



School District No. 69 (Qualicum)

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019

7:00 PM

THE FORUM

PARKSVILLE CIVIC & TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

ATTENDEES

Trustees

Eve Flynn	Board Chair
Julie Austin	Vice-Chair
Laura Godfrey	Trustee
Elaine Young	Trustee

Regrets

Barry Kurland	Trustee
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Administration

Keven Elder	Interim Superintendent of Schools
Ron Amos	Secretary Treasurer
Gillian Wilson	Associate Superintendent of Schools
Chris Dempster	General Manager of Operations
Tandy Gunn	Principal, Nanoose Bay Elementary School Qualicum District Principals/Vice Principals' Association
Karin Hergt	Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

Education Partners

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Flynn called the meeting to order at 7:02 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

19-22R

Moved: Trustee Austin *Seconded:* Trustee Godfrey

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes: February 26, 2019
- b. Ratification of In Camera Board Meeting Minutes: February 19, 2019
- c. Ratification of Special In Camera Board Meeting Minutes: February 19, 2019
- d. Receipt of Ministry News
 - ERASE expands to protect students from bullying
 - Safer, more efficient schools for BC students
 - Helping BC students fight the lure of gangs with new ERASE strategy
- e. Receipt of Reports from Board Representatives to Outside Organizations
 - French Language Advisory Committee – Trustee Young
 - Vancouver Island School Trustees Association – Trustee Young
 - RDN Recreation Commission – Trustee Young
- f. Final approval for Ballenas Secondary School Music Students Field Trip to Edmonton, May 7-12, 2019
- g. Approval in principle for Kwalikum Secondary School Student Field Trip to Canadian National Music Festival in Ottawa, Ontario, May 13 to 19, 2019

19-23R

Moved: Trustee Young *Seconded:* Trustee Godfrey

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 69 (Qualicum) approve the consent agenda items of the Regular Board Meeting of March 12, 2019, as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

7. TRUSTEE HIGHLIGHTS**Trustee Young**

- Enjoyed attending the Regional Leadership Series hosted by the BC School Trustees Association on March 7/8, 2019. The sessions provided an opportunity for trustees to learn more about governance, finance, fiduciary responsibility and policy.

Trustee Flynn

- Also enjoyed attending the Regional Leadership Series and the opportunity it also provided to collaborate more closely with trustees from other districts, including the Francophone Authority, to share ideas and provide feedback on various topics.

8. MOUNT ARROWSMITH TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (MATA)

Debbie Comer, MATA President, commented on the following:

- District budget process is underway
- MATA bargaining process has begun
- The focus of the MATA Social Justice Committee has been poverty. Since December, the Committee has partnered with Rotary and Kwalikum Secondary School to provide food for students for the weekend. Students come in on Friday morning and leave their backpacks which the Rotary volunteers then fill with food for the students to have over the weekend. During the last Professional Development Day, the Social Justice Committee held a food drive to support this initiative.

- Locals hold a gathering with the BCTF of which MATA is part of the North Island Zone. This year members of the locals of all of Vancouver Island gathered which resulted in rich, deep conversation and was a great learning opportunity.
- The second District Professional Day will be held in April. The focus on the morning sessions will be Ecological Education and the afternoon will be spent in collaborative groups at the school sites.
- Feedback from members has been received regarding the personable, positive, genuine emails around member safety during the February snow days. It was also appreciated when a decision was made the evening prior to a snow day.

9. CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES (LOCAL 3570)

No Report

10. DISTRICT PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (DPAC)

Andrea Button, DPAC President, advised that there would be no March DPAC meeting. She also noted that while the Vaping Presentation was not well attended, those who did attend found it very informative, including students who were in attendance.

11. PUBLIC QUESTION (WRITTEN) AND COMMENT PERIOD

None

12. ACTION ITEMS

a. 2019/20 Local School Calendars

i. 2019/20 District School Calendar

Associate Superintendent Wilson presented the three calendars for the Board's consideration. She drew trustees' attention to the second conferencing adjustment date of December 20, 2019 and acknowledged that there was conflicting feedback amongst school administrators and teaching staff about holding it on the last day prior to the winter break.

19-24R

Moved: Trustee Godfrey *Seconded:* Trustee Young
THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 69 (Qualicum) approve, the District School Calendar for the 2019/20 school year as presented.
 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

19-25R

Moved: Trustee Godfrey *Seconded:* Trustee Young
THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 69 (Qualicum) approve the school calendar for the Collaborative Education Alternative Program (CEAP) for the 2019/20 school year as presented.
 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Associate Superintendent Wilson noted that the False Bay School community was given the opportunity to consider a four-day school week; however, the consensus was to continue with a school calendar with altered Fridays.

iii. 2019/20 False Bay School Calendar

19-26R

Moved: Trustee Godfrey *Seconded:* Trustee Young

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Educational Programs Update

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

- Attended the information session hosted by DPAC and Island Health on March 5, 2019 regarding electronic cigarettes and vaping. Students who attended supported the suggestion that the information be presented in schools through collaboration between Island Health and the students' ENITY group.
- Acknowledgement of Tandy Gunn, Principal of Nanoose Bay Elementary School, who is taking the lead with support from the Associate Superintendent on student learning and assessment reporting. Teachers are providing feedback on the Draft Reporting Order and a survey will be provided to parents asking some pointed questions around how the District is communicating student learning and providing points of progress.
- The school review process has begun to identify how cohorts are doing. This is a labour intense process with school administrators in conversation with teachers, supporting teachers and counsellors which also drives some staffing decisions for the upcoming school year.
- On April 11th Pete the Cat will return to Oceanside Place to welcome the district's youngest learners and community partners.
- On April 30th the district's second Annual Grade 7 Health Fair will be held. Speakers include Gary Anaka, Brain Coach; Surreal, Rapper; and The White Hatter. An evening presentation by the White Hatter is also being planned for parents on the evening of April 29th.
- The district's submission for the mental health grant provided by the Ministry was done earlier in the day and will provide a number of district resources and release time. A particular resource that was purchased from the grant was a book titled *Onward: Cultivating Emotional Resilience in Educators* which was provided to all counsellors.

c. Education Planning Update

Interim Superintendent Elder commented on the following:

- Commended Ms. Gunn and Ms. Wilson on leading the district's initiatives on communicating student learning over the past few months as well as the staff who embraced the new ways to keep parents continually informed of their child's progress. In educational transformation we have in the past tended to start in the beginning, with curriculum. But research is clear that when looking to improve the system you start with assessment and

reporting which will then guide how you organize your learning. That is happening in our district and is a powerful reflection of our learning community and the energy that goes into it.

- Acknowledgement to all stakeholders for the good work already begun for local bargaining with CUPE and MATA.
- The budget process is underway with the involvement of trustees, management staff, partner representatives, students and the community. Looking forward to being in dialogue over the next year as to how the process might differ in future through the funding model review.
- Commended Ron Amos, Secretary Treasurer, and Chris Dempster, General Manager of Operations, for their leadership along with other colleagues on capital planning. They are working with the Board, management and partner groups to keep up with needs of facilities currently and in the future. Enrolment growth and learning transformation may be reflected in future capital planning
- Earlier in the day, Dr. Elder attended a showing of *Great Bear Rainforest*, a documentary which compiles three years' worth of footage shot on the remote Pacific coast of BC. The Executive Producer, Byron Horner, is a parent at Ballenas Secondary School and he presented the film to the whole school throughout the day and included a presentation giving insight into how the film was created. It was a wonderful way for students and staff to experience the creation of the film second hand because it represents so much of who are as British Columbians and how much we care for the environment and the relationship with our Indigenous communities, who are the shepherds of the environment.
- A free viewing of the documentary *Making of the Witness Blanket* will be held on April 18th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Ballenas Secondary School. This overlaps with the district professional development day and consideration is being given as to how the documentary might also be included into that learning.
- Expressed gratitude to everyone across the school district with whom senior staff work every day and for the parent and community partnerships which allow students to play a real part in creating their own environments for their own education. We are fortunate to be in this community in this province and in this country, working in public education and making a difference due to the hard professional work of people in our schools every day. Thank you also to trustees for their commitment and diligence to the students and to the community.

14. CORRESPONDENCE ATTACHED

None

15. BYLAW/POLICY/ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

a. Board Bylaw 3: Meetings of the Board of Education

19-27R

Moved: Trustee Young

Seconded: Trustee Godfrey

THAT the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) approve second reading to adopt the revisions to Board Bylaw 3: *Meetings of the Board of Education* at its Regular Board Meeting of March 12, 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

19-28R

19. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Godfrey moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

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CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY TREASURER