



Education Committee of the Whole Report
Tuesday, May 18, 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

Happy to see 24 people attend this meeting; parents, students, P/VP, senior staff and trustees.

3. SHARED LEARNING:

a. Ballenas Secondary School - Travel Request to London, Paris, Barcelona and Rome

Shannon Confortin, lead teacher for the postponed trip to Europe, presented an excellent slide show on the proposed field experience. Student participation included why they wanted to take this trip. i.e. culture, family roots, architecture. Trustees felt this presentation satisfied the educational component and mentioned the climate piece that EF tours offers. It was recommended that the topic be given further discussion/consideration at the May Regular Board meeting.

b. Kwalikum Secondary School – New Student Newspaper

New to KSS, student written newspaper with longevity since the contributors range from all grades. Link to the PDF is available on the KSS website. Lots of enthusiasm, great to see.

c. École Oceanside Elementary – Project with Class in Igloolik

A yearlong project of connection with an elementary school 3100kms away. What a concept for this class to grasp. An amazing presentation that focused on differences AND similarities between the two classrooms. Very heartwarming to watch.

4. INFORMATION

a. Foundation Skills Assessment Data

Director of Instruction Collyer provided a thorough presentation showing the differences between the old delivery method, questions and themes of the previous FSA and the revised version. This year there were many challenges and delays, so once the assessment was given, the district only had slightly more than 51% of students complete the assessment, a much lower number than in past years. Take-aways included some lagging in Numeracy in grade 4, legibility in writing, and vocabulary and growth in grade 7 with numeracy

b. Alternative Education Review

No update was provided due to time constraints.

5. DISCUSSION

a. Lessons Learned

No update was provided due to time constraints.

b. School Fees 2021-2022

Attendees discussed the school fees as provided in the agenda package. It was suggested that the cost of workbooks for various course be included on the fee schedule. This will be presented for approval by the Board at the May Regular Board Meeting.

c. Code of Conduct Review Forms 2021-2022

Associate Superintendent Wilson referred to the review forms which provided information about the process taken by each school to edit/redraft their school's code of conduct. The final versions of the schools' codes of conduct will be presented for approval by the Board at the September Regular Board Meeting.

6. QUESTION PERIOD

7. RECOMMENDATION(S) TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

a. Ballenas Secondary school trip to London, Paris, Barcelona and Rome in March 2022 to be forwarded to the May Regular Board Meeting for further discussion/consideration by the Board of Education.

b. Approval of the 2021-2022 School Fees Schedule with the revised addition of portfolios at the secondary level

8. FUTURE TOPICS

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

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

- Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 2:30 via Zoom