



## Board Meeting Highlights April 11, 2012

### **Trustees:**

Mike Murray (Chair), Eleanor Palis (Vice-Chair), Susan Carr, Ken Clarkson, Sarah Nelson, Dave Rempel

### **Executive:**

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

### **Alternate Education and Community Connections**

The Board received a presentation on the District's *Keeping Kids in School* (KKIS) program. District Vice Principal Michelle Schmidt reviewed the program's history and highlighted the substantial wraparound services and community connections essential to the program's success. Brenda Donoghue (Child & Youth Care Worker) and Annette McCombs (Senior Aboriginal Support Worker) addressed the ways in which these interventions and support options benefit the individual student.

### **Proposed Draft Policies: Whistle Blower Protection and Personal/Sexual Harassment**

The Board received the *Whistle Blower Protection* (7110) and *Personal/Sexual Harassment* (7210) policies for the public review portion of the consultation process. Both policies have been posted online and are available for download and review at <http://www.sd42.ca/sd42-policy-manual>. A third and final reading of the policies will take place on May 9, 2012 once the public has had an opportunity to offer feedback.

### **Report Cards**

Deputy Superintendent Laurie Meston gave the Board an update on Term Two Formal Report Cards, noting that a letter would be sent out to parents/guardians on April 12, 2012, informing them that teachers have been advised by the District that Term Two Formal Report Cards are to be issued to all students to take home by the end of April 2012.

**Good News**

The Good News portion of the evening included the following highlights: Elementary School District speech competitions and Maple Ridge Secondary Grad Transitions presentations are both coming up. Trustee Carr acknowledged community support of the BC Liquor Stores Dry Grad Campaign. \$6,326 has been raised thus far; donations will be divided among the six high schools.

**The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on April 25, 2012 in the District Education Office.**