



Presentation: Community Connections and Healthy Living

Drea Owen, program manager Community Connections and Healthy Living, presented the after-school programs established in the school district through a partnership with United Way. To address the needs identified in the Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI), SD42 introduced Active Kids Hour, which currently runs at four elementary schools, parent evening workshops, and after-school programs, which are currently offered at four schools in east Maple Ridge. The school district hopes to expand this program into two additional schools in January 2017.

Delegation: Narcan Kits in Schools

A community member shared her reservations about putting Narcan Kits in schools, noting the responsibility of medically addressing a potential overdose should remain with first responders and paramedics.

Learning Improvement Fund

Director of Learning Services, Harry Dhillon, spoke about the Learning Improvement Fund (LIF) report, noting that the school district continues to have a strong collaborative process with the two unions and staff in the annual fund allocation process. The full report is included online in the October 19, 2016 agenda package.

Summer Learning Update

Superintendent Russell noted that the elementary summer learning program had grown to 423 K-6 students, and that participation in the program at the secondary level was also significant. The full Summer Learning Update report is available online in the October 19, 2016 agenda package.

Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Russell provided an update on student enrolment, noting that a formal report will be presented at a future board meeting. Superintendent Russell also provided updates on school events and activities.

Request for Joint Creation of Provincial Standards

The board authorized the board chair to send a letter to the Minister of Health, Minister of Education and Minister of Children and Family Development requesting that they jointly create provincial standards for addressing drug use and possible incidents of overdose in BC schools including protocols for training and administering of Naloxone (Narcan) in all middle and secondary schools in BC.

Good News

In the good news portion of the evening, trustees highlighted the following events they attended: Meadow Ridge Rotary delivery of 1,081 dictionaries to classrooms; the 15th anniversary of the Greg Moore Youth Centre; Golden Harvest where some SD42 culinary students presented their creations; the Pitt Meadows Secondary awards. Trustees also thanked staff for their support in helping to put together the very well attended fentanyl drug forum.

The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on November 16, 2016 at the District Education Office.