



Education Committee of the Whole Report
Tuesday, April 20, 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. CEAP Presentation

Great presentation from teachers Dallas Flynn, Claire Weir, Jenny Pearson, Kelly Brett, Joni Jeffrey, and moral support from Tandy Gunn and Falon, the student teacher from VIU. The video shared gave a great snapshot of the way this school had to change with COVID and the expansion of students. They continued to focus on relationships, fostering a sense of belonging, increased engagement with parents and students, and encouraging differentiated instruction for all. At the beginning of the school year, there were 220 inquiries for this delivery of the curriculum, with 170 enrolling.

b. Nanoose Bay Elementary Presentations

i. Gardening/Seed Library Work – Chris

Farmer Brown wowed us with his enthusiasm and passion for all things agricultural. A great video showing cross curriculum with all grades, using seeds as manipulatives and keeping the seed library up to date. Chris Brown accessed a \$1000 grant to bring the Farm to School, sharing his passion with the kids who love it.

ii. Fine Arts – Kerri

Kerri Faa has been a teacher in our District for many years, and it's obvious that her love of Music has touched many students who go on to continue with music in their lives. Kerri spoke of the connection music has that links with our social emotional growth and is essential for all ages. Amazing video showing us engaged students from early years and beyond.

c. International Student Program (ISP) Revision and Rebuild Vision

Ross Pepper and Ronda Bell, Principals of the ISP, reported that there are currently 90 students attending with 140 enrolled for September 2021 for an FTE of 110. The 4 goals that our ISP team emphasized continue to be the focus of the program: Diversity, Communication with Collaboration, Quality Programming and Social Emotional Responsibility. These are why students from around the world want to come to S 69 for their international experience and education. This was a great presentation from Ronda and Ross who have risen to the challenges that COVID presented in the early days made sure all our host families and students remained safe and healthy.

4. INFORMATION

a. Social Justice Working Committee Update (Trustee Young)

Report will be provided in the agenda of the April Regular Board Meeting.

b. Update on Registration

Gillian Wilson, Associate Superintendent, gave us a look into where our current students are going when they leave the district and who is coming in and from where.

c. Alternative Education Review

Vivian Collyer, Director of Instruction, spoke to a question about non-engaged students and plans to reconnect them to their learning. One option being explored is in collaboration with the Society of Organized Services (SOS) for use of some office space in which to connect with those students that have disengaged from the system. The space is open Tuesdays and Thursdays with the hope that, since it is off school grounds, response from students to attend at that site may be more favourable. Jesse Witte, Principal of the Parkville Alternative Secondary School (PASS) spoke to all the other resources that SOS offers and feels this is a good fit.

d. FSA Summary

This topic was deferred to the May Education Committee of the Whole Meeting due to time limitations.

5. DISCUSSION

a. Lessons Learned

Gillian Wilson reported that the School Messenger system has been invaluable in ensuring regular and consistent messaging goes out to district families. This system has also been invaluable for COVID notifications to parents, students and staff.

6. QUESTION PERIOD

7. RECOMMENDATION(S) TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

None

8. FUTURE TOPICS

- September 2021 Start Up. What does it look like?

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

- Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 2:30 via Zoom