



**Education Committee of the Whole Report**  
**Tuesday, February 21, 2023**  
**VIA ZOOM**  
**2:30 p.m.**

**Chair: Trustee Austin**

We would like to give thanks and acknowledge that the lands on which we work and learn are on the shared traditional territory of the Qualicum and Snaw-Naw-As (Nanooze) First Nations People.

**MANDATE:**

*To discuss and make recommendations to the Board on aspects of teaching, learning and educational equity. We will strive to have all students receive whatever they need to develop to their full academic and social potential and to thrive every day.*

**SCHOOLS AND/OR PROGRAMS**

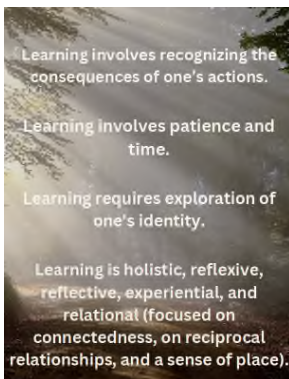
**Teaching and Learning Team**

Ruth Stefanik, Denise Spencer-Dahl, Linette Woods and Greg Lewis, who provide mentorship and coaching in the classroom, presented a broad overview of just some of the things the Teaching and Learning team help facilitate in our district from Literacy stations, supporting literacy and numeracy, grab and go bags, Science and Reading (SOR) Thinking Thursdays, brain development, the annual skills competitions and technology and coding. There have already been two meetings with students to look at the YDI (Youth Development Instrument) data and what that data means to the students.

Overview of the YDI project: <https://earlylearning.ubc.ca/monitoring-system/ydi/ydi-overview/>

Please visit the Teaching and Learning website for more info:

<https://www.sd69.bc.ca/Programs/Student%20Support%20Services/Pages/default.aspx#/=glob>



**PASS (Parkville Alternate Secondary School) overview- Autumn Taylor**

Autumn went through the Learning through Experience model that we all hope can be achieved through-out the district someday. The classroom is outdoors, in a restaurant, on a mountain top or by the ocean. The students worked on the schools' codes of conduct and settled on a medicine wheel approach with the four big ideas of "I am Safe", "I Trust in Possibilities", "I Accept Responsibility" and "I Can Show Compassion". Autumn walked us through the strengths and stretches at PASS and how their work on respect and the code of conduct will help guide them.

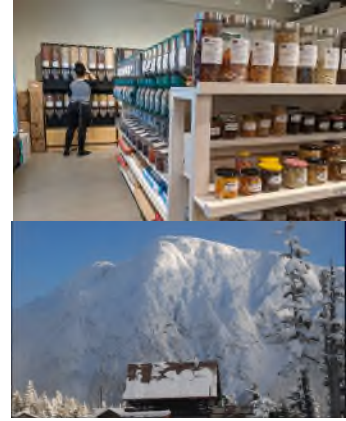


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## ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AND CLIMATE ACTION

### GLOBAL ROAMS/ TREC Zero Waste Class Dinner

Students from the Global ROAMS (Rivers, Ocean and Mountain School) program presented their experience with trying to cook prepare and serve a dinner for 52 people up on Mt. Cain while also trying to produce zero waste. So much food, including fruits and veggies are pre-packaged in plastics. Using the refillery in Courtenay they were able to buy rice etc. and put them in containers they brought. They ended up having used one small piece of plastic while strengthening the bonds within their group. A great success!



### Kwalikum Secondary School – Student Government -Spring Symposium



Students from Kwalikum Secondary School Governance gave an update on the “Mid-Island Youth Climate Action Symposium” to be held at the Qualicum Civic Centre on April 19, 2023. Guest speakers include Seth Klein, Ecko Aleck and Doug Hopwood. There will be discussion and break out groups for the students that have been invited to attend from other local districts. The students have secured funding for the event through learning grants, community, Zero Waste initiative and from MATA, if needed. They have a lovely website for this event. <https://youthsymposium2023.wixsite.com/home>. A lot of great progress and much work has gone into the planning already!

## SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY

### District Day Highlights

The District Day (Feb. 17) learning was attended by 575 people in the Kwalikum Secondary School gym where Superintendent Peter Jory spoke to meaningful graduation as a core function of the district. He gave a high level view of our local data and the provincial data.

Heather Deering, Vice Principal of Kwalikum Secondary School, shifted from the data analysis and brought more personal stories from her journey to attaining her Masters degree.

Tracy Finstad spoke to land, language and culture from an Indigenous perspective and gave an overview of core, basic knowledge.

## SHARED LEARNING

### Update from Director of Instruction

Rudy Terpstra, Director of Instruction, gave updates on the Student Learning Committee meeting and how best to support teachers. Students are beginning to use *myBlueprint* for their course selections. So far, feedback has been positive about the platform. For more information on this program please see <https://myblueprint.ca/>

Katie White ( <https://www.kwhiteconsulting.com/>) will be returning for Dinner with Katie White, Student Self Assessment and Goal setting.

The Walking Alongside Series with Jo Chrona and Monique Gray Smith continues with [Emerging Themes and Transformations in Indigenous Education](#), Thu, Apr 13, 2023 at 3:30

## **INFORMATION**

Gillian Wilson, Associate Superintendent, spoke to the many choices offered at both Kwalikum and Ballenas Secondary Schools for the MATA and CUPE Pro-D. Good to see so many people out.

There is also a small waitlist for French Immersion but it is still very early days to determine what the final numbers will look like. Mrs. Wilson is reminding parents that the last day for cross-boundary requests is the Wednesday before the start of spring break (Wednesday, March 15).

There seems to be high interest in the STREAM program right now. How that program may develop is being considered.

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION TO MOVE TO THE BOARD MEETING**

None

## **UPCOMING TOPICS**

Outdoor Programs/Technology

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

Tuesday, April 18 at 2:30 p.m. (via Zoom)