



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018**

**7:00 PM**

**THE FORUM**

**PARKSVILLE CIVIC & TECHNOLOGY CENTRE**

**ATTENDEES**

**Trustees**

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

**Administration**

Rollie Koop	Superintendent of Schools
Ron Amos	Secretary Treasurer
Gillian Wilson	Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Ryan Hung	Assistant Secretary Treasurer
Chris Dempster	General Manager of Operations
Francine Frisson	Vice-Principal, L'Ecole Oceanside Elementary School Qualicum District Principals/Vice Principals' Association
Karin Hergt	Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

**Education Partners**

District Parents Advisory Council (DPAC)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Flynn called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Nanoose and Qualicum First Nations for sharing their shared territories with the District.

**3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**18-55R**

*Moved:* Trustee Gair      *Seconded:* Trustee Kurland

**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 27, 2018
- b. Ratification of In Camera Board Meeting Minutes: February 20, 2018
- c. News Releases
  - Students and BC government taking a stand against cyberbullying
  - Thinking of running for local office?
  - Elections Resource: A Guide for School Trustee Candidates
  - Finding a better way to support school districts, student success
  - New commissioner for teacher regulation appointed
- d. Reports from Board Representatives to Outside Organizations
  - Oceanside Building Learning Together Coalition – Trustee Austin
- e. Status of Action Items – March 2018
- f. Approval in Principal for a Ballenas Secondary Student field trip to New Mexico from June 18 to June 24, 2018.

**18-56R**

*Moved:* Trustee Gair                      *Seconded:* Trustee Kurland

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 69 (Qualicum) approve the consent agenda items of the Regular Board Meeting of March 13, 2018, as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**5. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS****a. Suggestion from Canadian Parents for French BC/Yukon for a SD69 French Immersion Program Policy**

Greer Cummings, President of Canadian Parents for French BC/Yukon, presented a proposal for a School District 69 French Immersion Program policy, requesting that the Board amend the policy range 5000 to include accommodation for the French Immersion programs that are offered by the school district to ensure the appropriate support, maintenance and development of the program.

Chair Flynn advised that the proposal would be presented to the Board Policy Committee at its next meeting for consideration.

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None

**7. TRUSTEE HIGHLIGHTS****Trustee Young**

- Referred to a document created by Liesel Knaack and Paige Fisher of Vancouver Island University, which was a summary of what is changing in the BC K-12 Curriculum and how that relates to post-secondary education.
- Praised staff of School District 61 (Greater Victoria) who hosted the Vancouver Island School Trustees Association's Spring 2018 Conference.
- Acknowledged the SD61 Policy #4305: *Gender Identity and Gender Expression* in support of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI). School District 69 has chosen to include SOBI policies within its Board Policy 7000: Safe, Caring and Inclusive School Communities and its attendant Administrative Procedure.
- Directed attendees to SOGI Parent Resources at SOGI 123 [www.sogieducation.org](http://www.sogieducation.org)
- Suggested that the Oceanside area hold a Pride Parade of which she would be interested in being part of the organizing committee.

**Trustee Austin**

- Presented a video clip from CHEK news on the Food Rescue Distribution Centre. She then shared pictures of, and video clips her fellow trustees enjoying, the results of dishes created by students in the Esquimalt High School Culinary Program from food donated by the local Food Share Network. This was an incredible example of a partnership and community spirit.
- Trustee Austin added that the Oceanside Building Learning Together Coalition has been discussing the number of families that rely on the Food Bank. It was also mentioned at a recent DPAC meeting how essential food programs are at schools and that, despite the money raised by PACs, there is a growing need for great amounts and more nutritious food. A food rescue distribution centre might assist with that need.

**Trustee Kurland**

- Attended the ground breaking ceremony of the Qualicum First Nations Child Care Centre on Friday, March 9, 2018, which was a moving experience. The event was attended by a number of visiting dignitaries, including Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation. Other attendees included Jesse Recalma, an SD graduate, and Carrie Reid, a District Indigenous Education Resource Teacher who spoke to the decision to choose the site, which was a cedar forest next to a stream where travelers would stop to have a drink of water and replenish their containers before continuing on to Port Alberni. A cohort of young children also assisted with the ground breaking.

**Trustee Gair**

- Attended a technology presentation by staff from the Victoria School District at the recent VISTA Conference. The presentation outlined ways the district is integrating technology into schools with a particular focus on creating equality and equity among all schools in the district.
- Inadvertently participated in Pink Shirt Day at Ballenas while delivering a long service presentation, resulting in his having his hair dyed pink. Pictures of the event can be found on the Ballenas Twitter page.

**Trustee Flynn**

- Chaired the Saturday Business Meeting portion of the VISTA conference as the VISTA President. One of the motions passed was for VISTA to write a letter to the Minister expressing Boards' grave concerns over the imposition of the payroll tax. The Minister had spoken to the topic during his address to attendees on the Friday evening, acknowledging the impact the tax would have on district budgets and noting it was under negotiation.
- Attended the first meeting of the Funding Review Panel with the Superintendent and the Secretary Treasurer. What resonated most with attendees was the need for long-term sustainable predictable funding. She noted that the 'quantum' would not change (the envelope of money) so that presents a challenge. The analysis is expected to be completed by the first week of July as to how districts will receive and manage their funds. The challenge is to create more flexibility with the new curriculum and keep students as the number one priority.

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

No Report

**9. CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES (LOCAL 3570)**

No Report

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

Andrea Button, President, commented on the following:

- The White Hatter presentation held on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> was well attended by 68 people
- The next DPAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.
- DPAC donated \$3000 to the Rocket Program at Ballenas Secondary School.

**11. PUBLIC QUESTION (WRITTEN) AND COMMENT PERIOD**

None

**12. ACTION ITEMS**

None

**13. INFORMATION ITEMS****a. Education Programs Update**

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

- SOGI Training was held on March 5 with approximately 35 attendees who reviewed the material on the SOGI 1 2 3 website and discussed how to implement SOGI in schools and share information through training sessions with staff.
- Book Club Conversations with school administrators are being held every few weeks.
- Teachers attended a session on FreshGrade and Scholantis portfolios. A follow up session will be scheduled after the spring break.
- A *Pete the Cat* community event will be held on Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Austin noted that there will be an information booth at the event to share information about the provincial initiative to help subsidize daycare costs.
- *Kindergarten Booklet in a Bag* has been shared with the elementary principals and vice principals. Of note is a set of cards created by Judi Malcolm, Literacy Outreach Coordinator, which help initiate conversations between children and their parents to promote social and emotional learning. Each child registered in Kindergarten for September 2019 will receive a kit.  
Trustee Young added that Ms. Malcolm received input from a number of people, particularly the Heart Mind Group, to assist with the storytelling aspect.
- A student field trip to Seattle, Washington, that had previously been approved by the Board, has been cancelled due to lack of participants
- French Immersion Kindergarten Registration was held in January and February with 50 students confirmed for the 2019/20 school year.

**b. Education Planning Update**

Superintendent Koop advised that he is preparing for the spring engagement with students and parents through a ThoughtExchange survey to reflect on where the District has been and also to identify other directions they may wish the Board to take or areas that could be replaced. The current set of strategic priorities runs to November and the plan is to have an updated set of strategic priorities in place before the end of the school year. The Board will also be reviewing its Vision,

Mission, Values and Guiding Principles document to have in place for the newly elected Board, which can then confirm or modify that work.

He also reported that staff are working to fill upcoming administrative vacancies, one being the Director of Human Resources position as well as for principals and vice principals. Of note was the hiring of a Health & Wellness Coordinator to the District which was initiated through funding received from the Ministry to ensure the health and wellness of all District employees.

**c. Board Financial Governance & Accountability Requirements**

Secretary Treasurer Amos referred to his memo in the Board agenda package, which provided a summary of the progress made to date on the Board's Financial Governance & Accountability Requirements as directed by the Ministry of Education to have in place by June 30, 2018. He also reconfirmed other initiatives undertaken by the District which included the Long Range Facility Plan and the creation of the Capital Planning Committee.

**14. CORRESPONDENCE ATTACHED**

None

**15. POLICY/ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE**

**a. Board Bylaw 2 – Board Structure**

Trustee Young noted a change in normal process to bring Bylaws before the Board for approval due to the change of the election date which resulted in the terms of office changing to the first Monday after November 1. Boards are required to revise their bylaws/policies in that regard before the end of the school year. The bylaw will be presented next to the District Policy Advisory Committee on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

**18-57R**

*Moved:* Trustee Young      *Seconded:* Trustee Gair

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) approve first reading to adopt the revisions to School District No. 69 (Qualicum) Board Bylaw 2: *Board Structure*, at its Regular Board Meeting of March 13, 2018.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**16. TRUSTEE ITEMS**

**a. Letter of Support to School District No. 74 (Gold Trail)**

Trustee Austin referred to the Gold Trail School District's poster campaign addressing anti-racism and white privilege and requested that the Board write a letter of support.

**18-58R**

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

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) write a letter to School District 74 (Gold Trail) in support of their poster campaign on anti-racism and white privilege.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**17. NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**18. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

None

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Gair moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

*Original signed copy on file*

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CHAIRPERSON

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SECRETARY TREASURER