

# BOARD BUSINESS

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

## BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**Adoption of the Regular Public Board Meeting Minutes, September 22, 2020; Special Public Board Meeting Minutes, September 29, 2020**

### Board Chair Report

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- Child Care Partnership Village of Cumberland
- Annual Report 2019-2020

### Facilities Committee Report

- International Student Program Location

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### Trustee Reports (Janice Caton)

- Reports: Vancouver Island School Trustees' Association (VISTA) Fall Conference
- British Columbia School Trustees' Association (BCSTA) Provincial Council Meeting

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[Video recording of meeting  
on YouTube](#)

# STRATEGIC REPORTS

## Superintendent Report

### Strategic Plan Annual Report 2019-2020

The report summarizes the success of achieving or working toward reaching the four major strategic goals of the District and how individual schools are addressing these goals at their sites. [Full report found on the District website.](#)

### Child Care Partnership

In October, the District met with the Village of Cumberland to decide on a partnership for establishing child care facilities on SD71 grounds. The report made recommendation that the Board of Education direct staff to work with the Village of Cumberland to submit a child care centre grant application.

[Full details in Board Agenda pages 17 & 18 online.](#)

### School Start Up 2020

#### Secondary Perspective

Mark R. Isfeld principal Sean Lamoureux outlined the challenges facing secondary schools and how efforts of District and school staff helped address challenges including working together as a team within a larger system to create a safe learning environment for all.

#### Elementary Perspective

Valley View Elementary principal Katy Doran focused her presentation on the resiliency of students and staff. She shared insights gained and talked about the importance of a team approach and transparency throughout the school start up process.

[Full video presentation on YouTube](#)  
(time mark 6:45)

## BOARD REPORT



### Board Chair

Sheila McDonnell  
Area A (Baynes Sound,  
Hornby & Denman Islands)

Trustee McDonnell gave a summary of the Professional Development Day (Oct 23rd) webinar with Dr. Elin Kelsey on the topic of *Hope Matters*. The session addressed how to inspire students on climate change and maintain optimism. The webinar was a first of its kind offering both in-person & live-streaming participation. At a three-day community workshop around environmental action for the local watershed, the environmental efforts of the District were recognized during one of the sessions, in particular the work of District EOL Lead teacher and the partner groups in the community such as CVRD Waste Management.

### Assistant Superintendent Enrolment 1701 & Pro-Day

The 1701 report gives the official count of enrolled students. The District saw a decline of approximately 400 students in "brick & mortar" buildings of which 240 transferred to Navigate/NIDES with an additional 62 in a homeschooling program. However, NIDES enrolment increased by approximately 1,200. Overall, enrolment increased by approximately 900 students, equating to 9,500 full-time equivalent (FTE) funded students.

Over 30 Pro-D day sessions were attended by educators throughout the District in the form of on-line learning and virtual sessions including Dr. Elin Kelsey and a self-directed, online program by **Dr. Jody Carrington**, *How to Connect with Kids These Days*.

## DISTRICT NEWS & SCHOOL STORIES

## LOCAL HERO AWARDS

We are all so pleased for three District educators who are recognized for their contributions to the community and supporting student success. Charlotte Hood-Tanner, Lori Mazey and Randy James were awarded a 2020 Local Hero Award by *Comox Valley Record*.

- **Educator of the Year: Charlotte Hood-Tanner**  
For supporting her school and community through art and charity, among many other contributions, as well as leading students to explore social important issues and embrace reconciliation.
- **Diversity & Inclusion: Lori Mazey**  
For consistently celebrating diversity using theatre, as well as for being a supportive mentor and role model to many youth.
- **Coach of the Year: Randy James**  
For his long-term commitment to leading and inspiring Special Olympians for the past 31 years.

Read more online at

➤ <https://hero.comoxvalleyrecord.com/>

## BROOKLYN COMMUNITY STEPS UP AFTER THEFT



Full story details on Chek News 

An unfortunate event at Brooklyn Elementary turned into a positive story of compassion and support. Close to \$1,000 worth of cedar was stolen from the school grounds over the weekend of Oct 3/4. The wood had been purchased by the PAC from fundraising efforts to construct outdoor gardens and a *gaga* ball pit. The outpouring of the support from the community was immediate and abundant. The PAC selected an offer from Western Forest Products to replace the entire value of stolen lumber.



# DISTRICT NEWS & SCHOOL STORIES

## LEGACY SCHOOL PROJECT - DOWNIE WENJACK SECRET WALK

Ecole Puntledge Park took part in the DWF Chanie Wenjack Secret Path Walk along the Rotary Trail in Courtenay Oct 22nd and turned it into their annual Food Bank visit. All 23 classes participated.



## Valley View Tiger Spotting

Ms. Katy Doran fulfilled a promise and dressed as the Valley View Tiger for the efforts of her students for raising nearly \$4,000 in support of Terry Fox & Tour de Rock. Students ran for a period of a few weeks with their respective classes, achieving 2000 km as an entire school. Record-breaking efforts earned the school an extra recess.



## SAFE SCHOOL ZONE DRIVING

The District & RCMP launched another campaign to remind motorists and pedestrians about safety in school zones and around school buses. To enhance the message, we called upon G.P. Vanier Theatre students to create a video about safe driving with key reminders to the community about the rules of the road.

➤ [Check it out on YouTube here!](#)



## Queneesh Elections BC

Queneesh Elementary participated in **Student Vote BC**, a provincial program that gives students the opportunity to learn about the British Columbia election, debate the future of the province, and cast ballots for the official local candidates running in their school's electoral district. Results favoured the **GREEN PARTY**.

## AND MORE SCHOOL STORIES



### TERRY FOX RUN ORGANIZER CELEBRATED

For more than 20 years, Tim Krutzmann, **G.P. Vanier** Leadership Teacher, has organized the school's The Terry Fox Foundation Run with the help of his students. In the days leading up to this year's event, Tim was presented by complete surprise with a set of commemorative Adidas 40th Anniversary Edition Terry Fox running shoes. Former Vanier teacher, George Warren, made in the presentation on behalf of staff and students – past & present – to show appreciation for all that Tim has done for students and to honour the legacy of Terry Fox.

– Run photo credit: Dave Ingram Photography



### UNIQUE ORANGE SHIRT DAY EVENT

On September 30th **Lake Trail Middle School** created a special interpretive event for the school and surrounding community to celebrate **Orange Shirt Day**. Led by the Indigenous Support Workers, the school created a multi-media art and story walk installation in the surrounding forest in partnership with local community organizations. Each year, the commemorative day is widely recognized throughout the District as a time of reflection and to build understanding around our nation's residential school history. Read more online in our [District News](#) ◀



### WOLVES IN SCHOOLS

Tundra is a wolf (90%) who visits schools with her owner Gary to educate students on the important role she and her pack play in the ecosystem. Tundra visited **Huband Park Elementary** October 5th as part of the **Tundra Speaks** school program – an interactive opportunity to build better understanding and appreciation among youth about animals that inhabit our environment. The visit was made possible by Huband teacher Elizabeth Rudolph. ▶ Learn more at [www.tundraspeaks.com](http://www.tundraspeaks.com)

