



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2022
6:00 PM
VIA ZOOM

ATTENDEES

Trustees

Eve Flynn	Chairperson
Julie Austin	Vice-Chairperson
Laura Godfrey	Trustee
Barry Kurland	Trustee
Elaine Young	Trustee

Administration

Peter Jory	Superintendent of Schools
Gillian Wilson	Associate Superintendent of Schools
Ron Amos	Secretary Treasurer
Rudy Terpstra	Director of Instruction
Phil Munro	Director of Operations
Lori Marshall	Principal, Kwalikum Secondary School Qualicum District Principals/Vice Principals' Association

Education Partners

Mount Arrowsmith Teachers' Association (MATA)
District Parents Advisory Council (DPAC)
Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 3570

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Flynn called the zoom meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

Chair Flynn acknowledged that the Board was meeting on the lands of the Coast Salish people and the shared territories of the Snaw'naw'as and Qualicum First Nations.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

22-103R

Moved: Trustee Godfrey *Seconded:* Trustee Young

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 69 (Qualicum) adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes: June 28, 2022
- b. Ratification of In Camera Board Meeting Minutes: June 28, 2022
- c. Receipt of Ministry News Releases
 - Anti-racism roundtable amplifies voices for action plan
 - Educational exchange between BC, Mexico students expanded
 - BC expands early child care education dual-credit programs for high School students
 - Finalists names for 2022 Premier's Award for Excellence in Education
 - Health, safety remain focus as students head back to school, child care
- d. Receipt of Reports from Trustee Representatives - None
- e. Receipt of Status of Action Items – August 2022

22-104R

Moved: Trustee Godfrey *Seconded:* Trustee Kurland

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 69 (Qualicum) approve the consent agenda items of the Regular Board Meeting of August 30, 2022, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

None

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

7. MOUNT ARROWSMITH TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (MATA)

Matt Woods, President, welcomed everyone back after the summer break and commented on the following:

- Initial conversations with teachers have led him to believe they have taken the necessary time to relax with family and friends after the exhaustive pace, many stresses and anxieties of the past 2 years.
- Teachers have been spending time over the summer, especially this week, preparing their classrooms for the start of what is hoped to a more normalized return to the school year.
- In meeting with senior administration earlier in the day, it was refreshing to discuss back to school protocols in a more normalized manner as well as focusing on the needs of the district that are not related to health and safety measures.
- Teachers are still bargaining at the provincial table and teachers will be returning to classrooms next week while working without a contract.
- A reminder to the Board that September 5th, while often thought of as a holiday, was meant as a time to reflect on the history of labour and labour relations, especially the importance of the labour union movement. He then shared some of the historical background to the day and invited attendees to attend the Nanaimo Duncan and District Labour Council, of which MATA is a member, Labour Day Picnic at Transfer Beach from 11:00 to 3:00 on September 5th.
- Encouraged the Board to continue to lobby the provincial government to increase funding for public education to actual levels and not inflation related levels. He then shared some information from an article in the Canadian Journal of Educational Administration and Policy by Malcolmson, Kuehn and Laitsch that argues that funding models used by government have been misleading and a more

accurate measure of spending on public education can be found in looking at school operating grants as a share of the BC GDP.

- MATA looks forward to working with all education stakeholders in the upcoming year to create an environment that is best for students as well as its members.

8. CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES (CUPE) LOCAL 3570

Sherrie Brown, President, shared that CUPE is excited about the upcoming school year. Sites have been well-maintained and cleaned thanks to the work accomplished by the Operations & Maintenance staff over the summer. Support staff are looking forward to supporting students, colleagues and the education community in the upcoming school year.

9. DISTRICT PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (DPAC)

The following comments were provided to the Board Chair via email:

- DPAC is excited to start the 2022/23 School year. They are looking forward to building on the connections and initiatives they started last year. Informing, educating and engaging parents will be a focus for the DPAC Executive team as they work with local school PACs, the District and BCCPAC.
- The Minister of Education and Child Care announced one-time funding, through the Student and Family Affordability Fund, to help school districts make sure students are fed and have the school supplies they need to be successful this year." PACs and DPAC look forward to working with the Senior and School Administration on how those funds will directly help families in SD69.

10. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS (RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS)

None

11. ACTION ITEMS

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Superintendent's Report

i. Provincial Update from the Ministry of Education and Child Care

- The K-12 Anti-Racism Strategy is certainly at the forefront at the Ministry – The new Indigenous Grad requirement for 2023-24 is a key component, which they will be supporting with more resources and additional Pro-D opportunities coming very soon.
- The new Assessment and Reporting Order will be in force for 2023-24, however, it is now live on the Ministry website, with new performance standards coming out this Fall. SD69 has already adopted these expectations and Director of Instruction Terpstra and Associate Superintendent Wilson will provide further information as the transition progresses.
- There will be a K-12 Curriculum update this year, with a full sector engagement planned.
- Ministry staff were also reported that Provincial Literacy Assessments showed 70-77% of BC students as proficient over the three sessions last year, which included positive feedback from

students on the experience, as well as a number of comments from the marking team of how thoughtful the student responses were.

- The Province has committed to funding additional executive positions in every district to oversee the work of the Childcare Portfolio. The Qualicum School District is already embracing a range of partnerships and models, and welcomes the additional funding to assist with the work already being done.
- On August 29, 2022, there was an official announcement about an additional \$60M to the system intended to help families cope with rising costs, and aimed at reducing parent spending on items such as supplies, food, and field trips, with the SD69 dispersal being approximately \$450K.
- The Provincial Communicable Disease Plan is out and is being adapted for publication in our District by the Assistant Manager of Operations and Safety, Brant Prunkl. Essentially, the district is seeing a return to pre-pandemic protocols, so staff and students will be able to get back to the types of activities that they all enjoy and that maximize the sense of community. He reminded everyone that these changes are 'for now', and that the district will be able to adapt to whatever circumstances arise in the future.
- Districts who are privileged when it comes to teacher recruitment to have been asked if they would be willing to share some teachers with the Nisga'a School District, which would be unable to open in September if they cannot get some help. District staff, the Board, and the MATA president supported this idea, and an invitation will be going out to the teachers with continuing positions, temporary positions, and TTOC's in the district on Wednesday, August 31st. There will be the opportunity to work on a temporary contract with Nisga'a and then return to Qualicum with their time accrued adding to their seniority here. Nisga'a will pay salaries, travel, and provide housing.

ii. District Updates Regarding School Start Up

- Director of Operations, Phil Munro, and the Operations & Maintenance Team have made significant headway on a number of projects and preparation around the District and the principals have been informed regarding work completion and timelines for ongoing work.
- Teachers have been appearing in buildings to get organized and to begin to operationalize their summer thinking. Assistant Manager of Operations & Maintenance, Chris 'Will' Rosendale, has mentioned that many of the district's custodians are new to their positions, and how much it means to them when district staff, students and parents notice their work, so everyone is encouraged to endeavor to do just that.
- There have been no surprises in regard to enrollment so far. There are some new registrations across the District but still no surge as of today's date. The new boundaries have been keeping the pressure off of Springwood Elementary School. Staff were able to clear the waitlist of neighbourhood students in June and are hopeful about accommodating new registrants, if not right away, at least eventually.

- Staffing is needed at École Oceanside Elementary School, as the English program has continued to grow and may soon reach the 130 mark.
- It is steady as she goes in most other schools around the District.
- A very productive summer learning session was held with Cale Birk, District Principal of Innovation in British Columbia, co-author and imagineer of “PLC 2.0 – Collaborating for Impact in Today’s Schools”, where principals and the senior leadership team were led through planning activities using frameworks to help connect action with outcome and to do so in a visible and impactful way.
- In addition to returning to countless “normal” activities and routines, there will be a number of educational initiatives to support, information to share, and new technology platforms to roll out.
- Welcome to Sherrie Brown in her new role four days a week at the Board Office where she will assist with social media and website curation, sharing updates through our new Constant Contact account, harvesting and highlighting examples of New Curriculum Learning around the District, data cleansing and other support for transition to EdPlan Insight and Teams.
- The district will be engaging in a new Strategic Planning Process, which will link to the Provincial Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) mandate and give us direction as a District for the next five years. Senior Staff and PVP were able to spend some time last week giving feedback on the draft questions that will go out next month, which are designed to gather broad staff and community perspectives on potential District Priorities.
- A Superintendent and Board retreat is scheduled for September 1, 2022 to review and revise the District’s Mission, Vision, and Values, and to ensure these resonate with the Board of Education and provide suitable frameworks to inform our next steps in the planning process.

b. Education Update

Rudy Terpstra, Director of Instruction, reported on the following:

- The Teaching & Learning Team has scheduled a number of professional development sessions during the week of August 29 to September 2.
- He is looking forward to working with Teaching & Learning Team to apply observable impact framework shared by Cale Birk and the principals and vice-principals.
- After working together for the past year, the education leadership team is considering how they can further support teachers and learning in our schools.
- Ruth Stefanek, of the Teaching & Learning Team, is in North Vancouver taking lead trainer sessions on Physical Literacy which is being promoted in a bigger way in the district this year.
- Mr. Terpstra and Lesley Rowan, Principal of IT Services, cotaught a session on the new Spaces platform which will be replacing FreshGrade and Scholantis. This will provide parents access to their children’s information through a single log in process. Schools and teachers will be supported in the transition to Spaces over the upcoming year while Google will remain as it always has been.

- Zero Waste projects will continue as one of the district's environmental initiatives this year.

Gillian Wilson, Associate Superintendent, reported on the following:

- Appreciation to Matt Woods, MATA President, for the conversation earlier in the day regarding staffing changes at schools as well as students' and families' moves.
- There are currently no surprises in terms of enrolment at the elementary level. Most schools do a reconnecting start which allows them to reconfigure if needed without disruption to students.
- Acknowledgement of school counselling staff for their work as it is a busy time of year as they assist with new registrations and timetabling.
- Oceanside Elementary School has received licensing approval for its after school program and the school's administrators will be communicating the availability of that program to parents. The program is being staffed by district staff.
- The licensing process for the after school program at Arrowview Elementary, through the Oceanside Building Learning Together Society, is in its final stages as is the licensing process for the change in location for the seamless day program at Errington Elementary School which is available for Kindergarten and Grade 1 students.
- Information will be shared at a future Education Committee of the Whole meeting to share feedback received from the ministry on the seamless day program as well as from parents and staff on what worked well and what areas may need to be improved upon.
- The District's Teaching & Learning Team will be reviewing some district assessments that have been done in the past to obtain a snapshot of where the district's learners are at this time of year. A couple of pilots were done in the spring of last year which were well received by teachers who appreciated having conversation about what learners were like in their environment compared to learners in other environments and looking at strategies to help improve that learning.

3. Summer Work Update

Phil Munro, Director of Operations, provided a summary of the 167 projects that were planned over the summer at the district's 17 sites and highlighted some of those projects that have been completed, those expected to be completed by the time school begins, and those which are ongoing and planned for the future.

13. EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

The next meeting of the Education Committee of the Whole is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18, 2022.

14. POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

The next meeting of the Policy Committee of the Whole will be held on Tuesday, September 6th.

- 15. FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT**
The next meeting of the Finance & Operations Committee of the Whole is scheduled for Monday, October 17, 2022.

- 16. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS**
No Reports

- 17. TRUSTEE ITEMS**
None

- 18. NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
None

- 19. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE AND MEDIA**
 - a. **Board Letter of Support for Stream Stewardship Initiatives**

- 20. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

- 21. ADJOURNMENT**
Trustee Godfrey moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

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CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY TREASURER