



# School District #49 (Central Coast)

## REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date: January 15, 2021

Time: 6:05 PM

Location: Board Office Board Room

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### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

- Trustees: Nicola Koroluk, Chair  
Marisa Blewett, Vice Chair (Teleconference)  
Christina Hoppe, Trustee  
Crystal Anderson, Trustee (Teleconference)
- Staff: Stephen Dishkin, Superintendent  
Helen Zhao, Secretary Treasurer
- Guests: Rejeanne Morin, Central Coast Teachers' Association union president (Teleconference)  
Elysabeth Barnes, Teacher SAMS (Teleconference)  
Candice Hammer, Teacher SAMS(Teleconference)  
CJ Dixon, Teacher SAMS (Teleconference)  
Krista Wilson, Teacher NES (Teleconference)  
Katy Best, Teacher NES (Teleconference)  
Jeremy Bailie (Teleconference)  
Wally Webber (Teleconference)  
Samuel Schooner (Teleconference)  
Omar Valdez (Teleconference)  
Danika Naccarella (Teleconference)  
Terry Webber (Teleconference)  
Cheyenne T (Teleconference)  
Leonard Kozak (Teleconference)  
Rachelle Beveridge (Teleconference)  
Tanelle Hideley (Teleconference)  
Doris Muisse (Teleconference)  
Holly Poell (Teleconference)  
Terrise Purkiss (Teleconference)  
Other unidentified community guests

The meeting was called to order at 18:05 hours, January 15, 2021

The Board chair acknowledged that the meeting was being Held on Traditional Nuxalk Territory.

### **ADOPTION of AGENDA**

MOVED/SECONDED Crystal Anderson/Christina Hoppe

That the Board accepted the agenda items

CARRIED

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Superintendent reviewed the memo regarding educational programming for the coming week with consideration of active cases of Covid locally. School District recommends continuing with current model of remote instruction for the week of January 18 to 22.

MOVED/SECONDED Crystal Anderson/Christina Hoppe  
That the Board put forward the memo for discussion  
CARRIED

Trustee Koroluk supported the recommendation and commented that schools are safe and rate of transmission at schools is low. Trustee Anderson asked what enhanced measurements to be put in place. Superintendent replied that schools are looking at smaller learning groups and more robust remote learning, as well as increased use of plexiglass shields and having the tents setup for outdoor classrooms. Trustee Blewett acknowledged the hard work staff has done to follow public health guidelines in order to keep schools safe.

MOVED/SECONDED Crystal Anderson/Christina Hoppe  
That the Board accepted recommendation  
CARRIED

**Questions and Comments**

How long will SD 49 employ remote learning and what are the factors that will determine extending remote learning beyond the end of this semester?

School District is working with VCH, Nuxalk EOC closely on the development of current outbreak in the community. Remote learning is offered to students in order to deliver equal education.

What resource did the school district get the numbers of confirmed cases from?  
It was through Nuxalk EOC, provided by VCH.

Does the information represent all active cases in the community?  
A person has the option to contact EOC to notify them that they have tested positive or not. VCH also relays the information to EOC.

Samuel commented that 60% of student population in SD 49 is from Nuxalk members. However, there is no seat in the board to represent Nuxalk. Staff is required to go to work. We want to the staff to be safe. SD 49 needs to come up with a solution. Superintendent commented that school district is working with unions on this.

Who is allowed to come to schools?  
The current model allows families to send their children to schools, such as working families. School District encourages parents to contact school administration if they need support.

Wally Webber commented that it is important to have technology available to be provided to students. Parents should contact schools if they need support. School District can contact Nuxalk nation admin office if they need help.

How does school district reassure the safety of front line workers?

School District reassured that following safety guidelines help reduce the risk of transmission of virus at schools. School District is going to contact VCH to get instruction on how to take extra measures on top of the measures put in place already. Use of masks in students will be reviewed by VCH. Self check is very important to keep students and staff safe.

How does school district deal with staff who does not feel safe?

School District is working with unions, school administration to increase safety measures to help people feel safe.

Why is school still open when Nuxalk nation declared state of emergency?

Schools are open for people who need it. Every student is learning remotely. However, schools are dealing with students in need case by case.

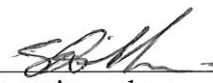
**ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD TO THE IN CAMERA MEETING**

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED/SECONDED Nicola Koroluk/ Christina Hoppe

That the regular meeting adjourns at 19:01 hours January 15, 2021

  
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Chairperson

  
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Superintendent