

Qualicum School District Parents Advisory Council Agenda

October 16, 2024 6:30-9:00 pm 124 West 2nd Ave Qualicum Beach

[Teams link to October 16, 2024 dpac meeting](#)

1. Acknowledgements

2. Introductions

3. Adoption of the agenda

4. Approval of minutes

5. Delegations (5 min)

6. Information Request Items (60 min)

1) **Bus registration fees** - Do bus registration fees cover administrative costs to register riders? What is the total dollar amount collected in bus registration fees?

2) **Backpack Program** - What is QSDs role in the Backpack Program? How much funding does QSD provide and where does the funding come from? Are there currently families on a waiting list for the backpack program?

3) **EAs** - What happens when EAs request a day off and no coverage is found? How often is this happening? Does Qualicum School District have a policy for EAs on call not to have other employment? If an EA on call is unavailable 3 times what happens?

4) **NRT** - Parents have requested the answers to 15 specific NRT questions. Several of the questions can be answered with a yes or no.

1. What is NRT and why was it prioritized in the budget?
2. What is the intended outcome of NRT and how will it be measured?
3. Whose needs are prioritized in NRT?
4. How is NRT expected to improve learning for the average student?
5. Is there an example of another Canadian school district that has paid for NRT and has data showing improvement after NRT training?
6. Is NRT mandatory for teachers and will teachers provide feedback on NRT in an anonymous survey?
7. Was it considered to use the same amount budgeted for NRT, for teachers to upgrade via specialty certificates or workshops that they felt would best help them manage behaviors and challenges in the modern classroom?
8. Was it explored to create a new in-house position to do the same type of training?
9. What is the total annual cost for consultants for NRT training?
10. What is the total annual cost of NRT training?
11. Is NRT training recurring annually?

12. Has the current Superintendent used NRT before?
13. Does the current Superintendent have any previous connection to Mr. Birk?
14. Was a tenure put out to provide the NRT training?
15. How will NRT affect ongoing budgets?

5) **COW meetings** - We will be discussing access to the information from the committee of whole meetings. To do this we need clarification from the trustees as to why the motion to record meetings was rescinded. We specifically need to know who the decision to rescind the motion was made for. Was it made for the constituents who voted you in, was it for dpac, was it for parents, was it for the school district, was it made for yourselves? Please inform us who the decision was made for. We also need to know how the decision benefited who the decision was made for.

7. Treasurer report (5 min)

8. Break (5min)

9. Business arising from the minutes / action items (20 min)

- elections for secretary, treasurer, Directors at large, vice president
- ccu bank
- bylaw 13
- add vacation response to sd69dpac@gmail.com
- how to share dpac meeting recordings
- facebook page options:
 - Option #1 - use sd69 dpac page, change name and delete qsdpac public facebook group
 - Option #2 - use qsdpac public facebook group, move sd69 page posters over and delete / archive sd69 dpac page.
 - Option #3 - use qsdpac public facebook group and edit sd69 facebook page for clarity that a new facebook group has been started.

11. New business (10 min)

- Notice sd69 dpac is in breach of bylaws 10, 12, 13, and 16

12. Recurring Business (45 min)

- A) School pac updates from dpac reps (15min)
- B) Information requests for the next meeting.
- C) What to include in the dpac report for the board meeting.
- D) Agenda items for the next meeting.

13. Questions / Open discussion (15 min)

14. Adjournment and next meeting date

- November 20, 2024 & No meeting in December