

**NANAIMO LADYSMITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
ACTION SHEET**

DATE: June 1, 2022
TO: Board of Education
FROM: Scott Saywell, Superintendent
SUBJECT: Coal Tyee Elementary Name Change

Recommendation

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) direct staff to commence a 30 day consultation period as per Policy 2.17 Public Participation to change the name of Coal Tyee Elementary School to “syuwén'ct”.

Background

On January 26, 2022, the Board passed the following motion:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) engage Policy 2.19 and assign an ad hoc Committee to rename Coal Tyee Elementary School.

An Action Sheet (attached as Appendix A) was brought forward to the Education Committee on January 5, 2022, which provided the history of the Coal Tyee name together with district's reasons for proposing a name change.

This Action Sheet outlines the work of the ad hoc Committee and proposes next steps with respect to the renaming of Coal Tyee Elementary School. A consultation plan will be shared on the District's website.

Discussion

Following the Board motion, and pursuant to the requirements of Policy 2.19, an ad hoc Committee was formed and has met on several occasions to discuss the renaming of Coal Tyee Elementary. The Committee worked alongside Snuneymuxw First Nation, including SFN CAO Joan Brown, Chief Michael Wyse and the SFN Elders Advisory, the name decided on was “syuwén'ct”. syuwén'ct is the Hul'q'umin'um' term meaning “our traditions” or “our history”.

In the event that the Board approves the recommended motion, staff will begin the consultation process immediately with the intent of providing the Board with the consultation feedback in early July at a special open Board meeting. Further, the ad hoc Committee will work together to create a plan outlining how the change will be implemented.

Appendix A: January 5, 2022 Action Sheet