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## Board meeting tonight - delegation policy

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Dear trustees:

I am writing to you in support of the addition to policy 7, 4.1 (public delegation board meetings) that is on the agenda this evening.

When the delegation meeting pilot began, the idea was that a separate meeting would provide more time to hear delegations from the public on a variety of district matters before an audience of all trustees. Having attended the delegation meetings, DPAC heard presentations spanning both operations and governance. We did not find the time spent on delegations to be onerous.

The policy as approved currently restricts delegations to governance and budget matters. DPAC was surprised when the delegation meeting policy was formally adopted with these limitations. This gatekeeping limits public input into the work of the district and, in our opinion, is in direct contradiction with this statement in Policy 7:

The Board's fundamental obligation is to preserve and enhance, the public trust in public education, generally, and in the affairs of its operations in particular. Consistent with its objective to encourage the general public to contribute to the educational process, Board meetings will be open to the public. Towards this end, the Board believes its affairs must be conducted in public to the greatest extent possible.

We encourage trustees to enhance public trust in education by hearing delegations on matters of the district including operational matters.

Thanks,

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Chair, Vancouver DPAC

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