



Education Committee of the Whole Report
Tuesday, June 16, 2020
VIA ZOOM
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 Laura Godfrey (Chair), Eve Flynn, Barry Kurland, Julie Austin; Keven Elder, Superintendent of Schools; Gillian Wilson, Associate Superintendent; Vivian Collyer, Director of Instruction; Ron Amos, Secretary Treasurer; learning grant teams of teaching staff and PVP.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES

2. PRESENTATIONS:

- **Learning Grant Projects**

Great presentations from teachers, highlighting their learning grant findings. While the presentation time was short, and COVID-19 was a contributing factor in some learning being interrupted, the Trustees could see the value in these grants. We all enjoyed the presentation and will allot more time for presentations next year.

- **Kwalikum Secondary School Category 4 Field Experience Request for Approval in Principle to Spain/Portugal**

KSS teacher, Jared Abel, presented the educational merits of the Spain/Portugal trip. He spoke of the Comparative Culture 12 curriculum big ideas, about visiting 8 UNESCO heritage sites, and about the preamble and follow up that would happen in his classroom, before and after the trip.

There were many questions from Trustees and a show of support from the MATA president and the Chair of DPAC.

The Administrative Procedures to Board Policy 502: *Field Experiences (Trips)* states that all Category 4 field trips must go before the Education Committee of the Whole for a review of the merits of the trip. The request for approval in principle for the KSS student trip to Spain and Portugal in March 2021 resulted in extensive debate and discussion.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

a. Approval in Principle for Kwalikum students' Field Experience to Spain/Portugal

Based on the aforementioned conversations regarding this trip, the committee recommended that the following motion be forwarded to the regular public board meeting for board deliberation:

THAT the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) give approval in principle for the Kwalikum Secondary student trip to Spain/Portugal trip over Spring Break, March 2021.

4. QUESTION PERIOD

5. NEXT MEETING DATE

- Tuesday, September 15 at 3:30 (Venue TBD)