



Qualicum School District
Education Committee of the Whole Report
Tuesday, April 14, 2026
Via Video Conferencing
2:00 p.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.

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.

A. PRESENTATIONS

I. SCHOOL/STUDENTS

i. École Oceanside Elementary

Ecole Oceanside students presented on the many projects they had done this year. They highlighted Hul'q'umi'num learning, literacy, community building, Earth Day, circles, and cross-grade monthly meet ups. [View the PowerPoint Presentation Here](#)

II. PROGRAM(S)

i. French Immersion – Rudy Terpstra/Trish Cathrine /Ballenas Students

Grade 10 and 11 French Immersion students reported on the things they liked about the program and the things that were wishes for the program.

Things they liked included:

- connecting to other cultures,
- able to read in French,
- easier to learn another language,
- having language parents don't understand,
- increased love for education,
- Contributes to bilingualism,
- more curious and open minded,
- helped when travelling to France.
- Later the students spoke about expanded career choices.

Wishes included:

- no teacher layoffs
- ensuring teachers' have adequate training in Parisian or Quebecois French.
- Concerns about possible deficits in academic English

Director of Instruction Terpstra presented a power point on QSD French Language Programming. [View the PowerPoint Presentation Here](#)

B. EDUCATION UPDATES**i. Director of Instruction/Associate Superintendent
Career Programs Update**

Mr. Greg Muirhead presented information on QSD Career Programs. The District continues to expand the breadth and depth of these programs in accordance with demands outlined by the Province (Early Childhood Educators, Education Assistants, Teaching, etc.).

A pilot program in QSD “Pathways to Possibilities” focuses on Neurodivergent students and is a trade sampler to get students to post Secondary while teaching life skills. This will continue next year. [View the PowerPoint Presentation Here](#)

ii. Update [Racial Equality Together: K-12 Anti-Racism Action Plan](#)

Principal Katie Marin and Joanna Biddlecombe presented information regarding the Provincial directive for staff (and students) to “critically examine their own biases, beliefs, values and practices.”

QSD has established a Cultural Safety and Anti-racism Working Group to implement and expand our work on Social Justice. [View the PowerPoint Presentation Here](#)

C. SHARED LEARNING INFORMATION**a. [BEST 2026](#) – Bettering Environmental Stewardship & Technology Conference
2026**

Notice of this Conference. To be followed up at a later date.

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

None

E. UPCOMING TOPICS

- i. State of the Child and Youth Report (when available)
- ii. Educational Technology Plan

F. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, May 12 at 2:00 p.m. via videoconferencing

G. ADJOURNMENT