



SD69 QUALICUM

**Education Committee of the Whole Report**  
**Tuesday, February 18, 2020**  
**Errington 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.*

**Committee Members Present:** Trustees Laura Godfrey (Chair), Eve Flynn, Barry Kurland, Julie Austin; Keven Elder, Superintendent of Schools; Gillian Wilson, Associate Superintendent; Vivian Collyer, Director of Instruction; Sheila Morrison, Principal, EES; Jennifer, Fuhrmann, Vice-Principal, EES; Rudy Terpstra, Principal, BSS; Lisa Pedersen-Skene, Vice-Principal, SES; Brayden Gordon, Vice-Principal, BES; Rosie McLeod-Shannon, District Principal, Indigenous Education.

**1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES**

**2. PRESENTATION:**

- Errington Elementary students showed attendees Room 9, a calm room with low lights, tactile objects, reading nook. The room is fully supported and welcoming for the student who need a few minutes to decompress, calm down, and refocus. Some discussion around the needs of this room and specifically why it works so well in Errington.

**3. SHARED LEARNING**

- **Climate Change in the classroom**

Zero waste partnership with RDN was discussed and which of the 3 schools in the partnership have completed their initial audit. The three schools involved in this partnership are: Arrowview and Errington Elementary and Ballenas Secondary. Vivian Collyer will continue to update the committee over the remainder of the school year.

A Youth Climate Conference was held in Comox on February 13th. It was very successful and finished on a positive note. Students attended from both of the district's high schools.

**4. INFORMATION**

- **Registration Update**

13 applications have been received for the proposed Primary Learning Community Program. Gillian will recommend that this program go forward in the upcoming budget consultations.

Update on French Immersion K's enrollment at ÉOES. Reconfirmation of ÉOES being a dual track elementary school by all trustees.

Update on cross boundary requests. Reconfirmation that those students in the Whiskey Creek area who are requesting QBES will receive priority placement as has occurred in the past.

- **Strategic Plans Update**  
Brayden Gordon, Vice-Principal of Bowser Elementary School, spoke about the ease of talking about the strategic plan in administrators' meetings as the newest member of the team.
- **Curriculum Implementation Advisory Committee Report**  
Eve Flynn spoke to the history of how this committee has evolved over the years. Some recommendations coming forward to budget considerations after great discussion and consensus were to continue financial support for:
  - Learning grants
  - Technology
  - Emotional support teachers (2)
- **Alternate Program Review Report**  
5 metro members (Delta, Surrey, NV) met with approximately 30 staff and 30 students to gather information. Four recommendations came from this report. The District is bringing in Raj Dhasi from Turning Point Resolutions to assist with the dissemination of the results and the recommendations. More information will be provided at the April meeting.
- **Education Enhancement Agreement 2020-2025**  
Rosie McLeod-Shannon provided a brief history about how the Enhancement Agreement began and where we are now. The first parent meeting has occurred and a second meeting is scheduled for March 1th. An on-line survey is planned for students in the higher grades, and the younger students will be interviewed separately. Good discussion took place regarding the Local Education Agreements and the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Enhancement Agreement and the differences between the two.
- **Calendar**  
A 3-year calendar is still being considered with some of the professional development dates in the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years as yet to be determined. The upcoming calendar has been a collaboration between the district and MATA. They are also sharing a speaker for the September 2020 district-wide planning day and the MATA professional development day.

**5. DISCUSSION:**

- Multi-Year Calendar 2020-2023

**6. QUESTION PERIOD:**

**7. NEXT MEETING DATE(S):**

- Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> – location TBD

**8. ADJOURNMENT**