



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021
6:00 PM
VIA ZOOM

ATTENDEES

Trustees

Eve Flynn	Chairperson
Julie Austin	Vice-Chairperson
Laura Godfrey	Trustee
Barry Kurland	Trustee
Elaine Young	Trustee

Administration

Peter Jory	Superintendent of Schools
Gillian Wilson	Associate Superintendent of Schools
Ron Amos	Secretary Treasurer
Rudy Terpstra	Director of Instruction
Chris Dempster	General Manager of Operations
Flo Wong	Vice-Principal, Errington Elementary School Qualicum District Principals & Vice Principals Association (QDPVPA)

Education Partners

Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 3570
District Parents Advisory Council (DPAC)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Flynn called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

Chair Flynn acknowledged that the Board was meeting on the traditional unceded territory of the Coast Salish people and thanked the Snaw-Naw-As and Qualicum First Nations for sharing their shared territory.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Update on the Fundraiser Silent Auction for the Oceanside Track Upgrade was added under Trustee Items.

21-114R

Moved: Trustee Kurland *Seconded:* Trustee Godfrey

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes – November 23, 2021
- b. Ratification of In Camera Board Meeting Minutes: November 23, 2021
- c. Receipt of Ministry News Releases
 - Gaming grants help keep students in extracurricular activities
 - Funding to school districts to keep kids out of gangs
- d. Receipt of Reports from Trustee Representatives
 - Oceanside Health & Wellness Network – Trustee Young
 - French Language Advisory Committee – Trustee Young
 - OBLT Early Years Table – Trustee Young
 - BCSTA Trustee Academy – Trustee Young
- e. Receipt of Status of Action Items – December 2021

21-115R

Moved: Trustee Young *Seconded:* Trustee Godfrey

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 69 (Qualicum) approve the consent agenda items of the Regular Board Meeting of December 14, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

None

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

7. MOUNT ARROWSMITH TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (MATA)

No Report

8. CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES (CUPE) LOCAL 3570

Sherrie Brown, President, wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season, and suggested that people reach out to others for whom this time of year may be difficult.

9. DISTRICT PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (DPAC)

Karri Kitazaki, Vice President, presented a picture slideshow of gingerbread creations from schools across the district. The presentation will be posted to the district website over the holiday season. She then wished everyone a happy and healthy winter break.

10. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS (RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS)

None

11. ACTION ITEMS

None

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Jory added his holiday greetings for a safe and relaxing winter break and to reach out to those who may not have family/friends with which to spend holiday time.

He then commented on the following:

- Reminder to refer to appropriate government organizations if plans include international travel.
- Thanks to all staff for their hard work and determination this fall to provide a safe, positive, thoughtful and educationally rich experience for students through the continuation of COVID and the introduction of a new variant.
- Winter performances are taking place in schools – some live and others being recorded for families.
- Travel and fuel restrictions caused cancellation of school field trips however there was approval for travel for the secondary basketball season to begin. The elementary schools agreed to pause all field trips and, as of today travel and fuel restrictions have been lifted while the state of emergency continues.
- The Long Range Facilities Plan process will commence in January with a series of Town Hall sessions with dates to be confirmed. Various topics will be grouped and discussed in as linear a manner as possible.
- Vaccinations are now available for students ages 5 to 11 and links have been provided as requested by the province to support the process. These students will need parental permission so it is anticipated that permission forms will be sent out prior to the roll out. It appears that clinics will be set up in the community rather than at schools for this round of vaccinations.
- Lots of learning is happening across the district. We are looking forward to continued sessions that support equity, data driven decision making, literacy, numeracy, and all of the core competencies that are represented in the BC Curriculum, all with a mind to use these as the foundation to move our students through the school system towards meaningful graduation.

b. Educational Programs Update

Associate Superintendent Wilson added her wishes for everyone to have a restful winter break and holiday season 'filling their bucket' with something they enjoy.

She then commented on the following district initiatives and events:

- The Ministry has provided a mental health grant to districts for the past two years and Ms. Wilson highlighted some of the ways in which that money is being allocated to support the mental health and wellbeing of students and staff. The district has approximately \$190,000 to allocate to specific areas related to mental health and wellness, which includes an amount carried forward from the previous year.
- The district will be participating in the second year of the Youth Development Index (YDI) pilot program. Grade 11s will be invited to complete a survey in February which will ask questions about their social and emotional development, health and well-being and the district will receive the results before the end of the school year.
- The Social Emotional Learning team continues to support teachers in the area of brain science. A number of teachers are integrating the BrainAhead resources within the regular curriculum. BrainAhead is designed to improve student behaviour, emotional regulation, gross and

fine motor skills, and physical and academic development. The Qualicum School District is also been highlighted as a Success Story on the BrainAhead website.

- Online Kindergarten registration for the 2022-2023 school year will begin on January 24, 2022 with Sibling French Immersion registration beginning January 17th.
- Jennifer Fuhrman has taken the lead to work with primary teachers on the Early Learning Framework.
- In January Kindergarten teachers will be providing the Early Development Index questionnaire with their students which provides information on areas of vulnerability in early learners and identifies gaps as well as strengths of community based initiatives for early learners.

Director of Instruction Terpstra, commented that there are two learning series scheduled for the new year. The first is the second of the Assessment Dinner Series with Katie White on January 10th and the beginning of the Elementary Numeracy Series with five half-day sessions being scheduled between January and March.

c. DRAFT 2022-2023 Budget Process Schedule

Secretary Treasurer Amos reviewed the budget process schedule as provided in the agenda package, noting that it has yet to be determined whether the public sessions will be held in person or online. A survey, similar to last year's, will begin the process. Additional information and links to the survey will be posted on the district website in the new year.

13. EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

No Report – next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 18, 2022

14. POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

No Report – next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 17, 2022

15. FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

No Report – next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 17, 2022

16. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS

None

17. TRUSTEE ITEMS

a. Carbon Neutral School Concept

Trustee Kurland suggested that the district consider moving towards creating a zero carbon school. He and Trustee Austin provided some examples of what that might entail and referred to a school district in London, Ontario which has achieved that status at one of their high schools – the first in Canada. As carbon neutrality is a goal of the provincial and federal government, it is hope that some advocacy to those government bodies will generate some funding.

The topic will be forwarded to the Committee of the Whole meetings and considered during the upcoming Land and Facilities Review.

b. Climate Action Task Force Report

Trustee Austin stated that a lot of wonderful things are happening in schools with students taking the lead with teachers' support.

Monica Bradbury of Ballenas Secondary School and Carolin Mattice of Kwalikum Secondary School presented their schools' zero waste projects and it is hoped that they and some of their students will be available to showcase their work to the Board at its January Board meeting as well as some Student Council members from Kwalikum Secondary School who are planning a Climate Action Symposium.

The District is now a member of the Climate Action Network and will be receiving regular updates and newsletters from that organization.

A more detailed report including resources, links and other projects and initiatives the district's students have been involved with will be provided for the January Board Meeting.

c. Trustee Update re Silent Auction Fundraiser for Oceanside Track Renewal

Trustee Young reported that almost \$9000 was raised for the Oceanside Track Renewal through the on-line and in-person silent auction held on December 9th. She expressed appreciate to Susan Russick for initiating and taking the lead in organizing the event. The Oceanside Running Group has also been holding bottle drives with the last one bringing in approximately \$1500. Momentum to secure funding for the track renewal is gaining momentum.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 15th and new members and ideas for fundraising are always welcome.

d. Deputy Minister of Education Retirement and Appointment

Chair Flynn advised that Deputy Minister of Education, D. Scott MacDonald, has tendered his retirement notice and Christina Zacharuk has been appointed as the new Deputy Minister of Education. DM Zachary will assume her role in January 2022.

18. NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

19. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE AND MEDIA

None

20. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

None

21. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Godfrey moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

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CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY TREASURER