



Education Committee of the Whole Report
Tuesday, September 15, 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.*

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES

2. OPENING COMMENTS

3. SHARED LEARNING:

- **Update from Summer Learning**

Carrie Frampton spoke at length about what sessions were offered and how many of them were linked to the learning that resulted from the Learning Grants that have been shared with the Board in previous years. The attendance was challenging due to COVID-19 and some presentations were cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date; however, those that did proceed were all well received.

- **Update from Director of Instruction**

Vivian Collyer provided an overview of the professional development day sessions that have been planned for the year, based on a survey done in June.

4. INFORMATION

a. Enrollment

- Parent Survey– There was a great participation in the parent survey with 3400 responses received. This was unbelievable considering the district has 4000+ students.

b. Busing

As of today, busing is still not available to courtesy riders. The numbers are being monitored daily and calls will be made to families who are eligible to make sure they still want their seat. Staff will be updated

c. Learning Grants

These grants are important and will be offered again this year, but may look a little different due to COVID-19 and the changing stages that might happen. The Trustees always look forward to hearing what the teachers have learned and how it can be used in our classroom and district.

5. DISCUSSION

a. Enhancing Student Learning

The Trustees did not get to spend time in the schools in May this year to hear how schools were enhancing student learning. We hope the plans will continue this year and we will be able to meet in May 2021.

b. District-Wide Planning Day Presentation

The 2-day agenda was shared with the Ed Committee. Presenters will be Monique Gray Smith, (Ripple Effect of Resilience: An Indigenous Perspective) and Nick Brown (Safer Schools Together- Understanding Hate, Racism, Bias and Privilege). We look forward to hearing how the day went in our next October meeting.

c. School Codes of Conduct

It was noted that the School Codes of Conduct do not line up with the provincial COVID-19 protocols for schools and there seemed to be some question about consistency from school to school. Therefore, the committee made a recommendation to be brought forward to the Board. (see below)

6. RECOMMENDATIONS TO BOARD OF EDUCATION

a. School Codes of Conduct

THAT the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) accept the School Codes of Conduct for the 2020-2021 school year as presented, recognizing that the Province's Ministry of Education's COVID-19 protocols supersede in regards to Health and Safety of all.

b. Working Group for School Codes of Conduct

THAT the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) ask senior staff to create a working group, which includes student and parent advisory council representatives, to work on the School Codes of Conduct.

c. Letter to Minister of Education re: Foundation Skills Assessment

THAT the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) write a letter to the Minister of Education asking that the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) testing for 2020/2021 be cancelled due to COVID-19.

7. QUESTION PERIOD

8. NEXT MEETING DATE

- Tuesday, October 20 at 3:30 via Zoom

9. ADJOURNMENT