



Report from the Special and Regular Board Meeting

October 24, 2018

TOPICS:

Reconciliation Committee Update
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RECONCILIATION – The Reconciliation Committee presented the *Syeyutsus Reconciliation Framework*:

Truth and Reconciliation is a significant goal of Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools (NLPS). The goal of reconciliation was established by the Board of Education in response to Canada's Truth & Reconciliation Calls to Action and is underpinned by the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). In partnership, NLPS and Indigenous Knowledge Keepers are committed to continue working together on the journey of reconciliation.

Syeyutsus (walking together) is a Hul'q'umi'num expression for "walking in two worlds": living and honouring the teachings of the land and first peoples, while navigating the ever-changing complexities of today's world and society. In today's context, Syeyutsus suggests we strive to find balance between the traditional way of living and the contemporary lifestyle.

Syeyutsus begins by understanding and embracing the teachings of this land on which we live and work as a basis for our journey to truth and reconciliation. These complex knowledge systems can only be fully appreciated by first understanding and recognizing the relationship between the land, language and culture.

The Syeyutsus framework is rooted in the knowledge that we are all relations in the cycle of life. Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools respects and cherishes the land our schools and offices are situated upon. The land and its resources touch every aspect of our life, and is the cornerstone of our connectivity. It is within this space we will strengthen our sense of belonging and interconnectedness to enhance all of our relationships in a thoughtful way.

Ancestral knowledge has taught us that by learning to walk in two worlds we will create a resilient, vital school system and an improved living and learning environment for all of our children and families. Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools commits to honouring the land and using this Framework to guide and inform by:

1. Working with our students, staff, indigenous Knowledge Keepers, and community partner groups in a spirit of respect, courage and vulnerability to bridge together different views and beliefs, in a restorative caring way.

2. Providing ongoing and meaningful learning opportunities for all students, staff, and community partner groups.

[Watch the presentation](#)

MOTIONS – The Board dealt with recommendations brought forth from the Business Committee meeting held earlier this month:

- The Board adopted the Surplus Policy and Administrative Procedure as presented to the Business Committee on October 10, 2018.
 - The Board received the Executive Compensation Report as information.
 - The Board agreed to transfer \$2 million from the 2017-18 unrestricted surplus balance to local capital to ensure capital needs for the district are adequately funded.
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PREMIER’S AWARD – On October 5, 2018, Premier John Horgan presented the Premier’s Awards for Excellence in Education. The nine individual awards are intended to honour the achievements of education professionals working in public, independent, First Nations and offshore schools.

Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools is extremely proud to have three of its staff nominated for this prestigious award. Mandy Jones from Ladysmith Secondary and Emily Recalma from NDSS were nominated for the Indigenous Education Award. Tanya Adelborg from Randerson Ridge Elementary was nominated for the Extracurricular Leadership Award.

Ms. Jones and Ms. Adelborg were the winners in their respective categories.

Winners were awarded commemorative artwork, \$3,000 personal bursary for professional learning and a \$2,000 contribution to their school community for professional learning.

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[Verna \(Mandy\) Jones](#)

[Emily Recalma](#)

[Tanya Adelborg](#)

BOARD RECOGNITION – Superintendent Scott Saywell and former Superintendent John Blain presented the outgoing and returning Board members with certificates of achievements for their service ranging from one to six terms.

Single Term

Steve Rae (Board Chair)

Natasha Bob

Scott Kimler

Jeff Solomon

Noah Routley

Six Terms

Jamie Brennan

Returning Trustees

Stephanie Higginson (Board Vice-Chair)

Tania Brzovic

Bill Robinson

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