



Education Committee of the Whole Report
Tuesday, October 19, 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. Springwood Elementary School - T&R Clay Hearts & Oral Storytelling

Springwood Elementary school presentation of their Truth and Reconciliation clay hearts. Beautiful hearts that have decorated the trees outside of the school. A wonderful project with all grades participating and included age-appropriate learning. Call to Action poster in the main hallway, all student led and created.

b. Career Education – Don Bold

Career Education with Don Bold. A great overview of our program that works for successful student transitions, starting in Elementary and concluding in Secondary with post-secondary visits. Some highlights are 'Try a Trade', work experience 12A and 12B, skill samplers all with ITA supports, dual credit with North Island College and Vancouver Island University.

c. Update from Director of Instruction

i. School Sports – basketball season is underway; volleyball season starts next; and a track program is planned for the spring.

ii. Assessment Dinner Series have begun with up to 70 teachers attending who have an appetite for assessment.

iii. Teaching and Learning – Mr. Terpstra introduced Alanna Whitaker, the Indigenous Teaching and Learning Support Teacher. Her enthusiasm for coaching and mentoring teachers with locally sourced Indigenous learnings, as well as knowledge from across Canada, has been valuable already and she has many more ideas and plans for supporting Indigenous learnings in the District.

4. INFORMATION

a. Update was received re: School Meetings for Enhancing Student Learning Plans which are being reviewed with administrators of each school/program by the Superintendent, Associate Superintendent and the Director of Instruction.

b. Alt Ed Program Review – this is a standing item on agenda

c. Enrolment Update – 4272 FTE as of September 30th

- d. Education Tech Committee – has not met yet this year
- e. Learning Grants – the application was provided as an attachment to the agenda. Some of the topics of this year’s focus are: Universal Design for Learning (UDL), executive function, social justice, mental health, Social and Emotional Learning (SEL), play-based learning, and physical literacy.
- f. Seamless Day – The Errington Seamless Day is up and running and feedback is positive.

5. DISCUSSION

6. QUESTION PERIOD

7. FUTURE TOPICS

8. NEXT MEETING DATE:

- Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. (via Zoom until further notice)

9. ADJOURNMENT