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Jan Unwin (Superintendent), Laurie Meston (Deputy Superintendent), Wayne Jefferson (Secretary Treasurer)

Presentations

Shawn Mathewson and Christine DiGiamberardine described the work of the Social Planning Advisory Committee. The committee has a mandate to enhance the well-being of present and future community residents by addressing social issues and initiating projects, such as working with the school district to develop community hubs and gardens.

Petra Frederick, Greg Turnbull and Manfred Wuensche of the Municipal Advisory and Accessibility Committee described their past successes and current initiatives around dealing with accessibility issues in the community. One of their future goals is to include youth representation on their committee.

George Serra, President of the Maple Ridge Teachers' Association made a presentation calling on the Board to return to local bargaining with the teachers' union. He said that there were many non cost items that could be negotiated locally that would benefit students, improve teacher morale and contribute to positive relationships within the school district.

Board committee appointments and elections for BCSTA and BCPSEA

Chair Clarkson announced the appointment of trustee representatives to board and community committees for 2011. The Board also acclaimed Trustee Kathie Ward as its representative on the British Columbia School Trustees' Association (BCSTA), and acclaimed Vice Chair Eleanor Palis as its representative on the British Columbia Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA).

District to support Community Connections grant application

The Board approved letters from the school district offering its support to the District of Maple Ridge in their application for two second round community connections grants. One grant will enable a consultation process around creating a neighbourhood learning centre satellite location at Glenwood Elementary School, and the other grant will support development of a community garden at Eric Langton Elementary School.

Local Education Agreement ratified

The Board ratified a Local Education Agreement between the school district and Katzie First Nation, which defines the roles and responsibilities of both parties and their shared commitment to provide the best possible opportunities for success for Katzie First Nations students. A signing ceremony was held at the Katzie First Nation band office on January 11.

**The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be on Wednesday, January 26
at 6 PM in the District Education Office.**