



Presentation: School Teams

Assistant superintendent Jovo Bikic presented to the board on the work of school teams in the school district. School teams were established four years ago in the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District with a focus on the three key themes of inclusion, opportunities for collaboration, and the implementation of the redesigned curriculum. These efforts are guided and supported by Faye Brownlie, Shelley Moore, and Leyton Schnellert, who are pedagogical experts in the field. The work, which has deepened the opportunities for learning, has benefited not only individual schools, but also the school district as a whole.

Presentation: Maple Ridge Secondary School

Former Maple Ridge Secondary student Payten Smith presented to the board on the conversion of MRSS Annex into an elementary school.

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Maple Ridge Student Council representatives Gabe Liosis, Evelyn Snow and Grace Choi presented to the board on the planned conversion of the MRSS Annex.

Trustee Representatives Elected

The board appointed trustee Murray as the board's representative on the Nomination Committee to select a Board of Directors for the 2020 BC Summer Games. The board also appointed trustee Dumore as its representative to sit on the Youth Planning Table.

Environmental School Expansion

The board approved the expansion of the Environmental School from Grades K to 7 to Grades K to 9. Environmental school staff will partner with Thomas Haney Secondary School staff so that Grade 8 and 9 students are able to access curricular and extra-curricular programming at THSS. Environmental School students who complete the program to the Grade 9 level will be offered THSS as their catchment school for the graduation program years – Grades 10 to 12.

Budget Process

The board approved the proposed 2019/20 Preliminary Budget Process Timeline as follows:

Wednesday, January 16, 2019	Board Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation and approval of the Proposed Budget Process/Timeline
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Wednesday, February 13, 2019 DEO 6:00 pm	Board Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of Projected Enrolments for 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22
Wednesday, February 13, 2019 DEO	Budget Committee of the Whole <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner groups presentation to the board of the 2018/19 Budget Implementation feedback
Wednesday, March 13, 2019 DEO	Budget Committee of the Whole <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the 2019/20 preliminary budget estimates to partners groups
Wednesday, April 3, 2019	Budget Committee of the Whole <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner groups individual presentations to the board of the 2019/20 budget considerations
Wednesday, April 17, 2019 TBD	Board Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the Proposed 2019/20 Preliminary Budget
Wednesday, April 24, 2019 TBD 6:00 pm	Budget Committee of the Whole <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public and partner group input on the Proposed 2019/20 Preliminary Budget
Wednesday, May 1, 2019 DEO 6:00 pm	Board Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval 2019/20 Budget Balancing Proposals
Wednesday, June 19, 2019 DEO 6:00 pm	Board Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of 2019/20 Preliminary Budget Bylaw

Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Sylvia Russell provided the board with an update on various school events and activities.

Registration Process for Immigrant Students

The board received for information superintendent Russell's presentation on the registration process for immigrant students. Superintendent Russell acknowledged the value of the policy set out by the Ministry of Education, which stipulates that Boards of Education must determine, in a fair and even-handed manner, when a student can be funded for a free public education in BC.

Good News

In the good news portion of the evening, trustees noted the following items: trustee Dumore participated in the Pitt Meadows Santa breakfast event; trustee Trudeau attended the SRT senior football awards; trustee Murray noted that the SD42 Choir has started and that the Hometown Heroes event is coming up January 23 at MRSS; trustee Yamamoto spoke about the upcoming Family Literacy Day at the Maple Ridge Public Library on January 26; trustee Shaw attended the Entrepreneur Fair at Albion Elementary; trustee Carreras spoke to the 25-Year

Recognition Event hosted at Garibaldi Secondary; and all trustees also enjoyed the Christmas concerts they attended before winter break.

The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on February 13, 2019 at the District Education Office.