



Trustees:

Ken Clarkson (Chair), Susan Carr, Mike Huber, Eleanor Palis (Vice-Chair), Dr. Dave Rempel, Stepan Vdovine, Kathie Ward

Executive:

Jan Unwin (Superintendent), Stewart Sonne (Deputy Superintendent), Wayne Jefferson (Secretary Treasurer)

Board elections: Ken Clarkson and Eleanor Palis continue in Chair and Vice-Chair roles

The Board held its Annual Organizational meeting to elect Board officers for the next 12 months. Chair Ken Clarkson was acclaimed and will continue in that role. An election was held for the position of Vice-Chair, with Vice-Chair Eleanor Palis being re-elected. Other organizational matters dealt with during the meeting included re-adoption of the District Policy Manual, and appointment of signing authorities.

Chair of the Board 2010 Annual Report

Chair Clarkson delivered the Chair of the Board 2010 Annual Report, in which he highlighted significant events, challenges and accomplishments from the past year. The entire report will be posted on the district website at: <http://www.sd42.ca/2010-chair-annual-report>

Presentations: Free the Children

Facilitator Anne Hales introduced James Lombardi, Associate Director, Youth Programming for the Free the Children organization in Vancouver. He outlined the history of this project and some of the many action plans students were involved in. He said the organization wanted to create a generation of young people who were inspired, empowered and “ready to take action to create positive social change and to solve pressing local and global issues.”

Superintendent’s Report on Achievement

As required by the School Act, Superintendent Unwin submitted to the Board a report on student achievement. Superintendent Unwin reported successes in the areas of: early learning opportunities; kindergarten as a play-based method for learning; early reading intervention programs; using technology to assist learning; and the six-year graduation rate. Areas in which the District is tackling challenges include: Aboriginal student achievement in kindergarten and early primary; lack of improvement in primary reading levels; the gap between genders on the six-year graduation rates; and school-based marks being lower than provincial exam scores. The entire report is available on the district website at: <http://www.sd42.ca/2010-superintendents-report-student-achievement>

Board Policy Development policy approved

The Board gave third and final reading to a Board Policy Development policy. The Board had previously given approval in principle so that policy development work could commence.

2008-2009 SOFI report

The Board received the Financial Information Act (SOFI) Report. The report lists remuneration and expenses for all elected officials, and details for all employees who received remuneration and expenses in excess of \$75,000 for that year. The report is available on the district web site at:

<http://www.sd42.ca/financial-reports-0>

**The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be on Wednesday, January 12
at 6 PM in the District Education Office.**