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**Qualicum School District
Education Committee of the Whole Report
Tuesday, February 10, 2026**

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.

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

Please note that this session was recorded and is available on YT through the main page of the District's website at www.sd69.bc.ca.

This meeting theme seemed to be about the importance of Belonging as a building block of learning.

A. PRESENTATIONS

I. SCHOOL/STUDENTS

a. Bowser Elementary School

Principal Gordon reported an increase in student attendance and attributed this to students' feeling of belonging. Students reported on the daily practise of indigenous approaches to inclusiveness and the importance of having an indigenous room at their school. Thanks to the students for this presentation.

b. École Ballenas Secondary School – Footloose Video

École Ballenas is known for their musical theatre performances. This year, they are producing Footloose. There are still some performances in the next few days. For tickets click [HERE](#)

II. PROGRAM(S)

a. Education Technology – AI Update Director of IT, Lesley Rowan,

Director of Instruction presented on behalf of the IT Department. With the help of the AI working group, guidelines have been made and presented. There are policy implications and further work on-going.

Trustee Austin reminded us of the environmental costs in the overuse of AI. Please contact Trustee Austin for information about the *AI and the Politics of Extraction* conference she attended recently and you can view a video of the conference [HERE](#)

B. EDUCATION UPDATES

i. Director of Instruction/Associate Superintendent

Due to time constraints these updates will be shared at the Public Board Meeting later this month.

C. SHARED LEARNING/INFORMATION**i. Brain and Belonging - Associate Superintendent Gillian Wilson and PASS/CEAP Principal Autumn Taylor**

Associate Superintendent Wilson reported that the District is involved in a 3 year long partnership with B.C. Children’s Hospital to further explore the Neurodevelopmental Model as it can apply in schools. This is the theoretical framework introduced prior to COVID and created by [Dr. Bruce Perry](#) (among others).

Principal Taylor reported on the progress of training. Training has been provided to Counsellors/Learning Support Teachers. Principals/Vice principals and will soon be provided with training to be “Ambassadors” in each school. Ms. Taylor used selected slides to show the basic thinking structures. The slides can be viewed [HERE](#) or on the meeting [recording](#).

ii. Tracking, Equity, and Meaningful Graduation – Peter Jory, Katie Marren, Rudy Terpstra

Wow! Director of Instruction Terpstra presented a fabulous PowerPoint which explained our connections to Provincial direction and how our data supports **Meaningful Graduation** for all students. This is one to watch so everyone can understand what is happening in the BC education system. The full PowerPoint can be viewed on the meeting [recording](#) (9:00 minutes in).

D. ITEMS TO RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL TO THE BOARD MEETING

Informal recommendation to have the last PowerPoint placed on the Qualicum School District Website.

E. UPCOMING TOPICS

- i.** More on the IA Technology Plan and on Brain and Belonging.
- ii.** Indigenous Education Program
- iii.** Updates on the latest Provincial K-12 Racism Policies
- iv.** Possible presentation on the student led Climate Action Symposium

F. NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 14 at 2:00 p.m. via videoconferencing