



Education Committee of the Whole Report
Tuesday, November 19, 2019
Library – Bowser Elementary School
3:30 p.m.

Mandate:

To discuss and make recommendations to the board on the general directions for education in the district, and to serve as a vehicle for regular reports to the board on educational programs and services.

Attendees:

Trustees Godfrey (Chair), Austin, Flynn, Kurland and Young
Gillian Wilson, Associate Superintendent of Schools
Vivian Collyer, Director of Instruction
Brian Worthen, Principal, Bowser Elementary
Lisa Pedersen-Skene, Vice-Principal, Springwood Elementary
Andrea Button, DPAC President
Ewen Rycroft, CUPE Local 3570
Rudy Terpstra, Principal, Ballenas Secondary School

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES

2. SHARED LEARNING

- **Presentation cancelled - Ecosystems KSS Students**
- **Vaping**

There was good discussion around the issue of vaping. This topic is front of mind in the Province with new legislation regarding nicotine amounts and flavouring. It is hoped that this will continue to flow into more education about the harm of vaping. A brief conversation continued regarding what is happening in our schools and whether there is a concern that students are vaping at the elementary level.

- **Primary Program**

Lisa Pedersen-Skene spoke to the new Primary Program being proposed, the development of the information pamphlet, the plans underway for the information public meetings and the timeline. It is hoped that the first public meeting can be scheduled in the beginning of December with another scheduled to take place in January.

3. INFORMATION

- **Enhancing Student Learning – Strategic Priorities**
- **Mental Health Data**
- **Graduation – Assessment (Vivian)**
- **Indigenous Education**
 - **First Nations, Metis, Inuit Education Enhancement Agreement**
 - **Winter Celebration**

4. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education consider writing a letter 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.

5. NEXT MEETING DATE:

- Tuesday, January 21 at 3:30; Arrowview Elementary School