

Subject Steve Dotto and Community Dialogue committee

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Hello all - I am passing these 2 items from Dpac on to all of you as you are all active, interested parents who I am sure will be interested in both of these items. The blurb on the Community Dialogue Committee will better inform you what the district is proposing as it comes from the Board office.....

School district 69'd Parent Advisory Council proudly presents:

STEVE DOTTO (as heard on CISL 650 AM)

A fun, engaging and informative speaker who provides the audience with the tools needed to navigate social networking and the internet safely.

When: May 12 - 7:00 pm Where: Qualicum Beach Civic Centre

Admission: FREE Coffee and snacks will be provided

Who Should Attend: Parents/Caregivers of youth who access the internet

Steve has one mission, to help us master our technology, at home, at school or at work, his message.....we need to be in charge.

and,

Declining Enrollment Challenges and Possible Solutions for SD 69

PARENTS - GET INVOLVED and have a voice in the process!

Looking for parents to sit on SD69 Community Dialogue Committee.....

(please read explanation below)

Parents interested please contact Leona Matte (QBMS Dpac Rep.) before May 12

lmatte@shaw.ca or 752-7404 (home) 951-1290 (cell)

SD 69 Community Dialogue: Understanding the Impact of Enrollment

Introduction:

At its meeting in March 2011, the SD 69 Board of Education acknowledged that its efforts in October 2010 to be transparent with the community about enrollment challenges and possible solutions involving school closure scenarios, had the opposite effect to the Board's intentions, and therefore did not serve the needs of the Board nor of the community. The Board has now approved a series of recommendations in support of its commitment that any decisions about school reorganization will be reached only after a comprehensive engagement with the community. This process of engagement

will provide School District 69 community members access to multiple opportunities to understand the impact of student enrollment on funding and educational programs and services, and to share their ideas with the Board.

To this end, in March 2011, the Board has initiated a comprehensive process to create a forum for discussing all the important perspectives related to this issue, and *will defer any decision on potential school closures until Spring of 2012.*

Actions to be taken:

1. Initiate a thoughtful community dialogue that will serve to inform the Board of the full range of perspectives of District 69 communities related to the question:

How can we sustain comprehensive educational programs and services for our students in a context of declining student enrollment and reduced funding?

2. Form a representative district-wide planning committee of approximately ten members that will ensure that an accessible and open process for community dialogue is implemented. Committee members will be drawn from stakeholder groups and the community, and will be supported by a district staff member and facilitator in their work.

Terms of References for Planning Committee:

1. The planning committee will create, implement and guide an open process that will identify the perspectives of all key community groups across SD 69.

2. In the first phase beginning May 2011, the planning committee and Board will decide on a community dialogue format and process that will examine the challenge of declining enrollment in SD 69.

3. In the second phase, the planning committee and Board will engage participants from across the school district and the communities it serves, in a sharing of current information and trends. The committee will bring to the community dialogue process information from multiple sources, including reports requested by the Board on current and future educational programs and services.

(specifically, reports developed by the secondary working group, middle level working group, career education/dual credit programs, and international students program.) The intent is that community members will have access to information provided to and considered by the Board, and further, that they will have an opportunity to share their ideas with the Board. The proceedings of these sessions will be documented.

4. The third phase of this process will be the development of a Planning Committee Summary, comprised of information and ideas from community dialogue sessions, which will be made available to trustees to inform Board decision-making.

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Subject: RE: letter to the Trustee

Sounds good to me Lynette - perhaps we might want to send it also to Mike Seselja because after all he is the Dpac chair and it would be informing him of OCQE's meeting with the board as well as our desire to have a seat at this committee. So far it looks like out of the 4 that have put their name forward, 3 are from OCQE. In reply to my concerns that there is only a call for 3 parents and 1 alternate (who can sit in on all the meetings, etc.) he said that when Candice first informed him of this committee, there was only room for 2 parents and that he advocated for more representation , hence now 3 with an alternate. I will be sending in an information piece to QBMS and KSS for their newsletter, asking for parents to step forward to participate in this opportunity. I have to even though less competition means better chance of the 3 names from OCQE to step forward.

I will also send an e-mail in support of your letter and a request for more parent representation on this committee - Leona

From: Wild Salmon [mailto:wildsalmon@shaw.ca]

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Subject: letter to the Trustee

Hi All OCQE ers

Please have a look at the attached letter. I would like to send it ASAP. If they still refuse us a seat I think we should make the public aware of this through the papers. Further I think we should send out an email to our "schoolinfo" list making them aware of the Working Group being formed and if they are interested emailing to Mike Seselja to put their name forward. I think we should also ask them to send an email to the trustees immediately asking that OCQE be given a designated seat at the table. I will be out on the boat all day today, so if you have any revisions to this please send them to Julie. I would really like this to go out today

****Any of us that are wanting to be on this group should have put our name into Mike already
mseselja@shaw.ca

Thanks and good work you guys!!!!
Lynette