

**The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
George Jay Naming Committee**

MINUTES

Date: **Wednesday, September 29, 2021**

4:00p.m.-5:30p.m.

Location: **Via Zoom**

Chairperson: Trustee Angie Henzte

**A.
COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

**A.1
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES -**

The Greater Victoria School District wishes to recognize and acknowledge the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, on whose traditional territories, we live, we learn, and we do our work.

**A.2
APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**B.
PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE**

September 29, 2021 4PM TO 6PM

Dorothy Wong – Parent of 2 children attending George Jay. Appreciate cultural diversity at George Jay .

Impact of George Jay on her:

- Segregated students
- George Jay made his personal beliefs into policy
- We don't know the generational impact
- Know the history of the person
- Can't 'unsee' them/can't ignore it

C.

NEW BUSINESS

C.1 Guiding Principles – Lisa

- In alignment with the District's core values
- Cultural and racial diversity
- Culturally appropriate
- Symbolic, reflective of all students, parents and staff
- Opportunity to teach the meaning and importance of names
- Enacted racist policy 'society has changed' – we need to act on the changes, we want school name to reflect our values
- Tell the story
- Name change day, every year tell the story
- Choose an indigenous name
- George Jay – grandson- invited to present.

Committee – determines that the recommendation is to rename the school.

Timeline: September 2022 – New Name

Memo: Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting in October 2021.

Sarah to speak with Ai Linh

Deb to speak with Shelly

D.

CORRESPONDANCE

None

E.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting: December 1, 2021

F.

ADJOURNMENT

5:30pm