

Invitation to Facilitators for Public Dialogue Sessions
SD 69 Community Dialogue Committee
Tough Decisions, Future Possibilities

Background:

The Board of Education of School District 69 has established a Community Dialogue Committee with a mandate to create a community dialogue process to respond to the issues of changing enrolment patterns and the budgetary implications for district schools.

Phase 1 consists of a series of facilitated public meetings would take place around the district. The focus of these meetings will be to provide background information and to define the problem facing the district, and to gather the beliefs and values of the community in regards to education.

We are now looking for volunteers to assist as facilitators in these public dialogues. Each facilitator will be responsible for working with tables of eight community participants. Our primary goal for the public dialogues is that the voice of each participant is respectfully heard and accurately summarized. Our committee plans to organize and orient a group of approximately 25 potential facilitators in advance of the first phase of public meetings in October. Our first phase of public dialogues will be in Oct. and Nov.

Goal of Phase One meetings: To create an opportunity to collect community participants' questions, perspectives, and visions related to the future of education in SD 69.

What are we looking for? Facilitators will need:

- a willingness to prepare for the role by participating in a 3 hour orientation; we will learn about the design of dialogue process and identify the priorities for facilitator practice
- some experience and interest in facilitating groups
- skill in active listening and reflecting participants' questions and perspectives
- willingness to commit to facilitating at least 2 sessions (most are evening time)

Orientation: Wednesday, Oct. 12th, 6:30 – 9:30 at Oceanside Middle School

<i>Public Dialogue -</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
1. Nanoose		Monday Oct 17 th
2. Lighthouse / Bowser		Wednesday Oct. 19
3. Qualicum/ KSS		Monday Oct. 24
4. Arrowsmith/ Errington / French Creek		Thurs. Oct. 27
5. Parksville / Ballenas		Wednesday Nov. 2
6. Cross-District (extra) Session		Sat. November 5 th AM
(Lasqueti Island Community Session)		TBD

Please Note: Any individuals intending to run in the upcoming November elections will not be eligible for participating as a facilitator in this first phase of the public dialogues, but will be welcome to attend the public sessions as a participant.

 If you are interested and available to contribute, please submit the information requested below to:
 sthompson@sd69.bc.ca or... drop the written information by the School District Front Desk.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ How did you hear about this? _____

We thank you for considering taking on this IMPORTANT role! - the SD 69 Community Dialogue Committee