



School District No. 69 (Qualicum)

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 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

Administration

Keven Elder	Superintendent of Schools
Ron Amos	Secretary Treasurer
Gillian Wilson	Associate Superintendent of Schools
Jesse Witte	Principal, PASS/Woodwinds
	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

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 Snaw-Naw-As (Nanoose) and Qualicum First Nations for sharing their shared territories with the District.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA 19-122R

Moved: Trustee Godfrey *Seconded:* Trustee Austin

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: November 26, 2019
- b. Ratification of In Camera Board Meeting Minutes: November 26, 2019
- c. Ratification of Special In Camera Board Meeting Minutes: November 5, 2019
- d. Receipt of Reports from Trustee Representatives
 - French Advisory Council – Trustee Young
 - Oceanside Building Learning Together – Trustee Young
- e. Receipt of Status of Action Items – December 2019

7. MOUNT ARROWSMITH TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (MATA)

Debbie Comer, MATA President, commented on the following:

- Lack of parent, teacher or support staff representation on the Funding Model Review Panel (FMRP).
- Concerns with the FMRP promotion of a 'one size fits all' funding formula for the province given the unique issues of each district and understandings about how to solve those issues.
- The need for more money to be allocated to education as a whole in BC.
- Appreciation of the Notice of Motion to adequately fund public education. It is the hope of MATA that the board will approve the motion when it is moved in January as the government needs to provide adequate funding to support the complex composition of today's classrooms and to address issues related to recruitment and retention of teachers.

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

No Report

9. DISTRICT PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (DPAC)

No Report

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

None

11. ACTION ITEMS

None

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

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

- Recognition of the student art work that is being temporarily displayed at Springwood Elementary School.
- Acknowledgement of the work done by teachers prior to the winter performances.
- Graduation data is being reviewed and at this point is very promising. Appreciation was expressed for the work done by the principal and staff at PASS/Woodwinds to support students towards graduation.
- Kindergarten teachers will be completing the Early Years Development Instrument (EDI) in February and will be meeting in early January to go through their training on administering the EDI. (*Trustee Young noted that she had attached the sub sets of the EDI to her Oceanside Building Learning Together report.*)
- All district staff are looking forward to a well-earned break.

b. Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Elder commented on the following:

- Acknowledgement of the Board's embracing of the standing committee structure.
- Kwalikum Secondary student council and Ballenas Interact students contributed to an improved draft of a policy regarding students' right to peaceful protest which will be presented to the Board at its January Board meeting.
- A review of alternate programs is currently underway. A team consisting of members from five different districts from the lower mainland will be meeting in SD69 in January to share experiences, see what is currently available for SD69 students and identify a variety of ways students needs can be met.
- Clarity is expected to be provided by the Ministry in the new year regarding the new funding model. It was noted that there are already a number of questions and concerns being raised regarding how money will be provided through the new model.
- Recognition of all the performances and presentations being held in schools throughout December. It is worth the travel between sites to see the energy, excitement, and enthusiasm. Appreciation to the volunteer work of parents, staff and students, in creating the performances and for providing valuable educational experiences as well.
- Plans to begin advertisements on the local radio station are underway with the first ads relating to Kindergarten Registration.

c. Water Safety Update

Chris Dempster, General Manager of Operations, reported that the Ministry has changed the acceptable level of lead in drinking water to half of what it was the previous year. He is currently reviewing data from last year's reports to identify any that are above the new level.

d. 2020-2021 Budget Process Schedule

Secretary Treasurer Amos referred to the 2020-21 budget process schedule provided in the agenda package, noting that the same approach will be used as was defined last year to include more public consultation.

13. EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

No report

14. POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

No report

15. FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

No report

16. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS

No report

17. TRUSTEE ITEMS

a. Climate Action Task Force

Trustee Austin advised that the first meeting of the task force was held in early December and was well attended by district staff and community members. Three recommendations have come out of that meeting as the focus for the task force is on action. In order to have a baseline from which the task force can begin its work, it was recommended that they be provided with information on what types of initiatives have already been implemented or are currently being planned.

19-126R

Moved: Trustee Austin *Seconded:* Trustee Young

THAT the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) request staff to prepare a report on the school district's current plans in relation to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, including data and targets related to district operations and transportation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The task force also discussed the importance of embedding climate change in the curriculum, and provide education not only for students but for everyone in the learning community.

19-127R

Moved: Trustee Austin *Seconded:* Trustee Young

THAT the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) request senior staff to prepare a report for embedding and creating a focus on stewardship and climate change learning into the core competencies.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Finally, it was reported that the task force also spoke to the need for informing and learning from one another which led to talk about the task force organizing a symposium in the spring of 2020. This would be a symposium that would be student-led as well as community-led with the District lending support by providing the space, information on some of the initiatives underway in the district, and to showcase work students are doing in relation to climate action.

19-128R

Moved: Trustee Austin *Seconded:* Trustee Young

THAT the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) support a task force initiative to host a Climate Action Symposium in the spring of 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The next meeting of the task force will be held on January 20th at 3:30 at the Qualicum Commons.

b. Board of Education Scholarships

Chair Flynn presented information on the determination of the allocations for the board of education scholarships. It has also been suggested that the process might differ slightly for PASS students with a trustee and senior staff member interviewing students at the school rather than at the board office.

19-129R

Moved: Trustee Flynn *Seconded:* Trustee Godfrey

THAT the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) attribute \$6000.00 for the Board of Education Scholarships with \$2000.00 going to each of Ballenas Secondary, Kwalikum Secondary and CEAP/Parksville Alternate Secondary Schools.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c. Notice of Motion re: Education Funding – Trustee Young

The BC Public education system has struggled for years to adequately meet the needs of students under the per pupil funding model. Districts have been compelled to rely on unstable revenue streams such as International Student Programs. With the imminent roll-out of the new funding model, it is hoped that the instability of funding will be addressed.

I, Trustee Young, provide notice that I will move, or cause to be moved, the following motion at the Regular Board Meeting of January 28, 2020:

THAT the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) write a letter to the Ministries of Education and Finance outlining our funding needs to adequately maintain our school district and support vulnerable learners, including a reliance on unstable revenue streams such as the International Student Program. The letter will request the provincial government adequately fund public education.

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:

- Climate action task force.
- Draft policy regarding students’ right to peaceful protest.
- Playground removal at Qualicum Commons as it was not up to code.
- Input of teaching staff to the Alternate Education Review.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Godfrey moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Original signed copy on file

CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY TREASURER