



## Board Meeting Highlights November 7, 2012

### Trustees:

Mike Murray (Chair), Susan Carr, Ken Clarkson, Kathy Marshall, Sarah Nelson, Dave Rempel

### Executive:

Jan Unwin (Superintendent), Laurie Meston (Deputy Superintendent), Flavia Coughlan (Secretary Treasurer)

### Presentation: Bookfest and Learning Resource Centre

Teacher-Librarians Halia Hirniak, Lucinda Tooker and Rosalee Passmore arrived in fictional character costumes to promote the upcoming Bookfest on November 26, 2012. They noted that Vancouver author Dan Bar-el would be in attendance, and that he would also be making appearances at District schools. Superintendent Jan Unwin acknowledged the invaluable contributions of all Teacher-Librarians in the District, and thanked them on behalf of students.

### Registration Acceptance Criteria

The Board approved changed Registration Acceptance Criteria for January 1, 2013. The new criteria address a key concern of parents who have two or more children in the District and who worry about having to send their children to separate schools.

#### Current:

1. IN catchment with siblings already attending catchment school (proof of residency required OR displaced catchment siblings on district list)
2. IN catchment (proof of residence required)
3. OUT of catchment with siblings
4. IN catchment daycare
5. OUT of catchment without

#### New: January 1, 2013

1. Siblings of students already attending desired elementary school (currently grades K to 6)
2. IN catchment (proof of residence required)
3. IN catchment daycare (proof of daycare in catchment required)
4. OUT of catchment without siblings
5. OUT of district

- siblings
6. OUT of district with siblings
  7. OUT of district without siblings

### **SD42 Business Company: audited financial statements and bylaw adoption**

The Board approved the audited financial statements for the SD42 Business Company for the year ending June 30, 2012 for submission to the Ministry of Education. Through its adoption of Bylaw #1, the Board also dissolved the company, which had never been active and for which there had been no future plans.

### **Borrowing Bylaw Approved**

The Board approved a special bylaw allowing the District to borrow up to \$6,500,000 if necessary to cover short-term payroll or other expenses. Secretary Treasurer Flavia Coughlan noted that the request was a precautionary measure only and that such borrowing is typically not required.

### **Kindergarten Online Registration**

Superintendent Unwin informed the Board that the implementation of online registration for Kindergarten has been moved to the 2013 – 2014 school year to ensure that the infrastructure is solid and that there is a proper rollout of the new system.

### **Enrollment Report**

The Board received Deputy Superintendent Laurie Meston's 2012/13 Enrollment Report for information. Deputy Superintendent Meston noted that enrollment is down a total of 398.50 FTE for September 2012 from where it was in September 2011, but explained that the District is in funding protection and that it had also set aside a contingency amount in the budget to offset the costs of any potential enrolment decline.

### **Good News**

In the good news portion of the evening the Board noted that Remembrance Day ceremonies were planned in all the schools across the District.

**The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on November 28, 2012 in the District Education Office.**