

Proposed Preliminary Budget 2018/19

Secretary treasurer Coughlan presented the *Proposed Preliminary Budget 2018/19* to the board. The proposed preliminary budget supports the district's vision, and considers not only its shared priorities but also the needs of its community of learners. In accordance with the School Act, school districts in the province must approve the balanced budget and submit it to the Ministry of Education by June 30, 2018. The board will make its final decision and adopt the preliminary budget balancing proposals on April 25, 2018. The *Proposed Preliminary Budget 2018/19* is available for review on the district website at <http://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/budget-process/201819-budget-process/>.

Feedback on the proposed preliminary budget can be provided through the following channels:

- **Online** at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/proposed-preliminary-budget> (closes at **4:00 pm** on **April 17, 2018**)
- **By email** at budget@sd42.ca
- **In person** at the **April 18, 2018** Budget Committee of the Whole meeting at **6:00 pm** at Thomas Haney secondary school. *Groups or individuals who wish to present at this meeting must register by emailing budget@sd42.ca no later than **April 16, 2018**.*
- **By mail** at Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows Board of Education, Attn: Executive Coordinator, Secretary-Treasurer's Office, 22225 Brown Avenue, Maple Ridge, BC, V2X 8N6.
- **By fax** at 604.463.0573

All submissions to the board are considered public documents. The board therefore reserves the right to make any submissions available to public and to place them on the district website.

Playground Equipment Program

Starting in 2018/19, the Ministry of Education will be making \$5 million available province-wide for allocation to school districts for the purchase and installation of new or replacement playground material. Each school district can submit up to three schools for funding consideration. The Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District has identified and will put forward the following three schools: Glenwood elementary, South Albion elementary, and Highland Park elementary.

2018/19 Capital Plan Bylaw

The board gave three readings to, passed and adopted the 2018/19 Capital Plan Bylaw, which enables the district to access funding for the following projects:

- **Maple Ridge Secondary:** *School Enhancement Program (SEP)* Health and Safety - Dust Collector, \$416,000
- **Pitt Meadows Secondary:** *SEP* Mechanical - Boiler, \$709,000
- **Westview Secondary:** *Carbon Neutral Capital Program (CNCP)* Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning, \$488,000

Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Russell provided the board an update on various school events and activities, and also advised the board on the progress of the new waste collection program that the school district implemented in March 2018. Superintendent Russell noted that the district has developed a web page where parents/guardians can learn more about this program (<http://www.sd42.ca/waste-collection-program/>), and also prepared a downloadable information pamphlet. Links to these resources will be included in the next school newsletters.

Good News

In the good news portion of the evening, trustees noted the following items: trustees Carr and Carreras attended the *Humans of Maple Ridge* celebration and photo exhibit at the ACT Arts Centre; trustee Rempel spoke about the April 11 Ridge Meadows Education Foundation cheque presentation at which Eric Langton elementary, Yennadon elementary, Garibaldi secondary and Maple Ridge secondary received a combined total of \$10,500 from the foundation; trustee Murray spoke about the well-attended Katzie First Nation chief inauguration event, and about a strategic planning event for the Salvation Army.

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