



Education Committee of the Whole Report
Tuesday, November 15, 2022
Via Zoom
2:30 p.m.

Chair: Trustee Austin

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES

2. OPENING COMMENTS

3. Mandate Discussion:

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.

Proposed Mandate:

To discuss and make recommendations to the Board on aspects of teaching, learning and educational equity. We will strive to have all students receive whatever they need to develop to their full academic and social potential and to thrive every day

The proposed mandate change was generally approved of; however, there were requests to entertain wording to include a climate justice concept. This involved further discussion on the purpose of the Education Committee and the need for using broad strokes. It was also suggested that students not only 'receive', but 'contribute'. The Committee of the Whole will consider these suggestions for further conversation and will return in January with some suggested wordsmithing.

4. SCHOOLS AND/OR PROGRAMS

a. KSS Student Trip to Calgary

Lori Marshall presented the proposed student music trip to Calgary in the spring. The students would travel by bus and will use fundraising efforts to help off-set the \$1100 cost. There are also subsidies available for students to ensure all students could attend.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AND CLIMATE ACTION

a. Climate Action Task Force Update - Trustee Austin

The Climate Action group was originally set up as a task force. Three years later it has been proposed that the district move climate action items to the board's Education and Finance and Operations Committees of the Whole.

b. KSS Student Symposium - Student Government Presentation

Carolin Mattice presented on behalf of the students as they were on a music field trip. Students are working towards hosting a one-day environmental symposium in the spring coming from their inquiry of "How can we inspire and motivate secondary school youth to make positive environmental changes within their own community and school?". The four hour event will hopefully be held at the Qualicum Beach Civic Centre and will include key note speakers, break out groups, arts, and music. Student from other neighbouring districts will also be invited to attend. The KSS students have been applying for grants through the school district and will seek additional financial support from the broader community.

They are also actively looking for volunteers and will come back to the Education Committee with an update in February. If you would like to help, please contact Carolin Mattice at cmattice@sd69.bc.ca.

6. SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY

a. Update

Similar to the CATForce, the Social Justice Working Group will now bring their voice directly to the Education Committee of the Whole meetings.

b. Safe Schools

Associate Superintendent Wilson noted that school districts across BC are noticing trends in increased gang associations, drug and alcohol abuse, poverty and concerning trends on social media. Mental Health concerns have risen by 25% and self harm by 200%. Following a district sponsored symposium being held on December 1 for students, a Safe Schools Youth Committee is being proposed to help address some of these concerning trends. Thanks to DPAC for their sponsorship of the White Hatter organization's webinar series on internet safety and digital literacy.

c. Youth Development Instrument (YDI) Information

Associate Superintendent Wilson shared information about some of the data collected from Grade 11 students in the district. The next step will be to bring a group of students together to look at the data and seek their thoughts about some actions the district can take to support some of the areas of concern.

The YDI report can be viewed at the following link:

https://chartlab.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/YDI-2021_2022-SD69-Report.pdf

7. SHARED LEARNING

a. Update from Director of Instruction

Director of Instruction Terpstra reported that this year's Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) had a 10% increase in participation and teachers in the district will begin marking this weekend. Reporting out in the district has followed progressive trends, where other districts in the province are just now catching up to a non-grade method which SD69 has used for years.

8. INFORMATION

a. Early Development Instrument (EDI) Data

Associate Superintendent Wilson advised that data has just been distributed to schools. Staff will be working with the Oceanside Building Learning Together (OBLT) Early Years Table to look at the domains in which the area has higher vulnerability and look at what the longitudinal data trends are.

9. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION TO MOVE TO THE BOARD MEETING

- a. That the Board of SD69 (Qualicum) approve in Principle the Kwalikum Secondary Student Music Trip to Calgary in the spring of 2023

10. FUTURE TOPICS

a. Suggestions for Education Committee Topics

Trustees invited attendees to suggest future topics for discussion. One suggested topic was "Critical Incident Response".

If you have any other topics to suggest, please contact Julie Austin (jaustin@sd69.bc.ca) or Gillian Wilson (gwilson@sd69.bc.ca)

11. NEXT MEETING DATE:

- Tuesday, January 17 at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom

12. ADJOURNMENT