



**Qualicum School District
Education Committee of the Whole Report
Tuesday, October 15, 2024
Via Video Conferencing
2:30 p.m.**

Facilitator: Trustee Elaine Young

We would like to give thanks and acknowledge that the lands on which we work and learn are on the shared traditional territory of the Qualicum and Snaw-Naw-As (Nanoose) First Nations People.

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.

1. SCHOOLS AND/OR PROGRAMS

a. September 30 Enrolment Report:

Associate Superintendent Wilson

Attendees considered the educational implications of losing supplemental funding to support designated students. Overall, it is not as bad as once thought; however, the district has had to make some staffing adjustments. Changes have been made to keep as much support in the classroom as possible.

b. Indigenous Education/Bill 40 Amendments to the School Act:

Katie Marren, District Principal of Indigenous Education

(View PowerPoint Presentation [HERE](#))

- Discussion occurred regarding the composition of the Indigenous Education Council.
- Funds available are approximately \$1.1m and most go to salaries to support students.
- Appreciation was expressed for the Indigenous Education Department's newsletter and the resources provided <https://secure.smores.com/n/x1aec> which are also available through the Qualicum School District website.

c. After School Care/Childcare/Early Learning Update:

Sheila Morrison, District Principal of Early Learning and Child Care

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- Discussion was had regarding the increased use of Storybook Village. Currently it is in use through the Munchkinland programs and both are used in the summer. The village has been cleaned up and revamped as shown on the presentation.
- Funding for Seamless Day will end this year.

2. SHARED LEARNING/Social Justice

a. Honouring Truth & Reconciliation

Ballenas Secondary Leadership Students

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- École Ballenas Leadership Students presented activities they created for the whole school to honour Truth and Reconciliation.
- The Committee looks forward to continued presentations documenting the plans and outcomes of this inquiry.

4. INFORMATION**a. Coffee with Trustees**

- Nanoose Bay Elementary on Wednesday, November 6
- Errington Elementary on Wednesday, December 3

b. Halloween Events

- **Spooktacular:** Thursday, October 24 at Storybook Village from 4-6 PM. Houses will be decorated for our younger learners and their families.
- **Coombs Candy Walk:** Thursday, October 31 from 6-8 PM. This is a popular community event. École Ballenas Secondary students will be presenting the Haunted Barn this year.

6. UPCOMING TOPICS

- Kindergarten Snapshot - Teaching and Learning Team
- Inclusive Education

7. NEXT MEETING DATE:

- Tuesday, November 19 at 2:30 p.m. via Teams