintendent presented the draft Policy and Regulations C-314. The presentation was well received and was followed with discussion, questions and feedback. Feedback was welcomed and recorded for consideration in addition to any additional feedback that may follow should the Board give Notice of Motion.

Recommended Motion

That the Board of Education for School District #62 (Sooke) give Notice of Motion to draft revised Policy and Regulations C-314 “Substance Use Prevention and Intervention”.

7. **FOR INFORMATION**

8. **FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

9. **ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING DATE:** May 6, 2025