



**4. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

Items 4.c. 4.d. and 4.e. were pulled from the consent agenda for consideration after discussion of item 13.b.

- a. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes: September 24, 2019
- b. Ratification of In Camera Board Meeting Minutes: September 24, 2019
- c. Receipt of Ministry News
  - Winners of the 2019 Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education announced
- d. Receipt of Reports from Trustee Representatives
  - Oceanside Building Learning Together Coalition – Trustee Young
  - French Advisory Council – Trustee Young
- e. Receipt of Status of Action Items – October 2019

**19-99R**

*Moved:* Trustee Godfrey *Seconded:* Trustee Young

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 69 (Qualicum) approve the consent agenda items of the Regular Board Meeting of October 22, 2019 as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**5. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

None

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- a. **Postponed Motion Re: Cessation of Category 4 & 5 Field Experiences (Trips)**  
*This motion was considered after Item 13*

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) will not condone or sanction long distance, category 4: Out of Province (Canada and Continental United States) and category 5: Extended Off-Continent Field Experiences (*Trips*).

**7. MOUNT ARROWSMITH TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (MATA)**

Debbie Comer, MATA President,

- Acknowledgement and appreciation for all the teachers who have been busy with parent-teacher-student conferences and celebrations of learning over the past few weeks.
- Thanks to the Board for creating committees of the whole where partner groups and the public can meet to discuss finance, operations, policy and education.
- MATA members will be wearing red on Fridays to show their support for public education and to draw attention to the need for increased funding to support recruitment and retention issues, resources for students and teachers, to address student needs and address a lack of Teachers Teaching on Call (TTOC).

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

Troy Forster, CUPE President, expressed his hope that the Board had ratified the new support staff Collective Agreement.

Chair Flynn reported that the Board had ratified the new CUPE Local 3570 Collective Agreement at its In Camera Meeting held earlier in the day.

**9. DISTRICT PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (DPAC)**

No report

**10. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS (WRITTEN)**

None

**11. ACTION ITEMS****12. INFORMATION ITEMS****a. Education Update**

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

- Senior management team looking forward to beginning fall conversations administrative teams in each school.
- October is Principals and Vice-Principals Month and she acknowledged the amazing work being done by the district's team of principals and vice-principals.
- The senior management team was invited to join the district administrators for some shared learning over the past weekend.
- She is working with formal and informal educational leaders to create a brochure which will share the philosophy of the proposed Primary Learning Community program. It is anticipated that information will be distributed in November.

Vivian Collyer, Director of instruction, then provided an update on the student reporting policy pilot, of which the district is among 13 BC school districts working on informing the ministry on how to provide feedback in a timely and flexible way to parents. This year the ministry will be seeking feedback from students, parents and teachers through a survey beginning November 15<sup>th</sup> to determine people's experiences with the reporting policy pilot. The second survey will take place in late January/early February to determine what type of information can be obtained for the district.

Any further information coming forward regarding the pilot project and from the conversations with school administrators will be shared with trustees through the Education Committee of the Whole.

**b. Superintendent's Update**

Superintendent Elder reported on the following:

- The BC Tripartite Education Agreement meeting was held on October 16, 2019. It is the first joint annual meeting held for that purpose. Additional information is available at <http://www.fnesc.ca/bctea/>
- A joint meeting of BC school superintendents and senior ministry staff was held on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Topics included the new funding model; however, details will not be provided until closer to when funding is announced in March 2020.
- Vancouver Island University student will be using the Qualicum Commons as their test site for an urban planning project which will include community dialogue to identify potential uses of that property. The Board will receive

the student's findings with interest; however, there is no planning in relation to the students' project.

- Appreciation to all the districts coaches for volunteering their time to support students in a variety of sports being held throughout the fall season.
- Advised that the district has identified Physical Literacy Ambassadors who will be taking part in workshops and school-based events to learn about programs, resources and games to provide the capacity towards supporting children to become more physically active. Regular physical activity has been proven to contribute to overall wellbeing and an increased capacity for learning.
- The first Superintendent's Student Leadership Group meeting will be held at the end of November with representatives from each of the secondary levels. Topics will include vaping, climate change, challenges and successes students are experiencing in their school, and to learn from and challenge one another.
- The Ballenas Secondary Track Renewal Committee will hold its first meeting at the end of November. Rudy Terpstra, Principal of Ballenas, will be chairing the committee, which is becoming larger due to community interest. One of the first priorities of the committee will be to determine the scope of the project (6 or 8 lane track) and which option would be supported by the community.

**c. Enhancing Student Learning Brochure**

Superintendent Elder distributed a copy of the current Enhancing Student Learning brochure which provides a detailed overview of how the district's strategic plans are being realized in schools and what activities are supporting what we know about our learners.

**d. Class Size Report October 18, 2019**

Associate Superintendent presented the class size report as at October 18, 2019, noting that the three classes identified were appropriate for student learning. Work has been done with the local teachers' union and with teachers who will be in a remedy situation.

**13. EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT**

Trustee Godfrey expressed her gratitude for the respectful atmosphere of the meeting held on October 15<sup>th</sup>, which was attended by students, teachers and parents. Discussion at the meeting resulted in a clear message that there was a need for the district to create a climate action group.

**a. Climate Action Task Force**

**19-100R**

*Moved:* Trustee Godfrey      *Seconded:* Trustee Young

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) create a Climate Action Task Force comprised of students, staff and community members; and,

**THAT** the mandate of the Task Force will be to review what the school district and community are doing to support climate action initiatives and make recommendations to the school board for further action no later than the February 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Trustee Godfrey abstained from voting

Superintendent Elder volunteered to take responsibility for creating the Climate Action Task Force.

**b. Motion 19-94R - Cessation of Category 4 and 5 Field Experiences (Trips)**  
(postponed from September meeting)

Trustees then continued to debate the motion postponed from the September Board meeting, weighing the educational value of out of province and out of country field trips to the environmental impact of those types of trips.

**19-94R**

*Moved:* Trustee Kurland *Seconded:* Trustee Austin

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) will not condone or sanction long distance, category 4: Out of Province (Canada and Continental United States) and category 5: Extended Off-Continent Field Experiences (*Trips*).  
DEFEATED

Trustees Austin and Kurland voted in favour of the motion

**14. POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT**

**a. Rescinding of Policy 3000: Foundational Principles**  
**19-101R**

*Moved:* Trustee Young *Seconded:* Trustee Godfrey

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) rescind Board Policy 3000: *Foundational Principles* at its Regular Board Meeting of October 22, 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**b. Provision of Menstrual Products**  
**19-102R**

*Moved:* Trustee Young *Seconded:* Trustee Austin

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) approve first reading of Board Policy 7011: *Provision of Menstrual Products* at its Regular Board Meeting of October 22, 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**c. Board Bylaw 3: Meetings of the Board of Education**  
**19-103R**

*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 October 22, 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**d. Board Bylaw 6: Indemnification**  
**19-104R**

*Moved:* Trustee Young *Seconded:* Trustee Kurland

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) approve second reading to adopt the revisions to Board Bylaw 6: *Indemnification* at its Regular Board Meeting of October 22, 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

e. **Long Term Policy Manual Review  
19-105R**

*Moved:* Trustee Young *Seconded:* Trustee Godfrey

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) approve the long term policy manual review project as proposed by Superintendent Elder in his memo dated September 26, 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. **FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT**

As per report provided in the agenda package.

16. **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS**

a. **Tribune Bay Outdoor Education Center**

Trustee Austin reported that the Tribune Bay Outdoor Education Centre Society held its Annual General Meeting on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. The superintendents of the two partner districts of SD69 and SD71, who hold the Park Use Permit for the site, have initiated a review of the programs at the Centre. The review will be managed by Clyde Woolman, a retired superintendent. It is anticipated that Mr. Woolman will present the two districts' superintendents with a report by December which would suggest ways in which to enhance current and implement new programming, create efficiencies, and generate funding.

17. **TRUSTEE ITEMS**

a. **Elementary Basketball Games**

Trustee Young noted that she had enjoyed attending an elementary basketball game between Arrowview and École Oceanside elementary schools. She encouraged staff and parents to attend an elementary basketball game if they have the opportunity.

b. **Approval in Principle for a Kwalikum Secondary School student trip to Calgary from May 19-24, 2020.**

**19-106R**

*Moved:* Trustee Godfrey *Seconded:* Trustee Young

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) give approval in principle for a Kwalikum Secondary School student trip to Calgary from May 19-24, 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c. **Approval in Principle for a Kwalikum Secondary School student trip to Belize**

Trustees debated the merits of the proposed field experience to Belize and determined that, not only was the cost high for an eight-day trip, there was no educational value that could not be provided locally.

**19-107R**

*Moved:* Trustee Godfrey *Seconded:* Trustee Young

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) give approval in principle for a Kwalikum Secondary School student trip to Belize during spring break 2020.

DEFEATED

- d. **Final Approval for Kwalikum Secondary School Student Trip to Japan**  
At the request of the Board, Brad Wilson, sponsoring teacher, provided some additional background to the student trip to Japan, commenting on the sister school and traditional exchange nature of the trip.

**19-108R**

*Moved:* Trustee Kurland *Seconded:* Trustee Godfrey

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) give final approval for a Kwalikum Secondary School student trip to Japan during Spring Break, March 11, 23, 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**18. NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**19. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE AND MEDIA**

None

**20. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

Trustees/senior administrators received comments and/or answered questions on the following topics:

- Proposed primary program
- Appreciation for the communication with parents in the English program at École Oceanside Elementary School. There was nothing further to report on future conversations regarding the English program at the school.
- Additional transportation provided by the Board for increased local field experiences for students.
- Resubmission of a request for approval in principle for out of province/country field experiences that were previously declined.
- Personal risks of teachers who might consider undertaking an out of province/country field experience for students that have not been sanctioned by the board.

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Godfrey moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

*Original signed copy on file*

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CHAIRPERSON

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SECRETARY TREASURER