



SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 69 (QUALICUM)

REGULAR BOARD MEETING ADDENDA

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017

7:00 PM

THE FORUM

PARKSVILLE CIVIC & TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

4. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

d. Reports from Board Representatives to Outside Organizations

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Board and Trustee Representative Committee Report

Trustee Representative: R. Elaine Young
Committee Name: Indigenous Advisory Committee
Meeting Location: Indigenous Services Winchelsea Place
Meeting Time: April 24, 2017 at 12:30 PM

Upcoming Events:

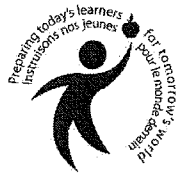
1. Indigenous Education Services Open House to “warm” the new space on April 26 from 11:00 a.m. until it ends
 - Drop in to Indigenous Services new classroom space at Winchelsea Place.
 - Resource Kits from Kwalikum Band will be on display and there will be childcare for the little ones.
2. First Cultural Workshop, May 8 at 3:30 p.m. at Winchelsea Place
 - Open to all. Come and learn beading!!!!
3. Honouring Harry Manson (Great Grandfather and Soccer pioneer) June 10 at noon at the longhouse in Nanaimo. Open to all.

Continuing Services:

1. Cultural Program for all schools each Wednesday
 - Programs continue to be very popular with teachers and a catalogue is available on-line through the staff portal.
 - Lots of fabulous programs offered based on the passions and knowledge of our Indigenous team!! (Examples include medicine wheel, The Harry Manson story – Harry was inducted into the Soccer Hall of Fame), cedar work, lacrosse and many others.
2. Staff Reports
 - Earth Days Event held at one school (at least)
 - Grant for lacrosse equipment finished
 - Language courses are going well

Date of Next Meeting

Monday, May 15 at 12:30 p.m. at Winchelsea Place



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Board Committee and Trustee Representative Report

Trustee Representative: Jacob Gair
Committee Name: Vancouver Island School Trustees Association Spring Conference
Meeting Location: Ucluelet
Meeting Time: March 3-4, 2017

Committee Report:

The VISTA Spring Conference opened on March 3rd with a discussion of Aboriginal Education and a presentation made by Don Avison, a Victoria lawyer who was retained by the Ministry of Education to draft the Aboriginal Education Strategic Plan. The focus of the conversation was on the legacy of Aboriginal education and proper communication in the future, claiming “education has gotten us into this mess and education will get us out.”

The conference continued on March 4th with a discussion on *Making Outside Agencies Inside Agencies*, the purpose of which is to enhance and extend student learning. Two examples were provided for this conversation, the *Clayoquat Sound Biosphere Region* and the educational activities and opportunities found there and *Ready to Raise Consulting*, a health and wellness education and assistance program. Both of these programs were outside organizations working in cooperation with a local school board.

The Clayoquat Sound Biosphere Region offers the students of Ucluelet and nearby areas the chance to explore nature and to learn valuable skills to keep them safe in the local environment. In a district where people so often intermingle with nature it is necessary that students know how to act if they encounter wolves, cougars or bears. Clayoquat also provided very useful knowledge of the natural world for any student inclined to pursue a career in that field.

Ready to Raise Consulting provides health and wellness education from healthcare professionals in a safe, secure and easily accessible location. Students can access contraceptive methods and get tested for STI's without judgement.

The VISTA branch meeting went well. Our bank account is healthy with \$11,000 and we received comments from Janice Caton regarding the response of Don McCrae to board concerns. He suggested group board and MLA meetings post-election.

A motion was passed to ensure that the aboriginal student's performance at BCSTA AGM is longer than 15 minutes. It was given a thirty minute time slot at the AGM so the motion was a success. A second motion was passed on writing a letter to the BCSTA board of directors requesting that no private/charter schools be invited to BCSTA events.

Elections were also held with Eve Flynn re-elected as President, Denise Riley re-elected as Vice President, Candice Spilbury re-elected as Second Vice President, no Treasurer was elected, Pam Craig was re-elected as secretary. Janice Caton was elected as the VISTA representative to the Education Committee and Candice Spilbury was elected as the VISTA representative to the Aboriginal Education Committee.

The next VISTA Meeting will be held in Courtenay in September 2017.