



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2019

6:00 PM

THE FORUM

PARKSVILLE CIVIC & TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

ATTENDEES

Trustees

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

Administration

Keven Elder	Superintendent of Schools
Ron Amos	Secretary Treasurer
Gillian Wilson	Associate Superintendent of Schools
Heather MacLeod	Vice-Principal, Nanoose Bay Elementary School Qualicum District Principals/Vice Principals' Association
Karin Hergt	Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

Education Partners

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Chair Flynn also drew attention to the REDress Project Exhibit in the foyer as a visual reminder of missing and murdered Aboriginal women across Canada.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

19-109R

Moved: Trustee Godfrey *Seconded:* Trustee Young

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

None

11. ACTION ITEMS

None

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

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

- School winter celebrations and acknowledgement of all the teaching and support staff who organize the variety of events.
- Foundation Skills Assessment marking has been completed and she acknowledged the group of administrators and teachers who participated in marking. The District had an 80% participation rate, which is relatively high compared to the rest of the province, which she attributed to the overstatements clarifying that SD69 used the data to triangulate classroom assessment.

b. Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Elder reported on the following:

- He spoke at the REDress campaign event in Parksville following one that was held in Qualicum Beach and expressed the ongoing commitment in the school district that the recognition remains prominent. He then provided a history of the creation of the project and the purpose behind it.
- The First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Education Enhancement Agreement will be due for renewal in the coming months and a number of initiatives and collaborations are underway to identify the renewal of priorities and any new directions required.
- The District Student Leadership Group met for the first time at Kwalikum Secondary School earlier in the day. 20 students represented the four secondary schools and discussed a variety of topics from district issues that are emerging and students' desire to continue talking about SOGI education, Gay-Straight Alliance as well as an ongoing commitment to ensuring a culture of respect and inclusion. The next meeting will be held in February.
- The first of five Physical Literacy Workshops will be held on Thursday, November 28th. Teacher leaders are working with movement ambassadors to ensure movement is handled in a strategic and supportive way.
- He commended Gillian Wilson, Association Superintendent, Vivian Collyer, Director of Instruction, and Autumn Taylor, Principal at Arrowview Elementary, for their presentation on career education and Capstone at the Fall Conference of the BC School Superintendents' Association held November 20-22.
- He also commended Vivian Collyer, Director of Instruction, who was part of a ministry team nominated for the Premier Awards.

13. EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

Trustee Godfrey referred to the report in the agenda package, noting that the Associate Superintendent was able to clarify what schools were implementing to stop students from vaping at school. She also noted that a pamphlet is being created to provide information regarding a new primary program the district is interested in offering and a parent information meeting is being scheduled sometime in December.

a. Foundation Skills Assessment for French Immersion Learners

Trustee Godfrey then noted that it had been identified that French Immersion students were writing the FSA in English. It was suggested that the Board support the development of a version of the FSA for French Immersion learners.

19-111R

Moved: Trustee Godfrey *Seconded:* Trustee Young

THAT the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) write a letter to the Ministry of Education in support of developing a version of the Foundation Skills Assessment for French Immersion learners in the language in which they are learning in Grades 4 and 7.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was noted that the letter will be copied to the Vancouver Island School Trustees' Association (VISTA).

14. POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

Trustee Young referred to the policy review plan which will provide notice of what policies are being considered over the next four years.

a. Bylaw 1: Board of Education (previously titled *Trustee Elections*)**19-112R**

Moved: Trustee Young *Seconded:* Trustee Godfrey

THAT the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) approve first reading to adopt the revisions to Board Bylaw 1: *Board of Education* at its Regular Board Meeting of November 26, 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Bylaw 2: Board Structure**19-113R**

Moved: Trustee Young *Seconded:* Trustee Kurland

THAT the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) approve first reading to adopt the revisions to Board Bylaw 2: *Board Structure* at its Regular Board Meeting of November 26, 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c. Bylaw 7: Bylaw and Policy Development and Review**19-114R**

Moved: Trustee Young *Seconded:* Trustee Austin

THAT the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) approve first reading to adopt the revisions to Board Bylaw 7: *Bylaw and Policy Development and Review* at its Regular Board Meeting of November 26, 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

d. **Board Policy 7012: Students' Right to Engage in Peaceful Protests**

19-115R

Moved: Trustee Young *Seconded:* Trustee Godfrey

THAT the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) approve first reading of Board Policy 7012: *Students' Rights to Engage in Peaceful Protests* at its Regular Board Meeting of November 26, 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Austin noted that student input to the policy would be encouraged and appreciated.

e. **Board Policy 9000: Information Management and Access**

19-116R

Moved: Trustee Young *Seconded:* Trustee Godfrey

THAT the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) approve second reading of Board Policy 9000: *Information Management and Access* at its Regular Board Meeting of November 26, 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

f. **Policy 7011: Provision of Menstrual Products**

19-117R

Moved: Trustee Young *Seconded:* Trustee Kurland

THAT the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) approve second reading of Board Policy 7011: *Provision of Menstrual Products* at its Regular Board Meeting of November 26, 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

g. **Bylaw 3: Meetings of the Board of Education**

19-118R

Moved: Trustee Young *Seconded:* Trustee Godfrey

THAT the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) approve third and final reading to adopt the revisions to Board Bylaw 3: *Meetings of the Board of Education* at its Regular Board Meeting of November 26, 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

h. **Bylaw 6: Indemnification**

19-119R

Moved: Trustee Young *Seconded:* Trustee Godfrey

THAT the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) approve third and final reading to adopt the revisions to Board Bylaw 6: *Indemnification* at its Regular Board Meeting of November 26, 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

Trustee Flynn reviewed the topics discussed at the committee meeting held on November 15, 2019.

a. Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) Report**19-120R**

Moved: Trustee Flynn *Seconded:* Trustee Young

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 69 (Qualicum) receive the Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) Report for the year ended June 30, 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS

Trustee Young provided verbal reports for the Ballenas Track Renewal Committee and the French Advisory Committee, which were held on November 25, 2019, noting that written reports will be available in the agenda package for the December board meeting.

She also offered to loan interested attendees a book created by the Alberni Museum, which trustees received at the recent Fall Conference of the Vancouver Island School Trustees Association (VISTA). The book provides an Indigenous history of the people who inhabited the area that is now Port Alberni and the impact of the lumber industry on their way of life.

17. TRUSTEE ITEMS**a. Climate Emergency Declaration**

Trustees discussed the merits of a climate emergency declaration in order to add the district's voice to the call to action and to set direction for the district to reduce its carbon footprint. The intent of the portion of the motion regarding the reference to the strategic plan was also clarified.

19-121R

Moved: Trustee Austin *Seconded:* Trustee Kurland

THAT the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) declare a Climate Emergency and address its current and future strategic priorities through a Climate Emergency lens.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

18. NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

19. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE AND MEDIA**a. Letters from Parents re English Program at Oceanside Elementary School**

Chair Flynn referred to letters provided in the agenda package which had been received from parent regarding the English program at École Oceanside Elementary School. She thanked the parents for writing and stated that the Superintendent will be bringing a report addressing some of the questions in the letters to the December or January board meeting.

20. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

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

- Potential solutions and the timelines to implement those solutions to address vaping in schools
- Details regarding costs for Think Communications Inc. on the Statement of Financial Information Report (SOFI)
- Announcement that Ewen Rycroft has been elected as the New Vice President of CUPE Local 3570.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Godfrey moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Original signed copy on file

CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY TREASURER