

George Jay meeting minutes April 26, 2023

Present: Rob, Sarah, Shelly, Deb, Bob, Erin and Deanna

A.1 Chair Paynter acknowledged the Traditional Territories

A.2 Approval of agenda by consent

A.3 Approval of minutes unanimous

B. No presentations

C. New Business

Dr. Niemi provided a recap and an update. The committee has engaged in several meetings, learning sessions and presentations throughout the last few years.

The committee reached out to the Chief and Council of the Esquimalt Nations and Songhees Nation. The District worked closely with community on the Media Report sent earlier in March 2023.

Next steps involve working with Songhees Council members Council and Esquimalt Elder Elmer George, the Linguist and Education Director for them to meet. This meeting will look at developing with the Nations considerations regarding protocols when renaming the school. Kelly Gabe the lead contact from SD61 with the identified community members Nation.

Director Niemi and Superintendent Whitten will reach out to the President, Indigenous University of Victoria to see if it is possible to meet of new buildings at UVic.

It is important that the committee not rush this process and that it is done with reciprocity.

Sarah and Deanna shared that the staff feels positive about this process to working with community and the students to learn more about the local area.

Erin shared that the parents are supportive of the change and noted that it aligns with the George Jay values.

E. No General Announcements

F. Adjournment 5:32pm