

7:30

Board of Education Update

- Community Schools as Hubs - community schools have extended hours, community service,
- Integrated services and youth connections, and other positive community benefits
- Our schools are generally very well utilized 7am to 3pm, 6pm +
- 2023 - 106 programs, 1385 students; Rick Bloudel is constantly reviewing after school programs
- community rentals are booming (new west baseball, scouts,)
- all middle and high schools are used 7 days a week, elementary 6 days
- Welcome center has a community navigator position; strong partnership with Mosaic - 400 hours of programming; continues to grow over time; nurse practitioners that is very well used; wait times have been reduced from 3 weeks down to nil; there a few other providers
- Operations
 - Queen Elizabeth hosted successful open houses; team will be submitting permit package
 - Climate Resiliency - there is less glass (30% less) on the outside and inside for heat factor; AC
 - New inclusive washrooms modeled against washrooms in Gibsons
 - 200 pile driving required; measures in place to minimize
- Daycare at Howay (former Qayqayt location) opening in March
- Operating Grant
 - \$1.7M grant increase due to enrollment for non-enrolling staff and more EAs
 - \$500K deficit due to one-time \$500K cost NWSS cooling project; by-election and recruitment fees are added
 - Fuel-Up and Lunch Lady - NW is seen as a leader in province; but concerns around quality is acknowledged
 - # of paid meals is declining; 700 eligible families for subsidies; \$800K is not sufficient
 - Purpose of the program is food security and stigma; stigma is still prevalent
 - CS asked Rick Bloudel to invite parents for tastings and try to bring up profile of program
- Advocacy Plan
 - 6 different areas for advocacy; increase basic student funding; capital funding; capital funding for increased weather; diverse needs and ELL; mental health supports; childcare
- School Generated Funds - ad hoc committee

Cheryl
Sluis

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Committee has been created; Trustee Sluis and Trustee Connelly will be part on behalf of board; ○ Will review current policy and procedures ○ Personal reflections: Asking more questions earlier would have avoided escalated response; Lots of committed parents need to be acknowledged; should have asked questions first ● Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ invitations to partner groups has been sent out; scheduled for April; survey will be launched April 15 ● Recruitment for Superintendent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Posting went out and reviewing a number of impressive candidates ○ Interviews to happen first 2 weeks of march ● Questions/Comments: ● Will QE school have AC? Yes ● Will there be a change in Lunch Lady provider? No plan to change. ● How was the wait time decreased with Nurse Practitioner? No additional funding for extra hours; more creative scheduling ● Is anyone aware of Lovin' Lunch meal prep program? Will share for inspiration to Rick BloudeI <p>Superintendent Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Deeply apologize for the stress and pain caused around AP520 ● Deficit - we were in a small structural surplus maybe able to offset the deficit; won't be able to receive budget update from province until April (eg. student affordability fund); will receive additional allocation for continuing education ● Kindergarten Gradual Entry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Surveys will be send out family day long weekend and will be open for a few weeks ○ April/May- Director Sandy Singh will provide recommendation ● Short-Term Capacity Crisis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Board will review guiding principles (eg. students should be able to attend their neighborhood schools) ○ Fraser River and Glenbrooke zone has limited land to put portables; FRMS has even less space due to new elementary school site ○ This work must happen soon due to link with budget planning ○ Operational dollars will be used to add portables to accommodate extra 345 students next year; ● Cell Phone Restriction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It's a restriction NOT a band; language will come in the form of a ministerial order ○ order will lead to change in Code of Conduct 	<p>Karim Hachlaf</p>
--	---	-----------------------------

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ movie licenses for districts; ○ Doug H: DPAC is under appreciated and not well known enough considering its impact and ability to re ○ Heather K: sharing information and advocacy; help with education funding ○ Natalie T: Childminding would be nice; can DPAC help with childminding during pro-d days; help with movie license; ○ Kathleen C: Catherine Brewer has done great workshops; suggestion to reach out to community recs to put on parent education; ○ Krista M: Treasurer role training; chairperson training <p>Anti-Racism Advisory Committee Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3 hour workshop last week; draft of guiding document in progress ● group is large with staff, district staff, teachers, DPAC ● no consensus yet on who is the intended audience (teachers, parents, or district?) ● if guiding document is not meant for parents; then tool on website must be rewritten as its very text heavy and more accessible for those who are new to topic; or for ESL ● Meeting every month for the year; goal to finish by end of year 	<p>Laura Kwong / Mita Naiker</p>
	<p>School Reports (Quick Wins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NWSS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AP520 - we have struck member ○ submitted feedback to a lot of school-based fundraising accounts ○ looking forward to participating in the ad-hoc committee ○ Fundraisers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PAC Fundraiser 50/50 rafflebox for Grade 12 scholarship fundraising ○ Spiritwear Fundraiser ● Howay (DougH) - successful community dance event ● Qayqat (LauraK) - ran successful readathon with over \$7400+ fundraisers; 50% school participation ● Tweedsmuir (Carline)- successful movie night 	
	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AP520 ad-hoc committee; 3 spots for DPAC; DPAC exec for 1; elementary and middle school ● Call out to elementary and middle school parents for volunteer for committee ● 330-5pm - haven't picked a day ● Budget Consultation Plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ we will have an opportunity to present budget feedback 	<p>Laura Kwong</p>

	<p>OLD Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AP520 Consultation - all PACs should continue to share feedback to DPAC and we can bring it up to committee <p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● BCCPAC Resolutions - working on drafts on a number of topics with SD39, SD73, SD36, SD62 ● Laura K will send a list out to the PAC to get feedback (thumbs up or down) on topics DPAC should support ● Meeting in Feb ● Diverse Learner Success Rates ● SD40 is ranked 37/52 for graduation rate for diverse abilities, and 47th/52 (28%) in difference in graduation rate between diverse and non-diverse ability students ● Neurodiversity celebration week is not recognized in SD40 <p>Motion: that DPAC write a letter to the Board of Education that 1) SD40 formally recognize Neurodiversity Education Week this year (March 18th) and all years going forward and 2) make a plan to address the difference in disparity of graduation rates between ND and non-diverse abilities.</p> <p>Moved By Laura K Second: Natalie S MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>Laura Kwong</p>
	<p>Adjournment: 9:05pm</p> <p>Next Meeting: April 18th 7pm @ Qayqayt</p>	