

Education Committee Meeting—Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 11, 2018

Location: School Board Office

Address: 607 Cumberland Road, Courtenay, BC V9N 7G5

6:30 pm

Members:

Committee Chair, Ian Hargreaves, Puntledge/Black Creek	✓
Board Chair, Janice Caton, City of Courtenay	✓
Trustee, Tom Weber, Lazo North	✓
Trustee, Sheila McDonnell, Baynes Sound (Denman/Hornby Islands)	✓
Trustee, Clifford Boldt, City of Courtenay	✓
Trustee, Peter Coleman, Town of Comox	✓
Trustee, Vickey Brown, Village of Cumberland	✓
Superintendent of Schools, Dean Lindquist	✓
Assistant Superintendent, Tom Demeo	✓
Director of Instructional Services (K-12) Geoff Manning	✓
Director of Instruction (Student Services) Esther Shatz	x

AGENDA

Acknowledgements/ Introductions

The Board of Education acknowledges that we are on the traditional territories of the K'omoks First Nation. We would like to thank them for the privilege of living on their land and the gift of working with their children.

1. School Start Up Reports Tom Demeo, Assistant Superintendent
& Geoff Manning, Director of Instruction K-12

 - Good news, the district has a significant growth rate in both elementary and secondary students
 - Central registration went well and we will be reviewing the procedure within the next month
 - Dr. Claire's sessions on the Sexual Health curriculum have started. It is taught to teachers using 4 modules at 2 ½ hours each
 - The district has hired 124 new employees since January 2018
 - 40 new TTOC's and 22 EA's are being interviewed this week
 - District employees will continue to attend recruiting fairs
 - A summary of last years DL enrollment audit was given

2. Hornby Island Update Dean Lindquist, Superintendent
& Tom Demeo, Assistant Superintendent

 - Agreements with HIES and HIRRA have been made and students are now using the Community Hall and the Room to Grow space
 - Some upgrades, which have been made to these two spaces are:
 - Locks, washrooms were replaced, electrical panel replaced, replaced and repaired siding and foundation issues, added missing railings, bulbs and task lighting were added, wireless internet and network drops were added

- AFC Construction were hired to complete the next phase. Modular buildings: 3 classrooms, washrooms, library and a admin office will be added to the area around the school as a short-term solution
- Long-term we are still waiting for the engineering report, which will indicate what we need to do next
- Next parent information meeting, Tuesday, September 18th, 1:15 pm to 2:30 pm

3. Seismic Upgrades

Dean Lindquist, Superintendent
& Tom Demeo, Assistant Superintendent

Lake Trail Middle School

- Design committee met over the summer and their ideas and thoughts were sent to the architects. Thursday, Sept 13th the committee will meet to see the drawings
- The feedback on this new school design has been very positive

G.P. Vanier Secondary

- Such a success story. This is defiantly a 21st century school
- Vanier's 50th Anniversary and Grand Opening Ceremony, October 18th
- Open house for all community members, October 19th

4. Communication / Website Update

Mary-Lee, Manger of Communication

- Walked through the new website. All information has now migrated from the old to the new website.
- New name: Comox Valley Schools

Next Education Committee Meeting:

DATE: Tuesday, October 9, 2018

TIME: 6:30 pm

LOCATION: TBD