

School District No. 69 (Qualicum)



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017

7:00 PM

THE FORUM

PARKSVILLE CIVIC & TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

ATTENDEES

Trustees

Eve Flynn	Chairperson
Jacob Gair	Vice Chairperson
Julie Austin	Trustee
Barry Kurland	Trustee
Elaine Young	Trustee

Administration

Ron Amos	Secretary Treasurer
Gillian Wilson	Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Ryan Hung	Assistant Secretary Treasurer
Kerri Steel	Principal, Learning Services
	Qualicum District Principals/Vice Principals' Association (QDPVPA)
Karin Hergt	Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

Education Partners

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Flynn called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

Chair Flynn acknowledged that the Board was meeting on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish people and thanked the Qualicum and Nanoose First Nations for sharing their shared territories with the District.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Trustee Austin requested an addition under Trustee Items: Student field trip to the United States.

17-18R

Moved Trustee Austin *Seconded* Trustee Gair

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Flynn provided her written report from Provincial Council to be added to the consent agenda.

- a. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes: January 24, 2017
- b. Ratification of In Camera Board Meeting Minutes: January 17, 2017
- c. Final approval for a Kwalikum Secondary Student Field Trip to Calgary and Edmonton from May 15 to 21, 2017
- d. Final Approval for a Kwalikum Secondary Student Field Trip to Paris in March 2018
- e. Final Approval for a Ballenas Secondary School Music Student Field Trip to Seattle on May 14-17, 2017
- f. Ministry News Releases
 - \$29.5 Million Back to School Boost for BC Classrooms
 - BC's fifth consecutive balanced budget delivers the dividend of a strong economy
- g. Reports from Board Representatives to Outside Organizations
 - Curriculum Implementation Advisory Committee – Trustee Young
 - Oceanside Building Learning Together Coalition – Trustee Young
 - Provincial Council – Trustee Flynn
- h. Status of Action Items - February 2017

17-19R

Moved Trustee Young *Seconded* Trustee Gair

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 69 (Qualicum) approve the consent agenda items of the Regular Board Meeting of February 28, 2017, as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

a. Redesigned Curriculum Implementation

Staff from three elementary and one high school highlighted a number of initiatives they are, or will be, implementing in their classrooms after obtaining approval for proposals submitted to the Curriculum Implementation Advisory Committee for access to funds from the curriculum implementation grant. Two students from Qualicum Beach Elementary School then showcased some of the games and robotics they have created during their coding class.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

7. TRUSTEE HIGHLIGHTS

Trustee Austin

- Expressed appreciation to MATA for the invitation to trustees to attend one of two learning sessions offered at the MATA Professional Development Day on February 24th. She attended the Indigenous Hands-On Learning Session which she found to be very engaging and informative.
- Highlighted a book titled: *Joint Indian Reserve Commission in District 69*, written by Carrie Reid, District Support Teacher in the Indigenous Education Program, which relates some of the document history of the creation of the Qualicum and Nanoose Indian Reserves and what the reactions of the Indigenous people of the day may have been. She recommended everyone take the opportunity to read it.

Trustee Young

- Appreciated the showcase which portrayed ways schools are using the curriculum implementation money to create inquisitive and creative opportunities for students. The examples presented were exactly what she, as an educator, envisioned the money could be used for. She has been waiting a long time for student centred curriculum to come forward and she expressed her hope that it would continue well into the future.
- Reported that she was part of a Rotary team which travelled to Mexico to build a community centre in a very poor community. The Centre will house a seniors program in the morning and an after school program in the afternoon. The project was a collaboration of two different groups and the goal is to encourage cross-generational initiatives in the community.

Trustee Gair

- Appreciated the number of attendees at the Board meeting and the presentation by staff and students.
- Visited Oceanside Elementary School earlier in the week during the 100th day of school and had the opportunity to observe the children at work and play.

Trustee Kurland

- Attended the Annual General Meeting of the BC Public School Employers' Association on January 27, 2017, where a number of motions were passed and he heard some interesting perspectives from other districts as to the impact of the recent Supreme Court decision.
- Attended the District Occupational Health & Safety Committee Training on February 16th. He found the sessions to be a very intense experience and highlighted just how much work is required to adhere to changing safety and first aid regulations to ensure the safety of staff and students, which often goes unnoticed. The committee has requested additional funding for OH&S for consideration in the 2017/18 operating budget.
- Acknowledged the staff and students for their presentations to the Board.

Trustee Flynn

- Attended the Robotics Session presented on the MATA Professional Development Day on February 24th, which she found to be very engaging and informative. It also helped her more thoroughly understand the staff and student presentations on coding.
- Congratulated the MATA Pro-D Committee for their work in presenting meaningful sessions for staff and for extending the invitation to Trustees.

8. MOUNT ARROWSMITH TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (MATA)

Norberta Heinrichs, President, commented on the following:

- Social Justice Representatives, MATA representatives and the teachers and students of the PASS/Woodwinds class participated in MATA's LGBTQ and transphobia awareness workshops on February 28th. The workshops were facilitated by Heather Kelley, a Surrey teacher who spearheaded the first Pride Prom in Surrey last year. Discussion was rich and the Union is excited about using this experience as a launching pad to move forward in bringing awareness and acceptance of those marginalized by their sexual orientation and/or their gender identity.
- The MATA Professional Development Committee met on the afternoon of February 28th for a debriefing on the successful Pro-D Day held February 24th. There was great feedback on the various opportunities presented to teachers and she acknowledged the work of the co-chairs and the committee in making the learning practical and relevant.

- MATA looks forward to the following year in terms of the budget and the application of the restored language of the collective agreement. She appreciated the summary of feedback provided by stakeholder groups as it was beneficial to see where the priorities have aligned and stressed the importance of the priorities, especially those that support the restored collective agreement language. The board was urged to consider all new funding announcements with a lens to addressing those priorities.
- Mr. Heinrichs referred to the recent announcement of \$29 million and noted that senior administration has advised that there is a framework for the use of those funds. MATA is hopeful that there is an opportunity to meet many needs within that framework.
- MATA will be bringing working conditions to the forefront of the conversation as teachers' working conditions are the students' learning conditions.

9. CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES (LOCAL 3570)

No Report

10. DISTRICT PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (DPAC)

Chair Flynn began by thanking Ms. Hancock for a letter outlining parent concerns regarding sexual health and education for students. She noted that the Board has asked the Secretary Treasurer to add DPAC's suggestion for the Board to consider hiring a District Sexual Health Coordinator to support teaching staff in teaching the revised K-10 Physical and Health Education Curriculum.

Kim Hancock, Member at Large, expressed her pleasure at having had the opportunity to see that night's presentations. She noted that conversation regarding the new curriculum could be expanded with the addition of health and sexual education, particularly when considering the high use of the internet by youth and the potential for children to access sexually explicit information. She appreciated Trustees' consideration of the DPAC's suggestion for a Sexual Health Coordinator in the upcoming year's budget.

11. PUBLIC QUESTION (WRITTEN) AND COMMENT PERIOD

No questions/comments were received.

12. ACTION ITEMS

None

13. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Educational Programs Update

Assistant Superintendent Wilson reported on the following district initiatives and events:

- Work is continuing on gauging parents' and students' interest in a Late French Immersion Program in the District. She acknowledged the work done by Francine Frisson, Vice Principal of Oceanside Elementary School, to visit all grade 5 classrooms to obtain feedback directly from students. An information evening was also held on February 22nd for interested families. Expressions of Intent have been requested through a variety of social media and written communication to determine if there is enough interest for the District to be able to provide Late French Immersion as early

as September 2017. To date, only 7 letters of intent have been received. The deadline to submit expressions of interest is March 7, 2017.

- School reviews have been completed and Kerri Steel, District Principal of Learning Services, was acknowledged for her organization and participation in conversations with school administrators. She noted that each administrator also had numerous conversations with classroom teachers and school teams to ensure their feedback was included in the conversations.
- A *Vancouver Island Early Years to Kindergarten Transitions Session* is being hosted by the District on Friday, March 3rd at the Parksville Community and Conference Centre. Maria LeRose, a well-known television, webcast and live-event moderator, will facilitate the sessions along with Maureen Dockendorf, the Ministry of Education's Superintendent of Literacy and Numeracy. Over 200 attendees are expected.

b. Budget Planning Update

Secretary Treasurer Amos presented a summary of the feedback received to date from stakeholder groups outlining each group's priorities for the Board to consider in its 2017/18 operating budget. Additional items have since been received which will be added to the list. The Board and Senior Staff are now waiting for the Funding Announcement from the Ministry of Education, which is expected to be released in mid-March.

14. CORRESPONDENCE ATTACHED

None

15. POLICY

a. Board Policy 5020: Field Experiences

(Previously titled Co-Curricular and Extra Curricular Activities)

17-20R

Moved Trustee Flynn *Seconded* Trustee Austin

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 69 (Qualicum) approve second reading of Board Policy 5020: *Field Experiences* and its attendant Administrative Procedure at its Regular Board Meeting of February 28, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16. TRUSTEE ITEMS

a. Update on Provincial Council

Chair Flynn referred to her report on the Provincial Council Meeting, noting that trustees had received videos of the presentations from the BCSTA's Sector Leaders Speaker Series and she encouraged her fellow trustees, staff and members of the public to view the presentations.

b. Student Field Trips to the United States

Trustee Austin referred to recent media reports advising that districts are being more cautious and questioning student field trips to the United States given the US President's recent immigration ban. Boards are taking the ban into consideration as it could affect teaching staff as well students, particularly foreign born and international students. District also have to decide whether to take a stance on the ban even for trips that do not involve students affected by the ban.

Chair Flynn provided a summary of SD69 field trips planned to the U.S. and other countries over the next year which have been approved or approved in principle by the Board. At this time, there are no plans to withdraw that approval.

Trustee Kurland added that earlier in the week the Greater Victoria School District voted to cancel trips to the U.S. to ensure no students or staff are denied entry to the U.S. because of faith or ethnicity.

The Board and Administrators will continue to keep an eye on the situation.

17. NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

18. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

No questions/comments were received.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Gair moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

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CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY TREASURER