

School District 63 Trustees

Keating X Rd

Saanichton, B.C.

February 6, 2024

Dear Chair and Fellow Trustees of Saanich Schools

On behalf of the Michell family, we would like to thank you for the meeting last week. In regards to the wording/picture for the permanent inside display about the SESISEJ/ Little Forest daycare and nature preschool history. We are pleased in regards to the wording in the display. Special thanks to Jason for being so diligent in making sure the wording was correct and to our liking.

Last week I told Jason and the Chair and Vice Chair there were 13, 7th generation and 2, 6th generation. Actually, there are currently 4 not 2, 6th generation all are either going to or going in the future to SD#63 schools. For a total of 17 descendants. William Turgoose and his friend Thomas Michell started something big for this municipality. We continue even now in supporting day to day life in Central Saanich.

One question I had since was, did the trustees approach the indigenous committee working on this? If they were opposed to a picture of the benefactors? Or is this just an area that you don't want to open?

We do appreciate you putting the effort that you have into this endeavour. Seeing the school come to fruition. We, the majority of the family, still feel some disappointment though, about not being part of the discussions naming the school. Jason was very good about sending us info after decisions were made. However, it was still after.

We hope you will have some more conversations regarding including the Turgoose pictures. At the committee level and during the general meeting on Feb 14th. As long as there is debate that is all we can ask.

We look forward to the opening and all the little children benefiting from this great facility. William would be so pleased. Excited with the prospect that our grandson, among others (7th generation) could be attending there like his great grandfathers' and three times great grandmother. (Jason was sent the certificate Annie Turgoose received there in June, 1890!) Annie later married William Michell. Leanne Guthrie (Michell) surprised us with this. As her family lived in the original Michell home on Island View Rd. What a find for us and you all and your archives! Maybe it will be something for your boardroom.

We look forward to hearing the debate.

Daryl and Nancy Michell and the Michell family