



**Qualicum School District
Education Committee of the Whole Report
Tuesday, November 19, 2024
Via Video Conferencing
2:30 a.m.**

Facilitator: Trustee Elaine Young

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. Student Ambassadors re: Exchange in Mexico

Ryne Barton, teacher, introduced a student from Kwalikum Secondary School who participated in an exchange to Mexico. They attended a private secondary school while in Mexico and studied some subjects such as philosophy, which is not a course offered in our province. The trip was a chance to see themselves in a different light as it took them out of their comfort zone into a different culture with different assumptions and expectations. Truly a life changing and enhancing experience. The Committee hopes to hear from a student who participated in an exchange to Japan at the January meeting.

b. Inclusive Education

Tandy Gunn, District Principal of Learning, shared an update on continuing work in inclusive education. Her PowerPoint focused on Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA) that seems to present in students with high anxiety. The PowerPoint will be shared with the Committee (*attached*).

2. SHARED LEARNING

Director of Instruction, Rudy Terpstra, shared information on Using Circles, Learning Rounds for Numeracy and Engaging all Learners in the Middle Years professional development sessions. These sessions are continuing and open to all educators. Trustees requested that this information also be shared at the Regular Board Meeting. Some of the topics contained in those session may be considered for District Wide professional development days in the future.

Mr. Terpstra shared pictures from the recent learning rounds with Carol Fullerton on Numeracy, which were also shared in the November issue of the District's Constant Contact Newsletter. Interested Staff and Parents can read the latest issue and/or sign up for this newsletter on the main page of the District Website.

3. ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AND CLIMATE ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY

Associate Superintendent Wilson shared details regarding the District Drug and Alcohol Review Committee and the District Student Review Committee, both of which use restorative justice practices. Additional details on the processes for both committees can be found in Board Policy 701: Student Discipline.

4. INFORMATION

a. Next Coffee with Trustees

- Errington Elementary School on Wednesday, December 3
- Trustee Austin pointed out that this is the second to last school for coffee with trustees in this term. However, if any school wishes trustees to come again, they are happy to make arrangements to do so.

5. ITEM(S) TO RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL TO THE BOARD MEETING

a. Board Authority/Authorized Course: Cultural Connections with Community and Elders

Katie Marren, District Principal of Indigenous Education and Sarah Elson-Haugan, District Indigenous Support Worker, presented a draft of this course as provided in the agenda package, which is based on work done by these two educators in their previous school districts (Peace River North and Prince George). The BAA course will be forwarded to the November Regular Board Meeting for approval by the Board.

6. Possible UPCOMING TOPICS

- Kindergarten Snapshot - Teaching and Learning Team
- Inclusive education – Grieving/loss as it impacts student achievement and behavior
- Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) Updates including Grad rates, assessments and other information
- Inclusion of all through music education
- Careers Education
- Student Ambassador to Japan

7. NEXT MEETING DATE:

- Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. via Teams