

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2017

7:00 PM

THE FORUM

PARKSVILLE CIVIC & TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

1. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY**

2. **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 69 (Qualicum) adopt the agenda as presented (*or...as amended*).

4. **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes: June 27, 2017 p 1-7
- b. Ratification of In Camera Board Meeting Minutes: June 27, 2017 p 8
- c. Ministry of Education News
 - Premier John Horgan announces new cabinet to build a better BC p 9-10
 - Premier's Mandate Letter to Minister of Education p 11-13
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 - Byelection called to restore Vancouver School Board p 15
 - Premier Horgan removes roadblocks to Adult Basic Education and English Language Learning programs p 16
- d. Reports from Board Representatives to Outside Organizations
 - National Trustee Gathering on Aboriginal Education – Trustee Young p 17
 - Canadian School Boards Association National Congress – Trustee Young p 18
- e. Status of Action Items - August 2017 p 19

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 69 (Qualicum) approve the consent agenda items of the Regular Board Meeting of August 29, 2017, as presented (*or, as amended*).

5. **DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS (10 MINUTES)**

None

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None

7. **TRUSTEE HIGHLIGHTS**

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8. **MOUNT ARROWSMITH TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION**
9. **CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES (LOCAL 3570)**
10. **DISTRICT PARENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL**
11. **PUBLIC QUESTION (WRITTEN) AND COMMENT PERIOD** (10 MINUTES)
12. **ACTION ITEMS**
- a. **District Staff Flu Vaccinations** (Ron Amos)
Recommendation:
THAT the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) approve flu vaccinations to be made available free of charge to employees in School District 69 (Qualicum) for the 2017-18 school year.
13. **INFORMATION ITEMS**
- a. **Educational Programs Update** (Gillian Wilson)
b. **Education Planning Update** (Rollie Koop)
c. **Operations Department Summer Work Report** (Chris Dempster) p 20-21
14. **CORRESPONDENCE ATTACHED**
- a. **Congratulations to, and response from, new Minister of Education** p 22-23
b. **Education Partners group letter to new Minister of Education** p 24-25
15. **POLICY/ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE** (Chair Flynn)
None
16. **TRUSTEE ITEMS**
- a. **Motion to Vancouver Island School Trustees Association** (Trustee Gair)
Recommendation:
THAT the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) approve submitting the following motion to the Vancouver Island School Trustees Association (VISTA) at its Fall Conference:
- THAT the Vancouver Island School Trustees Association request that the BC School Trustees Association lobby the Provincial government to amend the School Act, section 40 and 41, as follows:*
- Section 40 Resident Electors (1) In order to vote as a resident elector of a trustee electoral area, a person must meet all the following requirements at the time of voting:*
- (a) *the person must be an individual who is, or who will be on general voting day for the trustee election, ~~18~~ **16** years of age or older; ...*

and,

Section 41 Non Resident Electors (1) In order to vote as a non-resident property elector for a trustee electoral area, a person must meet all the following requirements at the time of voting:

- (b) *the person must be an individual who is, or who will be on general voting day for the trustee election, age ~~18~~ **16** or older;*

Rationale:

This motion will turn senior secondary students into full stakeholders in their school system by providing them the right to vote for school board trustees on an equal basis with all other members of the public.

This motion will see students' concerns, the concerns most pertinent to educational issues, placed on equal footing with the concerns of all other community members.

Reducing the voter age requirements to 16 will allow for many educational opportunities regarding the participation of citizens in our democracy. Our current democratic model can create first time voters with little knowledge of democratic system and little idea of where to acquire said knowledge.

Giving students the opportunity to participate in our democracy during their time in our secondary schools will allow to them to grapple with complex questions of voting process and procedure, political literacy and interpreting media information during election periods with the guidance of a capable teacher.

17. **NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

18. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

Followed by Special Board Meeting for yearly election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Board.



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2017

7:00 PM

THE FORUM

PARKSVILLE CIVIC & TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

ATTENDEES

Trustees

Eve Flynn	Board Chairperson
Jacob Gair	Vice Chairperson
Julie Austin	Trustee
Barry Kurland	Trustee
Elaine Young	Trustee

Administration

Rollie Koop	Superintendent of Schools
Ron Amos	Secretary Treasurer
Gillian Wilson	Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Ryan Hung	Assistant Secretary Treasurer
Chris Dempster	General Manager of Operations
Autumn Taylor	Vice Principal, Springwood Elementary School
	Qualicum District Principals/Vice Principals' Association (QDPVPA)
Karin Hergt	Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

Education Partners

Mount Arrowsmith Teachers' Association (MATA)
 Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 3570
 District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Flynn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

Chair Flynn acknowledged that the Board was meeting on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish people and thanked the Qualicum and Nanoose First Nations for sharing their shared territories with the District.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

17-57R

Moved: Trustee Gair *Seconded:* Trustee Kurland

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 69 (Qualicum) adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes as amended: May 23, 2017
- b. Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes: May 16, 2017
- c. Ratification of In Camera Board Meeting Minutes: May 16, 2017
- d. Ratification of Special In Camera Board Meeting Minutes: May 12, 2017
- e. Reports from Board Representatives to Outside Organizations
 - Oceanside Building Learning Together Coalition – Trustee Young
 - Curriculum Implementation Advisory Committee – Trustee Young
- f. Status of Action Items- June 2017

17-58R

Moved: Trustee Kurland

Seconded: Trustee Gair

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 69 (Qualicum) approve the consent agenda items of the Regular Board Meeting of June 27, 2017, as presented/amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**a. Assessment, Evaluation, Reporting Committee Update**

Assistant Superintendent Wilson provided an overview of the work that has been done by the Committee to identify their guiding principles of assessment, the parameters for evidence of learning and a template from which students can complete a summary of their learning journey, which includes a portion for a teacher's comments. The PowerPoint presentation, *From Grades to Feedback-Preparing Students for a Different Future* is available on the District web-site.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

7. TRUSTEE HIGHLIGHTS**8. MOUNT ARROWSMITH TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (MATA)**

Norberta Heinrichs, President, commented on the following:

- Teachers are in the midst of year-end activities, tasks and responsibilities
- Implementation of the restored language and the uncertainty of whether or not the District will be allocated sufficient funding for adequate staffing as of September 2018 given the recent revised classroom enhancement grant which still leaves the District with a shortfall.
- Lack of information regarding capacity in labs and shops or the status of repurposed rooms.
- MATA will continue to advocate for the language that addresses issues of class composition and to discuss and formulate recommendations that not only address student need but resource the teacher.
- Acknowledgement of the work done to date by the district indicates sound efforts to address class size at this time and specialist ratios have been traditionally kept intact since the introduction of the Education Fund and the Priority Measures.
- The MATA and Board could improve relations to better share information necessary for teachers to do their jobs.

Ms. Heinrichs ended by thanking the Board and Senior Staff for respecting her role during her terms as MATA President in carrying out her responsibilities to her members.

Debbie Comer, Incoming President, expressed her appreciation on being elected as President of MATA and stated that the major focus of the MATA executive in the upcoming school year will continue to be the restoration of CA language and supporting teachers with the implementation of that language.

The Board expressed its appreciation to Norberta Heinrichs for her past service as the MATA president and best wishes on her return to the classroom.

9. CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES (LOCAL 3570)

Julie Fowler, Corresponding Secretary for CUPE Local 3570, expressed the following concerns on behalf of education assistants:

- reduction to number of hours worked
- working through coffee and lunch break
- challenges in taking time off in lieu
- allocation of hours to junior staff
- clarification required for policies, procedures and legislation for education assistants driving students to extra-curricular activities
- access to supplies

Assistant Superintendent Wilson offered to move into conversations with education assistants in order to clarify the process for allocation of hours and to provide accurate information to their questions. She noted that education assistant hours are allocated to meet the needs of students during school hours. Therefore, some positions are part time until the September enrolment count at which time additional hours are released. Additional hours are allocated by seniority as well as timetabling.

Brian Thorpe, Vice President, CUPE Local 3570, acknowledged the work done by the General Manager and the Assistant Manager of Operations to address the issue of custodial workloads that have arisen since reconfiguration of the district. That work will continue into the next school year and is appreciated by the custodial staff.

10. DISTRICT PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (DPAC)

No report

11. PUBLIC QUESTION (WRITTEN) AND COMMENT PERIOD

None

12. ACTION ITEMS

a. 2017-18 Enhancing Student Learning – School Plans

Superintendent Koop reviewed the process used by school staff to create the Enhancing Student Learning Plans. Trustees then provided highlights from their visits to review their liaison schools' Enhancing Student Learning Plans.

17-59R

Moved Trustee Kurland *Seconded* Trustee Gair

THAT the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) approve the 2017-18 *Enhancing Student Learning - School Plans* as reviewed by members of the Board at each school between June 5 and June 16, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Annual 5-Year Capital Plan

Secretary Treasurer Amos reviewed the process required by the Ministry to submit the District's 2018/19 annual five year capital plan and reviewed the projects being submitted to the Ministry this year.

17-60R

Moved Trustee Gair *Seconded* Trustee Young

THAT the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) approve the Annual Five Year Capital Plan as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Educational Programs Update

Assistant Superintendent Wilson reported on the following district initiatives and events:

- Island Health has allocated funds to hire a youth, who was a previous ENITY leader in the community and is doing his university thesis on sexual health, to provide mentorship to some of the peer educators.
- Staff are in the midst of planning how the final allocation of local action team money will be spent.
- IT staff will be working with schools to update their SharePoint sites.
- Indigenous Education Year End Celebration held on June 6th.
- District Elementary Track and Field Meet held on June 15th
- The MATA Round 3 posting & filling process has been completed.
- Secondary student commencement ceremonies

b. Education Planning Update

Superintendent Koop advised that he and Assistant Superintendent Wilson will incorporate the information from the school-based plans to update the district's plan which also amalgamates work set out by the District's Strategic Plan and Ministry initiatives. The updated District plan will be presented to the Board in the fall.

He further reported that he has been working with ThoughtExchange on aspects of the strategic planning process to planning for a fall engagement with staff and the community to identify where people are at with current Strategic Plan, what is working, what is not working, what is resonating, and what areas the District may need to move forward from.

Superintendent Koop stated that he is also working with Don Bold, Principal of CEAP, and BlackBerry Creative to create a newspaper wrap to highlight system change in the District, what looks different for educators and for students – moving from 'dot collectors' to 'dot connectors'.

c. Classroom Enhancement Fund

Secretary Treasurer Amos reported that the district has received \$400,000 of the \$956,000 requested by the District in the staffing plan submitted to the Ministry to address some operational needs. The Ministry has advised that the remedy portion of the request, approximately \$163,000, will be held back until September when enrolment is confirmed. This reduces the District's unfunded need to \$550,000 and, in order to move forward on staffing for September and with the Board's support to use \$200,000 of surplus, the District will need to hold back \$350,000 worth of budgetary needs that are currently unfunded. Some partial

increases were able to be addressed such as \$100,000 in support of additional education assistant hours. Most of the money from the Curriculum Implementation funds were meant to address teaching positions with \$100,000 held back until the fall.

Superintendent Koop added that districts have heard a commitment from the Deputy Ministry to fully funding the restored language. If a gap exists between the needs of students and available resources, districts have the opportunity to submit another proposal for additional funding.

14. CORRESPONDENCE ATTACHED

a. Letter of Appreciation re: Vancouver Island University Student Teacher Placements

Superintendent Koop highlighted the work of school administrators and teaching staff to support student teachers in providing them with experience in district classrooms and, at the same time, giving them a good idea of how they would be supported by their colleagues in a teaching environment.

15. POLICY

a. Board Policy 6065: Recognition of Retirement and Long Service

17-61R

Moved Trustee Flynn *Seconded* Trustee Young

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 69 (Qualicum) approve second reading to adopt the revisions to Board Policy 6065: *Recognition of Retirement and Long Service* at its Regular Board Meeting of June 27, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Board Policy 6033: Employee Health, Wellness and Attendance

(Also merges with Board Policies 6031: Staff Attendance and 6032: Return to Work)

17-62R

Moved Trustee Flynn *Seconded* Trustee Gair

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 69 (Qualicum) approve second reading to adopt the revisions to Board Policy 6033: *Employee Health, Wellness and Attendance* at its Regular Board Meeting of June 27, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c. Administrative Procedure: Recruitment and Selection of Exempt Staff

17-63R

Moved Trustee Flynn *Seconded* Trustee Gair

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 69 (Qualicum) approve first reading of the Administrative Procedure: *Recruitment and Selection of Exempt Staff* at its Regular Board Meeting of June 27, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

d. Board Policy 6030: Vacation Extensions-Teachers

17-64R

Moved Trustee Flynn *Seconded* Trustee Austin

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 69 (Qualicum) approve first reading of the revisions to Board Policy 6030: *Vacation Extensions – Teachers* at its Regular Board Meeting of June 27, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

e. Administrative Procedure to Board Policy 5010: Communicating Student Learning

17-65R

Moved Trustee Flynn *Seconded* Trustee Gair

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 69 (Qualicum) approve the revisions to the Administrative Procedure to Board Policy 5010: *Communicating Student Learning* at its Regular Board Meeting of June 27, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

f. Administrative Procedure: Criminal Records Search

(Previously Board Policy 6011)

17-66R

Moved Trustee Flynn *Seconded* Trustee Gair

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 69 (Qualicum) approve the revisions to the Administrative Procedure: *Criminal Records Search* at its Regular Board Meeting of June 27, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

g. Administrative Procedure: Leave of Absence: Community Service/Public Office

(Previously Board Policies 6030.9 and 6055)

17-67R

Moved Trustee Flynn *Seconded* Trustee Kurland

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 69 (Qualicum) approve first reading of the Administrative Procedure: *Leave of Absence: Community Service/Public Office* at its Regular Board Meeting of June 27, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

h. Policy 6190: Workplace Bullying and Harassment (Including Sexual Harassment)

17-68R

Moved Trustee Flynn *Seconded* Trustee Young

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 69 (Qualicum) approve the revisions to Board Policy 6190: *Workplace Bullying and Harassment (Including Sexual Harassment)* and its attendant Administrative Procedure at its Regular Board Meeting of June 27, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

i. Rescinding of Policies

17-69R

Moved Trustee Flynn *Seconded* Trustee Gair

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 69 (Qualicum) rescind the following Board Policy at its Regular Board Meeting of June 27, 2017:

- 7030: *Suspension of Students (incorporated into 7001: Student Discipline)*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16. TRUSTEE ITEMS

a. DRAFT 2017/18 Board Meetings Schedule

Chair Flynn noted the draft schedule of board meetings for the 2017/18 school year.

b. Trustee Handbook

Chair Flynn noted the housekeeping amendments to the Trustee Handbook for the 2017.

17. NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

18. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Trustees/senior administrators received comments and/or answered questions on the following topics:

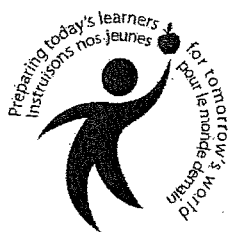
- Cost of the additional template from SSDAS (*It is part of the current contract*)
- Compatibility of MyEdBC to capture changes to reporting in Gr 8 and 9. (*Fujitsu is working over the summer to make MyEdBC more reflective of assessment*).
- How reporting templates would populate the SSDAS template. (*The two systems for the pilot are FreshGrade or Scholantis. A link will be created in a section of the reporting summary that will take the reader directly to the portfolio. It will import a picture or thumbnail of what a student wants to share*)
- Concern from MATA of the workload associated with reporting. This has been a main topic of discussion at the Assessment, Evaluation, Reporting Committee and the purpose of having two systems of reporting is to support communicating student learning as a journey and not to create a 'report card'.
- Education Assistants not being paid for overtime when required to support a student on overnight outings i.e. camping trips. *As noted earlier in the meeting, Assistant Superintendent will be providing an opportunity to address concerns expressed on behalf of all education assistants*)

19. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Gair moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY TREASURER



SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 69 (QUALICUM)

IN-CAMERA MEETING

SECTION 72 REPORT
June 27, 2017

ATTENDEES:

Trustees

Eve Flynn	Chair
Jacob Gair	Vice-Chair
Julie Austin	Trustee
Barry Kurland	Trustee
Elaine Young	Trustee

Administration

Rollie Koop	Superintendent of Schools
Gillian Wilson	Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Ron Amos	Secretary Treasurer
JoAnne Shepherd	Director of Human Resources
Karin Hergt	Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

The Board of Education discussed the following matter(s):

- Land
- Labour
- Legal

The Board of Education passed motions regarding the following matters:

- Land
- Legal

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer



NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release
2017PREM0061-001322
July 18, 2017

Office of the Premier

Premier John Horgan announces new cabinet to build a better B.C.

VICTORIA – Premier John Horgan announced his new cabinet today to build a better B.C. and get results for people.

“Our government will offer families relief from high costs and fees, strengthen services like health care and education, and create good jobs and economic opportunity across B.C.,” said Premier John Horgan.

“We will put people at the heart of everything we do. And we’ll work hard to deliver on our commitments to British Columbians.”

The new cabinet is made up of 20 ministers and two ministers of state. In addition, six MLAs have been named as parliamentary secretaries. Premier Horgan’s cabinet is the first in B.C. history to achieve gender parity, with 10 women named to cabinet and one named minister of state.

Ministerial portfolios reflect the government’s focus on making life better for people including a stand-alone Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions, a Minister of State for Child Care, and a Minister for Social Development and Poverty Reduction. The government is also putting a special focus on jobs and opportunity in B.C.’s tech sector.

The government includes a mix of new and experienced MLAs and also includes:

- Four ministers and two parliamentary secretaries aged 40 and under
- 10 ministers and parliamentary secretaries who identify as a visible minority
- The first First Nations woman appointed to cabinet

“Starting today, we will deliver a government that works for people. We’re going to work hard every day to build a better B.C.,” said Horgan.

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BACKGROUND

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Office of the Premier

Members of the Executive Council

- Premier – Hon. John Horgan
- Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training – Hon. Melanie Mark
- Minister of Agriculture – Hon. Lana Popham
- Attorney General – Hon. David Eby
- Minister of Children and Family Development – Hon. Katrine Conroy
- Minister of State for Child Care – Hon. Katrina Chen
- Minister of Citizens' Services – Hon. Jinny Sims
- Minister of Education – Hon. Rob Fleming
- Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources – Hon. Michelle Mungall
- Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy – Hon. George Heyman
- Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier – Hon. Carole James
- Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations, and Rural Development – Hon. Doug Donaldson
- Minister of Health – Hon. Adrian Dix
- Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation – Hon. Scott Fraser
- Minister of Jobs, Trade, and Technology – Hon. Bruce Ralston
- Minister of State for Trade – Hon. George Chow
- Minister of Labour – Hon. Harry Bains
- Minister of Mental Health and Addictions – Hon. Judy Darcy
- Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Hon. Selina Robinson
- Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General – Hon. Mike Farnworth
- Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction – Hon. Shane Simpson
- Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture – Hon. Lisa Beare
- Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure – Hon. Claire Trevena

Parliamentary secretaries

- Parliamentary Secretary for Emergency Preparedness – Jennifer Rice
- Parliamentary Secretary for Poverty Reduction – Mable Elmore
- Parliamentary Secretary for Seniors – Anne Kang
- Parliamentary Secretary for Sport and Multiculturalism – Ravi Kahlon
- Parliamentary Secretary for Technology – Rick Glumac
- Parliamentary Secretary for TransLink – Bowinn Ma



July 18, 2017

Honourable Rob Fleming
Minister of Education
Parliament Buildings
Victoria, British Columbia V8V 1X4

Dear Minister Fleming:

Congratulations on your new appointment as Minister of Education.

It has never been more important for new leadership that works for ordinary people, not just those at the top.

It is your job to deliver that leadership in your ministry.

Our government made three key commitments to British Columbians.

Our first commitment is to make life more affordable. Too many families were left behind for too long by the previous government. They are counting on you to do your part to make their lives easier.

Our second commitment is to deliver the services that people count on. Together, we can ensure that children get access to the quality public education they need to succeed, that families can get timely medical attention, and that our senior citizens are able to live their final years with dignity.

These and other government services touch the lives of British Columbians every day. It is your job as minister to work within your budget to deliver quality services that are available and effective.

Our third key commitment is to build a strong, sustainable, innovative economy that works for everyone, not just the wealthy and the well-connected. Together, we are going to tackle poverty and inequality, create good-paying jobs in every corner of the province, and ensure people from every background have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

These three commitments along with your specific ministerial objectives should guide your work and shape your priorities from day to day. I expect you to work with the skilled professionals in the public service to deliver on this mandate.

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As you are aware, we have set up a *Confidence and Supply Agreement* with the B.C. Green caucus. This agreement is critical to the success of our government. Accordingly, the principles of “good faith and no surprises” set out in that document should also guide your work going forward.

As minister, you are responsible for ensuring members of the B.C. Green caucus are appropriately consulted on major policy issues, budgets, legislation and other matters as outlined in our agreement. This consultation should be coordinated through the Confidence and Supply Agreement Secretariat in the Premier’s Office. The secretariat is charged with ensuring that members of the B.C. Green caucus are provided access to key documents and officials as set out in the agreement. This consultation and information sharing will occur in accordance with protocols established jointly by government and the B.C. Green caucus, and in accordance with relevant legislation.

British Columbians expect our government to work together to advance the public good. That means seeking out, fostering, and advancing good ideas regardless of which side of the house they come from.

Our government put forward a progressive vision for a Better B.C. that has won broad support with all members of the legislature. There is consensus on the need to address many pressing issues such as reducing health-care wait times, addressing overcrowded and under-supported classrooms, taking action on climate change, tackling the opioid crisis, and delivering safe, quality, affordable child care for all. As one of my ministers, I expect you to build on and expand that consensus to help us better deliver new leadership for British Columbians.

As part of our commitment to true, lasting reconciliation with First Nations in British Columbia our government will be fully adopting and implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), and the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. As minister, you are responsible for moving forward on the calls to action and reviewing policies, programs, and legislation to determine how to bring the principles of the declaration into action in British Columbia.

In your role as Minister of Education I expect that you will make substantive progress on the following priorities:

- Fast-track enhancement to K-12 education funding.
- Review the funding formula to develop a stable and sustainable model for the K-12 education system.
- Provide additional annual funding to ensure students have the school supplies they need to succeed.
- Create an ongoing capital fund for school playgrounds.
- Make schools safer by accelerating the seismic upgrade program.
- Work in partnership to build and upgrade schools in every region of the province.
- Implement the new First Nations history curriculum, develop full-course offerings in Aboriginal languages and implement the educational Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

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- Implement BC's new school curriculum and provide new technology, lab equipment, learning material and professional development support for teachers.

All members of Cabinet are expected to review, understand and act according to the *Members Conflict of Interest Act* and to conduct themselves with the highest level of integrity. Remember, as a minister of the Crown, the way you conduct yourself will reflect not only on yourself, but on your Cabinet colleagues and our government as a whole.

I look forward to working with you in the coming weeks and months ahead.

It will take dedication, hard work, and a real commitment to working for people to make it happen, but I know you're up to the challenge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Horgan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

John Horgan
Premier

NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release
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July 24, 2017

Office of the Premier

Premier Horgan sets out his priorities for a better British Columbia

VICTORIA – Premier John Horgan has set out his priorities for a better B.C. in mandate letters to each of his cabinet ministers. These letters were released publicly today.

“Under the Liberal government, families were ignored and left behind. Our priority is helping people and finding solutions to the problems they face,” said Premier Horgan.

“I expect my ministers to work hard every day to deliver on our commitments and make life better for people. It will take time to fix the problems, but we’re committed to getting it done, one step at a time.”

Premier Horgan has instructed his cabinet to deliver on three key priorities for a better British Columbia:

- Relief for families from rising costs and fees;
- Better services for people, including health care and education; and
- Good jobs and economic opportunity throughout B.C.

The letters outline specific commitments in each minister’s area of responsibility that achieve these three aims.

Ministers’ mandate letters can be viewed online: http://gov.bc.ca/premier/cabinet_ministers

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NEWS RELEASE

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Ministry of Education

Byelection called to restore Vancouver School Board

VICTORIA – Saying it's time to restore the voice of Vancouver parents and citizens in how their schools are run, Education Minister Rob Fleming has announced a board of education byelection for Oct. 14, 2017.

"Our government is restoring a democratically elected board of education to ensure legitimacy and fair representation for Vancouver residents and to better serve students," Fleming said. "Re-establishing the board as a vehicle for public discussion, debate and decisions is part of our commitment to fix our education system."

Fleming said that holding the byelection on the same day as a city council byelection will save the school district up to \$1.5 million.

The school district has been without a board of education since October 2016, when the existing board was removed from office by the previous provincial government. Dianne Turner was then appointed official trustee of the Vancouver School Board, tasked with bringing stability to the district and improving financial stewardship.

Fleming has asked Turner to remain as a special advisor to help the newly elected board get up to speed, and she will play a key role in developing a transition plan to support the new trustees and staff.

"This is an opportunity for renewal that will benefit students, parents, teachers and staff," Fleming said. "I look forward to working with an elected board to expedite seismic projects and improve programs for students in the Vancouver School District."

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NEWS RELEASE

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Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training
Ministry of Education

Premier Horgan removes roadblocks to Adult Basic Education and English Language Learning programs

VICTORIA – The British Columbia government is eliminating tuition fees on Adult Basic Education (ABE) and English Language Learning (ELL) programs, opening the door for tens of thousands of people to upgrade their education and skills every year.

“We’re committed to making it easier for British Columbians to get ahead,” said Premier John Horgan. “By eliminating these fees, we’re tearing down the roadblocks to the basic education and skills people need to improve their lives.

“The action we’re taking today gives hope and help to people throughout the province and is a long-term investment in B.C.’s economy.”

Today’s announcement at Camosun College in Victoria reverses action taken by the previous government in 2015 to impose tuition fees for ABE and ELL learners. Under that 2015 policy, Adult Basic Education and English Language Learning fees were set by each institution up to a maximum of \$1,600 per semester of full-time studies, the equivalent of the average cost of tuition for an arts and science undergraduate program. Enrolment in Adult Basic Education and English Language Learning programs subsequently dropped almost 35% from 10,244 full-time equivalent spaces in 2013-14 to 6,692 full-time equivalent spaces in 2016-17.

“Our province can’t afford to lose students who are keen to learn or advance their skills training in the post-secondary sector because of financial barriers,” said Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training Melanie Mark. “I’m proud we’re taking this action to expand opportunities for ABE and ELL students to thrive in the workforce and achieve academic success.”

“The numbers told the story – tuition fees on ABE and ELL programs shut people out. We’re re-opening those doors,” said Minister of Education Rob Fleming. “Now any British Columbian can go back to school free of charge, upgrade their skills and build a better life for themselves and their families.”



SD69 QUALICUM

Board and Trustee Representative Committee Report

Trustee Representative: R. Elaine Young
Committee Name: National Trustee Gathering on Aboriginal Education
Meeting Location: Whistler, BC
Meeting Time: July 5-6, 2017

- 1. Keynote – Leading the Way Together: Walking Side by Side – Charlene Barhead**
As Canadians, we need to embody the courage to face the truth about colonialism and to do something about it through forging partnerships. School Trustees are the “Elders” of the system and we need to lead change.
- 2. Plenary -- Corey O’Soup – Saskatchewan Partnerships**
Set up and development of a shared services model similar to the New Zealand Model. Priorities re Child/youth – Education, Mental ill-health (suicide), and improving relationships between Indigenous and non-indigenous people,
- 3. Plenary – Transformation through Collaboration: Creating Educational Systems for the Success of All Learners – Jo-Anne Chrona**
First Nations Educational Planning through FNEESC based on a commitment to doing things differently. Putting Indigenous Principles of Learning into practice, for example running programs using true consensus.
- 4. Concurrent Session – Strategic Planning Through an Aboriginal Window – School District #48 – Sea to Sky**
Four stages of planning with all stakeholders. Board asked “What do you want us to know?” Students and others asked “What do you want for students?” Then “how will we know if we have met the outcomes? And feedback integrated on all levels. Much more on this process is available. Each student is monitored and collaborative teams established. Whole process uses Indigenous Principles of Learning. Please ask me for more or visit my Facebook page.
- 5. Concurrent Session – Supporting New First Nations Education Systems – Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada**
Looking at the best practices for collaboration in education. Attempting to get buy in from Indigenous Communities and to get financial resources to these communities.
- 6. Closing Plenary and Closing – Did not attend –** Instead toured and visited the Squamish – Lil’watt Cultural Centre. Learned from the people who have inhabited this area since the beginning of recorded time....Missed a talk I had heard before.

Please be aware that this report does not reflect the true spirit of the conference. I found it inspiring to attend and to learn from those present. As one speaker pointed out, the kids will be alright, it is up to the adults to learn all they can about Indigenous history. That became my goal and much of what I received in seeking this education was spiritual in nature. I thank all for the opportunity to attend.



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Committee Name: Canadian School Boards Assoc. National Congress
Meeting Location: Whistler BC
Meeting Time: July 6-8, 2017

1. **Keynote -- Perils or Promises: Education in the Age of Smart Machines – Yong Zhao**
If you are interested in educational change, do not miss seeing or reading Yong Zhao! This keynote addressed the plain fact that, while technology continues to “get smarter”, it can’t replace critical and creative thinking. What makes us human and individual, is what makes us different from machines, We need to make educational changes that allow our students to become critical and creative thinkers, while encouraging being “human.”
2. **Plenary – Trends, Trust and Trusteeship in Turbulent Times: Leading Impactful Innovation in Education – David Albury**
In educational reformation, we need radical innovation. Look ahead 60 years in these turbulent times to try to understand the future. Like Yong Zhao the key will be to educate human characteristics. We need to educate in academic foundations, intellectual/ personal creativity, personal resiliency, global technology, ability to learn and instill a love of learning. We need to encourage experimentation, mistake making, disciplined innovation, collaboration and encouraging diversity.
3. **Concurrent Session – BC Education System Transformation: Early Years, K-12 and Beyond – Maureen Dockendorf and Jan Unwin**
These innovative BC educators have been working for many years to transform our educational system. Most recently, they have worked to revise the BC curriculum in K-12 schools. This was a presentation that outlined the updates coming to curriculum and core competencies especially as it relates to the Secondary System.
4. **Concurrent Session – Nuts’amaat Showaluwun – One Heart, One Mind. – Denise Augustine**
“Let us put our minds together and see what life we can make for our children.” Sitting Bull. Examples of units using Indigenous Principles of Learning from the Chemainus Nation. Clam gardens and poetry that reflects and helps to teach Indigenous history and concepts. We need to create the space to do something different and get out of the way of learning.
5. **Plenary – Minding the Public in Public Education – David King**
Public Education is unique because it is based the concepts of diversity and education for all learners. Because of this orientation, we must remember that Public Education must be protected.
6. **Keynote – Media in the Age of Terror: How the War on Terror Became a War on Journalism – Mohamed Fahmy**
A history of the outcome of the “Arab Spring” in Egypt. This democratic movement eventually became a regime of control. Fahmy was jailed for over a year on charges of terrorism for his work as a journalist. He outlined the importance for all of us to take action – mobilization, petitions etc. to stand against terrorism. Currently, at UBC, he is working to have the Canadian government pass laws to protect journalists. More information is available through me or through my Facebook page.
7. **Cross – Canada Check In**
One of the best parts of this conference was the informal conversations with Trustees across Canada. Across our country, School Boards have been dealing with similar issues – chronic underfunding, lack of local control and restructuring of school boards have slowed the progress of educational stability and reform. This cross country review, while very short, certainly provided the themes from all provinces that we, as Trustees, are facing.

SCHOOL DISTRICT 69 (QUALICUM)

STATUS OF ACTION ITEMS

Action Item	Responsibility	Status	Proposed Deadline
Strategic Planning Process (January 24, 2017)	Superintendent	To begin in the 2017-18 school year	July 1, 2018
Establishment of Performance Assessment Committee (June 24, 2014)	Senior Staff	In abeyance pending Ministry of Education's review of assessment, evaluation and reporting	In abeyance



School District 69 (Qualicum) Operations & Maintenance Department 2017 Report on Summer Work

Arrowview Elementary

- build and attach multiple shelving units (including upper doors) to existing meeting and special education rooms to store resource material. Removal of all items from the old resource room for new classroom
- exterior field stairs for safety (slips and trips walking down hill)-completed
- painted ceiling tile change to room 136 for fire regulations-completion by September
- duct cleaning including coils-completed

Bowser Elementary

- fire alarm panel change including new pull stations, smoke and fire detectors -completion by September
- perimeter drainage including new catch basins and new piping to 1/2 perimeter of school-completion by September
- sewage line repair-temporary completion by September

Errington Elementary

- old computer room-new walls and office construction including new shelving
- demolition of all existing walls including closing pre-existing doorway to office, permits, frame and drywall new walls for classroom, replacement of 2/3 of ceiling grid, relocate, cut and attach new door to office from an adjacent room
- field repair-ongoing for completion summer 2018

Nanoose Bay Elementary

- removal of storage items and clutter from classroom to make room for new classroom.
- removal of all shrubs in front of the school for security reasons
- exterior painting of building including doors and pressure-washing of roof -completion by September
- in-ground trash system install-completed

Oceanside Elementary

- removal of chain link fencing and building a security wall behind shops-competed
- removal of upstairs locker bay, new flooring and construction of new classroom including, permits, fire safety plan, added lighting, ventilation, cabinets, shelving and low voltage.

Qualicum Beach Elementary

- new peg board area in shops, heightened railing for teaching area, removal of book shelves, attachment of new white board and projector in foods room (AES moving on program to QBES)
- field sprinkler system repair (water conservation)-completed

Springwood

- removal of chain link fencing and building a security wall behind shops-completed
- painted ceiling tile change (fire regulations) to room 110-completion by September
- removal of all shelving and existing window in-sewing room. Removal of small wall to open up office, close in dividing door between classrooms to install sink cabinet and sink. Cut in and install doorway access for storage room

Winchelsea

- parking lot repair and extension-completed

Ballenas Secondary School

- roof section 1 and 4 removal and reinstall of a 3 part roof membrane, new insulation and seismic upgrade-completion by September
- Science room chemical storage compliancy including removal of asbestos flooring, removal of non-compliant tiles and installation of fire rated ceiling tiles, addition of proper venting on cabinets, addition of door closers for compliancy and reorganization/proper categorizing of chemicals as per fire regulations -completion by September
- installation of new cable and 200 AMP panel in shop area for new sanding unit-completion September
- replacement of original transformer (end of life) with an upgrade-completed
- 2nd stage asbestos removal in room 805 and lab areas between the Science rooms-completed.
- painted ceiling tile replacement (fire regulations) room 1025 and 1021-completed

Kwalikum Secondary School

- solar roof project including engineering ant installation of special racking and high efficiency panels- start date August 22-completion by September
- installation of new cable and 200 amp panel in shop area for new sanding unit-completion September

All Schools

- summer weed whacking and clean-up of areas around schools for beautification.
- multiple furniture and equipment moves through-out the district



SCHOOL DISTRICT No.69 (QUALICUM)

July 19, 2017

Hon. Rob Fleming
Minister of Education
(MLA Victoria-Swan Lake)
1020 Hillside Avenue
Victoria, BC V8T 2A3

via email: minister.educ@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Fleming:

On behalf of the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) I would like to congratulate you on your appointment as Minister of Education.

We look forward to working with you on issues of mutual interest and would be happy to meet with you to provide our input regarding education issues. We hope that you will have the opportunity to visit the District in the near future to observe firsthand the many ways we support our learners.

Again, our congratulations.

Sincerely,

Eve Flynn
Board Chair

c: Board of Education
Rollie Koop, Superintendent of Schools
Ron Amos, Secretary Treasurer
Debbie Comer, President, Mount Arrowsmith Teachers Association
Troy Forster, President, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 3570
Andrea Button, President, District Parent Advisory Council

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August 3, 2017

Ref: 195069

Eve Flynn, Chair
Board of Education
School District No. 69 (Qualicum)
Email: eflynn@sd69.bc.ca

Dear Ms. Flynn:

Thank you for your kind words of support.

I am delighted and honoured to have been appointed as the new Minister of Education, and I am proud to represent the Victoria-Swan Lake community as MLA. I look forward to building on the great work being done to achieve our vision of a strong education system for all British Columbians.

As you know, one of my Ministry's main goals is to continue to work towards improving outcomes for every learner in the system. In keeping with the transformation of the education system in British Columbia, we will continue to work closely with all education partners on our mandate of seeking improvements in personalized, flexible learning approaches for students; supporting our hard-working teachers; and, ensuring we have an education system that is effective and accountable.

Again, thank you for writing. I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Rob Fleming
Minister



British Columbia
School Trustees
Association



BCTF

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BCSSA



August 10, 2017

The Honourable Rob Fleming

Minister of Education

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Re: Education partner groups request to work cooperatively toward a solution to address school facility requirements

Dear Minister Fleming,

Representatives of the BCSTA, BCTF, BCPVPA, BCSSA and BCASBO gathered together earlier this week to discuss the urgent school facility needs across our province and to identify both issues of specific importance as well as opportunities for collaborative solutions. We write today to invite you to work with us to achieve the appropriate policy, financial and structural changes needed to address the identified issues.

Over the course of our substantial discussion, a number of areas of need as well as key issues were identified:

- The requirement for school districts to fund up to 50% of the cost of new projects, resulting in projects being awarded on an 'ability to pay' basis or delayed;
- The inadequacy of the Annual Facilities Grant to meet the real repair and maintenance needs of our aging school buildings;
- A need to match school space allocation and design requirements with the evolving educational needs of both students and staff;
- Improved transparency and predictability in the awarding of school construction projects through the Ministry of Education, including a longer range multi-year roll-out plan;
- The elimination of bureaucratic roadblocks and requirements at the provincial and municipal levels to facilitate both the planning and construction of school buildings;
- Further creation of regional or district project offices to help facilitate multiple projects;
- The overall level of funding being provided to undertake new school construction, seismic upgrades, renovations, building replacements and ongoing maintenance.

While a number of significant issues were identified, we do want to also acknowledge the current work of Ministry of Education staff to try to improve and expand the approval processes currently in place. The assistance of Shanna Mason and her team has been extremely positive. It will, however, take the support of yourself and the new government as a whole to identify and implement the changes that are required if we are to meet the real facility needs of students, staff and school districts.

We do recognize that the financial and staff resources of the Ministry of Education as well as school districts have limits. Our request is not to simply throw money at the issue, but instead to build a long-term strategic facilities plan that reasonably addresses the issues we have identified. Yes, additional allocations of money and people will be needed, but not without consideration of what can responsibly be provided to address the overall problem in an effective and efficient manner over reasonable timelines.

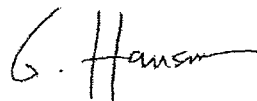
Our immediate request is to meet with you, Deputy Minister MacDonald and the senior capital planning staff of the Ministry of Education in order to form and empower a broad-based working group to begin finding solutions to the issues we have identified as well as others that will not doubt arise. Your support for such an initiative would be both constructive and appreciated as we look to move forward in a collaborative manner.

Thank you for considering our joint request, and we look forward to hearing from you in the near future. Please do not hesitate to contact us should additional information or clarification be needed.


Sincerely,



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cc: Scott MacDonald, Deputy Minister of Education