



# School District No. 69 (Qualicum)

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019

7:00 PM

THE FORUM

PARKSVILLE CIVIC & TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

### ATTENDEES

#### Trustees

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

#### Administration

Dr. Keven Elder	Interim Superintendent of Schools
Ron Amos	Secretary Treasurer
Gillian Wilson	Associate Superintendent of Schools
Chris Dempster	General Manager of Operations
Gaynor Charnock	Vice-Principal, Oceanside Elementary School Qualicum District Principals/Vice Principals' Association
Denise Kinney	Human Resources 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

Board Chair Eve 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 Qualicum and Nanoose First Nations for sharing their shared territories with the District.

She then noted that the title for Ms. Wilson's position was revised further to her contract renewal. The Assistant Superintendent position will now be referred to as the Associate Superintendent position.

### 3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

#### 19-16R

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

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes: January 22, 2019
- b. Ratification of In Camera Board Meeting Minutes: January 15, 2019
- c. Ratification of Special In Camera Board Meeting Minutes: January 15, 2019
- d. Receipt of Ministry News
  - Students making outstanding contributions to their communities to be recognized
  - French Immersion Celebration Week marks 50 years of French Immersion in B.C.
  - Students supported by new school mental health resources
  - Bringing the Great Bear Rainforest to the classroom
  - Making life better for people at the heart of throne speech
- e. Receipt of Reports from Board Representatives to Outside Organizations
  - Indigenous Education Services Committee – Trustee Godfrey
  - Early Learning & Child Care of Oceanside (ELCCO) – Trustee Austin
  - RDN Recreation Commission – Trustee Young
- f. Final approval for International Student Program field trip to Banff from May 4 to 7, 2019
- g. Final approval for Ballenas Secondary student trip to the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, DC, in late June/early July 2019 (*actual date as yet to be confirmed*)
- h. Final approval for Ballenas Secondary Student trip to the Kennedy Spaceflight Center in Florida in late June/early July 2019 (*actual date as yet to be confirmed*)

**19-17R**

*Moved:* Trustee Godfrey      *Seconded:* Trustee Austin

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 69 (Qualicum) approve the consent agenda items of the Regular Board Meeting of February 26, 2019, as presented/amended. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**5. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- a. **Ballenas Secondary School International Space Station Project**  
Carl Savage, teacher at Ballenas Secondary School – International Space Station Project introduced 4 of the 5 students involved in an experiment that will send to space.

In early September of 2018, school districts from around world were given the opportunity to compete in a program to send an experiment to the International Space Station. An experiment, created by a team of five high school students from Ballenas Secondary School, to demonstrate how Alfalfa sprouts react to the conditions in space was chosen as one that will be sent to the International Space Station in June of 2019. <http://sproutsinspace.edublogs.org>

The students have a Go Fund Me page and are asking for help because there are two trips involved in completing the experiment. The first is a trip to the Kennedy Spaceflight Center for the launch of the students' experiment. The second takes place in July of 2019, when there is a conference where the students will be reporting on their experiment in Washington DC. The students are seeking donations to help the team travel to these two events.

[www.gofundme.com/sprout-in-space](http://www.gofundme.com/sprout-in-space)

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None

## 6. TRUSTEE HIGHLIGHTS

### Trustee Austin

Reported that the Board has begun its budget planning meetings and it was interesting having students involved in these meetings for the first time.

### Trustee Young

Reported that the Ballenas Secondary School Drama Department presented the play, Wizard of Oz with 6 showings in February 2019. Trustee Young enjoyed the play very much. A shout out to Director Doug Campbell, Choreography by Kim Wallace and Assistant Director Heather Deering.

### Trustee Godfrey

Reported that the Qualicum Beach Elementary School students hosted a leadership tea with the theme "What is a neighborhood school." The students painted rocks and handed out invitations to the residents in the area around the school. Tea, coffee and cookies were provided by the students in Lynn Murray's Foods class, Jennifer Kelly's students from the Speech Arts elective presented monologues and the school choir sang 3 songs.

### Trustee Kurland

Stated that his highlight was the students from Ballenas Secondary School and their science experiment.

### Trustee Flynn

Reported on the BC School Trustees Association's (BCSTA) Presidents Council, which meets twice a year. There will be two motions brought to the floor at the BCSTA Annual General Meeting in April regarding refugee funding and the funding model review – a new funding model for education in the Province.

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

Debbie Comer, MATA president, reported on the following:

- Appreciation to the In District Pro D Committee for the sessions offered on February 19, 2019. Ms. Comer attended a workshop on "Skype in the Classroom" at which attendees conversed via Skype with a man named Mark from England who will be attempting to summit Mt. Everest. He plans to use Skype to share the experience with 1.6 million students world wide.
- Questions raised regarding Policy 5056: *Acceptable Use of Technology* which will directly affect teachers, not only with instruction, but with supporting students. Ms. Comer suggested that the policy should be shared with the District Technology Committee for input prior to final approval.
- MATA is looking forward to beginning a positive and productive round of local bargaining with the District.

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

Troy Forster, CUPE president commented on the following

- He enjoyed the Board's Budget process to date.
- Supported the proposed earlier start time for Board meetings.

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

Andrea Button, DPAC President, commented on the following:

- A meeting is scheduled with administrators regarding the vaping conversation.
- Parents are hoping for productive negotiations.

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

None

**12. ACTION ITEMS****a. Board Authority/Authorized Courses****19-18R**

*Moved:* Trustee Austin *Seconded:* Trustee Godfrey

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) approve the following Board/Authority Authorized Courses as amended, updated and/or renamed:

- i. Astronomy 11
- ii. Coaching and Leadership 11
- iii. Leadership 11
- iv. Leadership 12
- v. Post-Secondary Preparation 12
- vi. Psychology 11
- vii. Psychology 12
- viii. Sociology 12
- ix. Sport Specific Physical Education 11C: Basketball
- x. Sport Specific Physical Education 11E: Football
- xi. Sport Specific Physical Education 11B: Racquet Sports
- xii. Sport Specific Physical Education 11F: Volleyball
- xiii. Sport Specific Physical Education 11D: Soccer
- xiv. Student Mentoring 11
- xv. Writing Strategies 11

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

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

- Acknowledged the work of all staff, especially those in the Operations and Maintenance Department, on snow days when school is not in session due to weather conditions.
- Pro D Day and the work of the Pro D Committee.
- Course selection night and grad night celebrations had to be rescheduled due to the snow days.
- Island Health Authority has stated that there is to be no vaping at school or anywhere else as the long term effects are not yet known.
- Speech and Language Pathologists are one of the amazing groups of staff that the district has in its system.
- The Student Learning Survey offers good information.

- The Draft Local School Calendars have been posted; however the Pro D Days are still needing to be confirmed in discussion with MATA.
- The Ministry of Education has introduced a new mental health dashboard that provides data from district students from a student survey. Student surveys will be in by the end of April 2019, with the results posted shortly thereafter so districts can gauge how well they are doing to support student mental health.

**b. Education Planning Update**

Secretary Treasurer Ron Amos provided an update on the 2019/20 budget planning process. Public meetings were held first with the Board and then last week with the public and stakeholder groups, including students. The Ministry's funding announcement is expected to be received in mid-March. Once the District knows its grant amount, it can start to assess where it is with the budget. In April trustees and management staff will meet with stakeholders for additional input and to finalize the budget.

Interim Superintendent Elder then reported on the following:

- Signing off on a partnership agreement between the District and Vancouver Island University (VIU) for a dual credit program. He was on VIU campus during reading break the week of February 25<sup>th</sup> and commented that most of the students that he encountered were from grade 10.
- Attended a learning opportunity in Richmond for 2 days to get a sense of where the province's focus is on education and student success. He then presented some of the Ministry slides shown at that learning opportunity.
- There is a new initiative from the Ministry of Education to support First Nations Transportation. Interim Superintendent Elder noted that the District will be applying for funding and Mr. Amos and Mr. Dempster are working with the two local First Nations to submit a plan.
- OECD Conference is coming to BC in May 2019 which will highlight the BC Education model to other countries.

**14. CORRESPONDENCE ATTACHED**

**15. BYLAW/POLICY/ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE**

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

*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 3: *Meetings of the Board of Education* at its Regular Board Meeting of February 26, 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair Flynn gave notice that the Board plans to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings at the next Board meeting.

**b. Board Policy 5056: Acceptable Use of Technology  
19-20R**

*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 Policy 5056: *Acceptable Use of Technology* and its attendant Administrative Procedure at its Regular Board Meeting of February 26, 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**c. Rescinding of Policies  
19-21R**

*Moved:* Trustee Young

*Seconded:* Trustee Godfrey

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) rescind the following Board policies which are now embedded into Board Policy 5010: *Communicating Student Learning* and its attendant Administrative Procedure:

- 5050: *Secondary School Student Evaluation*
- 5094: *Alternate Education Programs*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**16. TRUSTEE ITEMS**

**17. NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**18. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

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

- Why there was a need for a Provincial Local Enhancement Agreement in the school District.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Godfrey moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

*Original signed copy on file*

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CHAIRPERSON

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SECRETARY TREASURER