



Education Committee of the Whole Report
Tuesday, January 18, 2022
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

Eve Flynn noted that during the absence of Laura Godfrey she would chair these meetings.

3. SHARED LEARNING

- a. International Student Program Update – Ross Pepper, Principal of ISP, provided a synopsis of students in attendance this year. We have welcomed 145 FTE students this year. Strong growth over last year and next year is projected to have 150 FTE. Community support for Home Stay is also showing strength
- b. Global ROAMS – Heather Buckingham (BSS Teacher) supporting the Global Roams outlined the scope and curriculum credits gained by 12 Canadian and 12 International Students in this program. It is now being offered as well at Kwalikum Secondary School with Ben Leggett as the teacher. The curriculum covers Environmental Science, Social Studies, Outdoor Education skill (kayaking, canoeing, surfing, rafting and safety skills), PE/Active Living and Leadership Opportunities. Two students spoke to the benefits they have found through this program.
- c. Early Learning Framework Update – Gillian Wilson, Associate Superintendent, reported that Kindergarten teachers are meeting and discussing the Early Learning Framework document, supporting Play Based learning, Story Telling and Environmental Play. Kindergarten teachers are completing the Early Development Indicators (EDI) in our district
- d. Update from Director of Instruction
 - i. District Learning – Rudy Terpstra noted the Assessment Dinner with Katie White was cancelled due to new COVID restrictions but will be re-scheduled in the Spring
 - ii. FSA Data – Working session for teachers was held on January 14th and was well attended. Val Edgell from SD 83 worked with the raw data from Grade 4 Numeracy and Literacy to analyze and identify strategies for use in classrooms. SD69's rate of participation in the FSA this fall was 75-90% in our schools.
Numeracy Consultant Jeannie DeBoice will offer our K-7 teachers a 5 part series "First Steps in Mathematics" running from the end of January to March 2022.

4. INFORMATION

- a. French Immersion (FI) Sibling Only Online Registration has opened. 2 FI Kindergarten classes are available.
- b. Kindergarten Online Registration opens January 24th. Parents can access information and the registration link via the district website.
- c. Mental Health Funding Update – Ministry of Education Allocation/Use: We have \$130,000 from Ministry designated funds for mental health initiatives – this years funding and the carry forward from last year. Our monies will be used to support our Social Emotional Teacher, Grade 7 Health Fair in May, Brain Ahead, the Brain Science learning for our new teachers, and participating in the Youth Development Indicator (connected to SFU) questionnaire/data from our Grade 11 students. This information will be very helpful in future supports for Grade 10 students.
- d. January Restart – The soft start for COVID planning was well used in our schools. A key issue going forward will be the “Functional Closure” of a school when and with Medical Health Officer involvement should student and teaching/support staff absenteeism increase to 30% and create safety concerns.

5. DISCUSSION

- *Coaching for Equity* is the P/VP Book Club read for this year
- Social Justice Working Group will be meeting next on January 24 via Zoom – all welcome. Will report out to this Committee in February.

6. QUESTION PERIOD

7. FUTURE TOPICS

- District Programs Review
- Curriculum Advisory Committee Survey Results
- Physical Literacy

8. NEXT MEETING DATE:

- Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. (via Zoom until further notice)

9. ADJOURNMENT