

**COMMITTEE REPORT OF THE  
EDUCATION-POLICY COMMITTEE  
School Board Office  
November 5, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.**

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**Present:** Cendra Beaton, Trustee (Committee Chair)  
Allison Watson, Trustee (Committee member)  
Trudy Spiller, Trustee (Committee member)  
Amanda Culver, STA  
Dana Savage, CUPE  
Melissa Horner, SPVPA  
Sandra Arnold, SPEAC  
Paul Block, Superintendent/CEO  
Dave Strange, Associate Superintendent  
D'Arcy Deacon, Associate Superintendent  
Monica Braniff, Deputy Superintendent

**Guests:** Matthew Kemshaw, Mike Bobbitt, Patrick Gale

**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, Nuw-chah-nulth. (words gifted by the three nations SD62 works with)*

**2. Opening Remarks from Chair, Cendra Beaton**

The Chair welcomed the committee members. Indigenous Veterans Day and Remembrance Day were acknowledged by the Chair. Recognition was given to those service members, past and present, for their service and sacrifice.

The Chair spoke to the passing of former Senator and Chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Murray Sinclair and followed this by inviting members of the committee to share celebrations and highlights from across the district. Committee members introduced themselves and shared a celebration or highlight from the past month.

**3. COMMITTEE REPORT of October 1, 2024 Education-Policy Committee meeting**

The committee report for the October 1, 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. DEI Committee Presentation – Monica Braniff and D’Arcy Deacon  
Monica Braniff and D’Arcy Deacon provided an update on the work being done in the district related to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. The presentation was well received and the committee followed with commentary and questions. The committee is encouraged by the plans to move this work forward.
- b. Feeding Futures Presentation – Dave Strange, Matthew Kemshaw, Mike Bobbitt, and Patrick Gale  
The team provided an update on the work being done in the district related to school food programming. The presentation was well received, and the committee followed with commentary and questions.

6. **REVIEW OF POLICIES/REGULATIONS**

There were no policies/regulations for this meeting.

7. **FOR INFORMATION**

- a. Research Project Approval – ‘BRIDGE’ – Broadening Relationships Through Intergenerational Dementia Guidance and Education – Dr. Jodie Gawryluk, UVic Institute of Aging and Lifelong Health

8. **FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

9. **ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING DATE:** Dec. 3, 2024