



REGULAR BOARD MEETING ADDENDA

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020

6:00 PM

THE FORUM

PARKSVILLE CIVIC & TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

4. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- d. Receipt of Ministry News
- Greener, more energy efficient schools, buses for BC students p 1-2

11. ACTION ITEMS

- a. **2020-2023 Local School Calendars**
- iii. REVISED 2020-2023 False Bay School Calendar p 3

17. TRUSTEE ITEMS

- a. **CUPE Appreciation Day** (Trustee Austin)

Rationale:

The Board of Education of School District 69 hopes all our staff feel appreciated and valued. October 5 is World Teacher Day that has been officially supported by the province of BC. In our district there is work happening all the time that is often not witnessed by our staff and students. Custodians, grounds maintenance, electricians, plumbers, tech are just a few. It is important for our students to stop and think about who empties the trash cans, who fixes the broken taps on the washroom sink, who keeps our playgrounds safe. It is work they don't often see, but work that keeps the district moving forward.

A CUPE Appreciation Day would give our staff and students an opportunity to say 'thank-you'. It could be as easy as a thank you in the hall to your school's clerical or education assistant staff. Maybe a poster or banner that your school's custodian can find when they show up after school hours. Thank you letters could go out to our IT, transportation and maintenance departments. Individuals and their schools can decide how best they wish to honour our local members.

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) proclaim the third Wednesday of May each year as CUPE Appreciation Day.

- b. **Use of Common Space at Parksville Civic & Technology Centre** (Trustee Austin)

Rational:

School District 69 (Qualicum) are partners along with the City of Parksville and Vancouver Island University in the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre (PCTC). The presence of these three along with the public library creates a community hub. The design of the building allows for much wall space in the entrance foyers and the second floor. In the spirit of welcoming the community this wall space could be well utilized by showcasing wall art from SD 69 students and VIU students as well as community members. A tremendous amount of creativity resides here.

To date, there is little process as to how or what wall art should and can be displayed. The PCTC Operating Services Committee meet about twice a year and their mandate is mostly operational.

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) ask staff to work with Parksville Civic and Technology Centre partners to develop a plan and process to allow the display of wall art from SD69 students, VIU students and community members in the communal areas of the building; and,

THAT this process may serve as a vehicle for installation art, be it temporary or permanent.

NEWS RELEASE

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Ministry of Education

Greener, more energy efficient schools, buses for B.C. students

VICTORIA – B.C. students and families are going to see more green, efficient and safe learning spaces as school districts receive record annual maintenance funding of \$217.7 million this year.

“Tackling climate change is critically important for all of us, and our school system can play a part in helping cut carbon pollution,” said Rob Fleming, Minister of Education. “That’s why we’ve significantly increased maintenance funding to help districts better maintain schools, improve energy efficiency and work to provide the best possible learning environments for students.”

This year’s funding is \$32.3-million higher than it was in 2016-17. It includes an additional \$12.2 million from CleanBC that will give school districts more resources through the Carbon Neutral Capital Program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide operating cost savings from energy efficiencies. This can include adding solar panels, high efficiency boilers and LED lighting upgrades to schools, as well as installing electric vehicle charging stations.

CleanBC is government’s plan to reduce carbon pollution and build a cleaner economy for people throughout B.C., through approximately \$1.3 billion in provincial funding over four years.

“All youth deserve a brighter future and that’s what CleanBC is about,” said George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy. “We’re working with school districts throughout the province to create healthier learning environments for students and modelling a more secure future through energy efficient buildings and transportation options.”

To further support green energy initiatives, school districts will now have the option to purchase electric school buses through the Bus Acquisition Program. This new initiative helps school districts switch to zero-emission, clean-energy vehicles.

“B.C. is leading the country in transitioning to electric vehicles, and our government is supporting that movement wherever we can,” said Bruce Ralston, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources. “Helping school districts invest in electric buses contributes not only to a cleaner environment, but also a healthier space for students.”

The 2020-21 Bus Acquisition Program provides \$13 million for 31 school districts to buy 101 new buses, including up to 15 electric buses. Districts that buy electric buses will also have access to provincial funding for charging station infrastructure.

Along with the new CleanBC funding, the Carbon Neutral Capital Program is providing \$17.2 million to school districts for 67 energy efficient projects this year, such as a new solar-power

system at Edgehill Elementary in Powell River that will help reduce emissions and provide future cost savings.

The School Enhancement Program supports school districts to upgrade roofing, fire systems, washrooms (including conversion to gender-neutral washrooms), windows and more. This year's funding is \$64 million, which includes gender-neutral washroom upgrades at 10 schools in the Coast Mountain School District.

Through the Building Envelope Program, districts are receiving a combined \$8 million to remediate schools that have suffered water damage.

In addition to these programs, the \$115.5-million Annual Facility Grant will allow all school districts to undertake additional maintenance projects that promote the continued safe and efficient operation of schools. Many of the projects will benefit school districts by saving money on electricity, natural gas, fuel and ongoing maintenance. Those savings can be reinvested in classrooms to support student learning.

Education funding is a shared priority between government and the BC Green Party caucus, and is part of the Confidence and Supply Agreement.

Quote:

Paul Faoro, president, CUPE BC –

“On behalf of the more than 30,000 CUPE members who work to make our public schools safe, welcoming and inclusive for all students, I welcome this record level of investment from the provincial government, and we applaud the decision that savings that flow from improved energy efficiency can be directed to classrooms to support student learning.”

For a backgrounder detailing approved investments in each school district, visit:

https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/School_Funding_Programs_2020-21.pdf

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REVISED: False Bay School Calendar (Three Year) 2020 to 2023

Designation	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Days in Session	186	187	187
Days of Instruction	172	174	175
Instructional Hours Elementary	878	878	878
Instructional Hours Secondary	952	952	952
Schools open			
Regular start time – schools dismiss three hours early	Tuesday September 8	Tuesday September 7	Tuesday September 6
Ballenas and Kwalkum Secondary – grade 8 students only			
Ballenas and Kwalkum Secondary First day for grades 9-12 students	Wednesday September 9	Wednesday September 8	Wednesday September 7
District-wide Planning Day Non-Instructional Day	Thursday September 17	Thursday September 30	TBD
Professional Development Day Non-Instructional Day	Friday September 18	Friday October 1	TBD
Thanksgiving Day	Monday October 12	Monday October 11	Monday October 10
Conferencing Adjustment Non-Instructional Day	Thursday October 22	Friday November 12	Thursday October 20
Provincial Professional Development Day Non-Instructional Day	Friday October 23	Friday October 22	Friday October 21
Remembrance Day	Wednesday November 11	Thursday November 11	Friday November 11
Altered Friday	Friday, November 20	Friday, November 26	Friday, November 25
Altered Friday	Friday, December 4	Friday, December 10	
Winter Vacation Period	December 21 to January 1	December 20 to December 31	December 19 to December 30
Schools Reopen after Winter Vacation	Monday January 4	Tuesday January 4	Tuesday January 3
Altered Friday	Friday, January 22	Friday, January 21	Friday, January 20
Secondary Semester Two Begins	TBD	TBD	TBD
Professional Development Day Non-Instructional Day	Friday February 12	Friday February 18	TBD
BC Family Day	Monday February 15	Monday February 21	Monday February 20
Altered Friday	Friday, February 26	Friday, February 4	Friday, February 10
Spring Vacation Period	March 15 to March 26	March 14 to March 25	March 20 to March 31
Schools Reopen after Spring Vacation Period	Monday March 29	Monday March 28	Monday April 3
Good Friday	Friday April 2	Friday April 15	Friday April 7
Easter Monday	Monday April 5	Monday April 18	Monday April 10
Altered Friday	Friday, April 23	Friday, April 8	Friday, April 28
Altered Friday	Friday, May 7		
Conferencing Adjustment Non-Instructional day	Friday May 21	Friday May 20	Friday May 19
Victoria Day	Monday May 24	Monday May 23	Monday May 22
School-Based Professional Development Day Non-Instructional day	Friday June 4	Friday June 3	TBD
Final Day for Students Schools dismiss three hours early	Tuesday June 29	Wednesday June 29	Thursday June 29
Administrative Day Non instructional Day	Wednesday June 30	Thursday June 30	Friday June 30