



Education Committee of the Whole Report
Tuesday, February 16, 2021
VIA ZOOM
2:30 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:

a. Kwalikum Secondary School Student Council – Zero Waste

- Great presentation from students, past and present, on the recent history of the Student Council and the initiative of the Zero Waste project. This project commences in a week with posters, bins and education for students. Additional inquiry is happening around biological and waste scraps from classes like Biology and Industrial Education courses, (metal, wood waste).
- Ongoing project is benches for in school. 4 new ones purchased with funds from PAC, placement to be determined.
- Bring your own bag posters;
- Valentines for seniors; 150 hand written cards to Berwick and Qualicum Gardens
- Good uptake from the Grade 8 & 9 students, ability to carry the initiatives forward as they advance in the school.

b. Arrowview Elementary School – Sharing Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

- Principal Autumn Taylor spoke about the ongoing strategies being used by staff to support SEL.
- Core competencies, values all align with code of conduct and message and language is clear and consistent.
- 14 staff, including EA's in a book club, challenging with Zoom
- Safety, Regulation, Belonging, Positivity posters around the school, focusing on using consistent words.
- Problem/Reaction thermometer
- Outdoor structure being planned, including fundraising. A learning space for the entire school.

4. INFORMATION

a. Social Justice

- Trustee Elaine Young spoke briefly about the need for a social justice working group.
- Definition and environmental scan to follow once the recommendation of a motion is brought forward from the Education Committee of the Whole to the next Board meeting.

- b. Registration Update 2021-2022**
 - Some blips but smoothed out.
 - All programs of choice will be online registration.
 - Preliminary numbers for the new Primary Program offered at Craig Street Commons, is at 14.
 - Hard to predict with COVID but hopeful there is enough data for all programs of choice to plan after Spring Break

- c. Alternative Education Review**
 - Standing item on agenda
 - A 'soft alternative' program planning for September 2021.
 - KSS has the Compass program and will continue with that half day program with core subjects.
 - BSS is focusing on gr 8-9 with a half day model, inquiry approach learning hub for core subjects. This would stay at BSS because of the program at PASS Woodwinds offered across the field.

5. DISCUSSION

a. Lessons Learned

- Standing item on agenda
- Discussion around a district wide survey. What type of results would be hoped for and what would we do with the results? Both KSS and BSS have already surveyed many of their students because of the quarter system, pros and cons.
- DPAC has asked that parents be included in the district wide survey, as well as teachers. Focus of questions would be 'what worked' and 'what didn't work'.

6. QUESTION PERIOD

7. RECOMMENDATION(S) TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

THAT the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) establish a working group to discuss, refine and accept a definition of Social Justice and invite interested stakeholders to join, with the goal of completing an environmental scan and action plan.

8. FUTURE TOPICS

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

- Tuesday, April 19, 2021 at 2:30 via Zoom