



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING ADDENDA**

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019

7:00 PM

THE FORUM

PARKSVILLE CIVIC & TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

**4. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

**d. Receipt of Ministry News**

- Helping BC students fight the lure of gangs with neww ERASE strategy p 1-3

**e. Receipt of Reports from Board Representatives to Outside Organizations**

- RDN Recreation Commission – Trustee Young p 4

**12. ACTION ITEMS**

**a. 2019/20 Local School Calendars**

(Gillian Wilson)

**i. 2019/20 District School Calendar**

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*Recommendation:*

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 69 (Qualicum) approve, as presented, the District School Calendar for the 2019/20 school year with the provision that, by May 31<sup>st</sup>, all schools will distribute to parents/guardians a copy of the final District School Calendar 2019/20 that includes all the provisions stipulated in the *School Act*, and the *School Calendar Regulation 314/12*.

**ii. 2019/20 Collaborative Education Alternative Program (CEAP) School Calendar**

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*Recommendation:*

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 69 (Qualicum) approve the school calendar for the Collaborative Education Alternative Program (CEAP) School Calendar for the 2019/20 school year as presented.

**iii. 2019/20 False Bay School Calendar**

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*Recommendation:*

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 69 (Qualicum) approve the school calendar for False Bay School for the 2019/20 school year as presented.

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## NEWS RELEASE

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Ministry of Education

### **Helping B.C. students fight lure of gangs with new ERASE strategy**

ABBOTSFORD – Students, parents, educators, law enforcement and local partners in 12 B.C. communities will immediately begin receiving additional support and training opportunities to help at-risk kids get off the pathway to gun and gang violence, with a \$1.12-million investment from the Province.

“Young people are being supported to make the right decisions and not join gangs, with the backing of our education, law enforcement and community partners,” said Rob Fleming, Minister of Education. “We’re ensuring all B.C. students receive an education free from discrimination, bullying, harassment, intimidation and, most importantly, violence, for generations to come.”

The funding supports the new ERASE (Expect Respect and a Safe Education) school-based gang prevention program. It will be offered in priority communities identified by police and safety experts as those that could benefit from additional gang prevention support. Communities include Abbotsford, Burnaby, Delta, Kamloops, Kelowna, Langley, Nanaimo, Prince George, Surrey, Vancouver, Victoria and Williams Lake. The program will see the creation and delivery of new training and intensive supports focused on gun and gang violence awareness and prevention, and will also include the creation of resources for classroom teachers.

Funding will go to the B.C. School Superintendents Association (BCSSA), supporting districts in 12 priority communities to partner with the Boys Club Network. The Boys Club Network is a B.C.-based non-profit organization that works with school districts and community partners to create safe spaces for boys aged 12-19. Through the partnership, after-school programs will be set up (where they do not already exist), and new local secondary school elective courses will be created, focused on connecting teenage boys with positive adult role models and providing leadership and career development opportunities.

The BCSSA will also use the funding to provide 2,200 students, 1,500 parents and 2,500 educators, law enforcement officials and representatives of community-based organizations with an opportunity to participate in gang prevention and awareness education and training sessions.

The sessions will be provided by Safer Schools Together, the Ministry of Education’s service-delivery partner for ERASE. Topics will include an overview of the current B.C. gang landscape, how gang members are recruiting, myths and realities of gang membership, warning signs and how to help if someone is being recruited or is already involved in gang-related activity.

Safer Schools Together will also develop a new provincial learning resource for B.C. education professionals focused on gang prevention. It will be aligned with the provincial physical and

health education curriculum, and will include videos and a teacher guide focused on helping all students develop healthy relationships, avoid unsafe or exploitive situations, and how to protect themselves from harm. Localized monthly reports on public social media activity regarding gang activity will also be provided to school districts, along with support as needed on how best to address any concerning online behaviour.

“Ending the gun and gang violence that’s taking young lives and threatening our communities will continue to require strong, strategic prevention and enforcement efforts,” said Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General. “Early intervention and prevention programs like ERASE are vital to ensuring our young people are both knowledgeable and resilient to the lure of gangs and gang violence — helping them make their own positive life choices. Our government will continue to pull out all the stops to identify bold, new actions that can support police, our justice system, our schools and our communities in curbing gang and gun violence and saving young lives.”

The provincial ERASE strategy offers services and resources to foster school connectedness, address bullying and prevent violence in B.C. schools, and provides support to school districts during critical incidents. Throughout the 2018-19 school year, ERASE is being expanded to be a more comprehensive resource, and will also focus on gang prevention, mental health and wellness, substance use, social media and sexual orientation and gender identity.

#### **Quotes:**

##### **Glen Hansman, president, British Columbia Teachers’ Federation (BCTF) —**

“The BCTF and our members are very supportive of all efforts to make our schools and communities safe and inclusive for all children, youth and families. The government’s efforts with the ERASE strategy will help us combat bullying, violence and harassment through education. We look forward to working with the government and other partner groups on this gang-prevention initiative.”

##### **Stan Petersen, chair, Abbotsford Board of Education —**

“The Abbotsford community continues to face challenges with ongoing gang conflicts that involve some Abbotsford students. We are pleased to see a portion of this funding coming directly to our community for specialized programming and education, serving our students who need additional support and access to resources.”

##### **Walter Mustapich, president and co-founder, Boys Club Network —**

“If boys do not understand and value themselves and their human potential, and make enduring connections with positive adult male mentors and role models within their primary spheres of influence — family, school, extracurricular — they will seek connection elsewhere. Elsewhere can be dangerous, damaging, devastating. For many complex reasons, things have changed considerably for boys in our schools and communities. All adolescent boys, not just boys conventionally identified as being at-risk through social or economic circumstance, benefit demonstrably from the consistent fortification of mentorship, moral courage and authentic hope offered in our after-school clubs and local curriculum. We are by no means the only solution, rather just one arrow in the quiver of targeted programs.”

**Hamid Moradi, Grade 12 student at Sutherland Secondary School, North Vancouver, and a Boys Club Network chapter leader —**

“The Boys Club Network gives us hope to shift our lives to something better. It’s more than just family, it’s a safe and vulnerable space. The mentorship connection is so pure we can trust it to help guide us through school and hard decisions about life. This city seems quiet, but it isn’t — there is so much going on below the surface. The real life lessons and moral courage I’ve learned at our meetings will stay with me always.”

**Theresa Campbell, president, Safer Schools Together —**

“Building on the success of the provincial ERASE strategy, a multi-tiered approach has been developed in response to gang activity. School communities across our province will now be equipped with education and resources to help identify young people engaged in gang associated behaviour or who are on the pathway to join a gang.”

**Quick Facts:**

- The \$1.12-million investment to support the program was announced by Farnworth in July 2018.
- On March 5, 2019, the federal government announced \$5.3 million in new funding for B.C. projects that help understand, prevent, disrupt and combat gun and gang violence, through the Initiative to Take Action Against Gun and Gang Violence.
- The Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General will receive the funding over two years. The initiative will include community consultation, targeted training and development of Indigenous gun and gang violence prevention tools.
- In October 2017, the B.C. government announced annual funding of \$500,000 for the Surrey wraparound program, commonly known as Surrey wrap.
- Another \$239,000 has been provided to the Province’s Gang Exiting and Outreach Pilot (for those seeking to exit the gang lifestyle) to support the pilot through to the end of its evaluation phase.
- End Gang Life school presentations have been delivered to over 25,000 students around the province. An initiative of the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit B.C., the program presents to secondary, middle and elementary schools and is involved in after-school programs, career fairs and community functions.

**Learn More:**

View the new ERASE website and access new resources for students, parents and education professionals: [www.erase.gov.bc.ca](http://www.erase.gov.bc.ca)

For students worried about something at school or in their personal lives, and who are interested in letting an adult in their district know who can help resolve the situation, visit: [www.erasereportit.gov.bc.ca](http://www.erasereportit.gov.bc.ca)

To view gang prevention resources for parents, visit the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit B.C. website: [www.cfseu.bc.ca/end-gang-life](http://www.cfseu.bc.ca/end-gang-life)

Learn more about the Boys Club Network: [www.boysclubnetwork.com](http://www.boysclubnetwork.com)



## Board and Trustee Representative Committee Report

SD69 QUALICUM

**Trustee Representative:** R. Elaine Young

**Committee Name:** RDN District 69 Recreation Commission

**Meeting Location:** Oceanside Place

**Meeting Time:** February 21 2018

The Commission is composed of representatives from Electoral Areas E, F, G and H; Town of Qualicum Beach; Parksville City and School District 69 as well as staff from Recreation. The Commission advises the RDN Board (through the chair-person of the commission). Note that this report is written before the minutes are produced and so rely on memory.

Delegations often present to the Commission on recreation related issues in their area of interest/expertise. At this meeting we heard delegations from:

Oceanside Generals Junior B Society

**Orientation:**

- Power point regarding the purpose and bylaws of the Advisory Commission
- Discussion regarding the Advisory nature of the commission

**Invited Presentations:**

- Physical Literacy and Play Oceanside Initiative
  - Goal is to improve Physical Literacy and Physical Activity.
  - School District 69 will be involved

**Grants**

Youth Recreation Grants recommended to Bowser Elementary School, Arrowsmith Community Recreation Association (ACRA), Mid Island Distance Youth Running Club, Errington War Memorial Hall Association, Oceanside Arts Council, Ravensong Aquatic Club, Errington Elementary School

Community Recreation Grants recommended to Errington Elementary School, Forward House Community Society, Bow Horn Community Club, Qualicum Beach Weavers and Spinners Guild, Parksville Golden Oldies Sports Association, Oceanside Building Learning Together Society, Town of Qualicum Beach, Bowser Tennis Club, ACRA, Parksville Curling Club, Canadian Paraplegic Association

**Parks Report Reviewed**

**New Business:**

- Delegates selected for the BC Parks and Rec. Assoc Symposium – May 1-3
- Considerable passionate discussion re: RDN's motion to defer re: the recommendations from our Advisory Committee (Ballenas Track Upgrades, Ravensong Pool Expansion, Multi-plex feasibility).

A final Motion passed with the intent to have the RDN Board look again at accepting the advice of this Advisory Committee. (This would mean that there would be no need for further study...)

**Next Meeting – April 18 at 2:00 Oceanside Place – Meetings are open to the public**



## District Local School Calendar (2019-2020)

Designation	2019-2020
Days in Session	188
Days of Instruction	180
Instructional Hours Elementary	878
Instructional Hours Secondary	952
Schools open Regular start time – schools dismiss three hours early Ballenas and Kwalkum Secondary – grade 8 students only	Tuesday September 3
Ballenas and Kwalkum Secondary First day for grades 9-12 students	Wednesday September 4
District-wide Planning Day Non instructional Day	Friday September 27
Thanksgiving Day	Monday October 14
Conferencing Adjustment Non-instructional day	Thursday October 24
Provincial Professional Development Day Non-instructional day	Friday October 25
Professional Development Day Non-instructional Day	Friday November 1
Remembrance Day	Monday November 11
Conferencing Adjustment Non-instructional day	Friday December 20
Winter Vacation Period	December 23 to January 3
Schools Reopen after Winter Vacation	Monday January 6
Secondary Semester Two Begins	Monday February 3
BC Family Day	Monday February 17
Professional Development Day Non-instructional Day	Monday February 24
Spring Vacation Period	March 16 to March 27
Schools Reopen after Spring Vacation	Monday March 30
Good Friday	Friday April 10
Easter Monday	Monday April 13
Professional Development Day Non-instructional Day	Friday May 15
Victoria Day	Monday May 18
Final Day for Students Schools dismiss three hours early	Thursday June 25
Administrative Day Non instructional Day	Friday June 26



## CEAP Local School Calendar (2019-2020)

Designation	2019-2020
Days in Session	212
CEAP is a distributed learning program where students participate, in the most part, in home-based learning. From time to time, students attend group activities in the community and CEAP classrooms, according to schedules distributed by program teachers.	
Canada Day	Monday July 1
Start of Summer School/Programs	Tuesday July 2
School Program Closed	Monday July 29
Intake Commences for Programs	Monday August 26
Schools open Regular start time – schools dismiss three hours early Ballenas and Kwalikum Secondary – grade 8 students only	Tuesday September 3
Ballenas and Kwalikum Secondary First day for grades 9-12 students	Wednesday September 4
District-wide Planning Day Non instructional Day	Friday September 27
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False Bay Local School Calendar (2019-2020)

Based on 12 Alternate Fridays

Designation	2019-2020
Days in Session	176
Days of Instruction	168
Instructional Hours Elementary	878
Instructional Hours Secondary	952
Schools open	Tuesday
Regular start time – schools dismiss three hours early	September 3
Ballenas and Kwallkum Secondary – grade 8 students only	
Ballenas and Kwallkum Secondary	Wednesday
First day for grades 9-12 students	September 4
Alternate Friday	Friday
Non-instructional Day	September 13
District-wide Planning Day	Friday
Non instructional Day	September 27
Alternate Friday	Friday
Non-instructional Day	October 4
Thanksgiving Day	Monday
	October 14
Conferencing Adjustment	Thursday
Non-instructional day	October 24
Provincial Professional Development Day	Friday
Non-instructional day	October 25
Professional Development Day	Friday
Non-instructional Day	November 1
Remembrance Day	Monday
	November 11
Alternate Friday	Friday
Non-instructional Day	November 29
Alternate Friday	Friday
Non-instructional Day	December 13
Conferencing Adjustment	Friday
Non-instructional day	December 20
Winter Vacation Period	December 23 to January 3
Schools Reopen after Winter Vacation	Monday
	January 6
Alternate Friday	Friday
Non-instructional Day	January 24
Secondary Semester Two Begins	Monday
	February 3
Alternate Friday	Friday
Non-instructional Day	February 7
BC Family Day	Monday
	February 17
Alternate Friday	Friday
Non-instructional Day	February 21
Professional Development Day	Monday
Non-instructional Day	February 24
Alternate Friday	Friday
Non-instructional Day	March 6
Spring Vacation Period	March 16 to March 27
Schools Reopen after Spring Vacation	Monday
	March 30
Alternate Friday	Friday
Non-instructional Day	April 3
Good Friday	Friday
	April 10
Easter Monday	Monday
	April 13
Alternate Friday	Friday
Non-instructional Day	May 1
Professional Development Day	Friday
Non-instructional Day	May 15
Victoria Day	Monday
	May 18
Alternate Friday	Friday
Non-instructional Day	May 29
Alternate Friday	Friday
Non-instructional Day	June 12
Final Day for Students	Thursday
Schools dismiss three hours early	June 25
Administrative Day	Friday
Non instructional Day	June 26