



### **Presentation: Aboriginal Education**

Aboriginal Education staff presented to the board on the work of the SD42 Aboriginal Education department. Presenters spoke to current initiatives that align with the department's three goals: to continue to develop a strong sense of community for Aboriginal students and families in their schools and within School District No. 42; to support and improve the quality of school achievement for all Aboriginal students; and to transition Aboriginal students into their future learning, employment, and life experiences beyond the completion of their secondary program. Current initiatives highlighted in the presentation included Ab Ed games, the Giving Tree project, and the Cedar Roots program. For the 2017/18 school year, the Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows School District boasted the third-highest Aboriginal six-year graduation rates in the province.

### **International Baccalaureate Diploma Program 2019/20 Fee Schedule**

The board approved the 2019/20 International Baccalaureate Diploma Program fee schedule, set at \$450 for Grade 11 (a \$50 increase from the previous school year) and \$400 for Grade 12. The families requiring financial support can receive hardship funding based on the Board's Fees – Hardship policy.

### **Eligible School Sites Proposal**

The board approved an eligible school sites proposal, which is a required component of the capital plan submission. The board expects that two new school sites will be needed over a 10-year period.

### **2020/21 Capital Plan**

The board approved the 2020/21 Capital Plan for submission to the Ministry of Education. The plan lists proposed projects for the fiscal years 2020/21 to 2024/25 and is available in the June 19, 2019, public agenda package at <http://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/board-meeting-agendas/>.

### **ćəsqənelə elementary school utility right-of-way bylaw 2019**

The board passed and adopted the ćəsqənelə Elementary School Utility Right-of-Way Bylaw, which grants BC Hydro and Telus the access they need to provide utility services to this property.

## Policy updates

The board approved the following policies following the consultation process:

- *Policy 2320: Board Committees and Trustee Representation*
- *Policy 2500: Board Policy Development*
- *Policy 4435: Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards*
- *Policy 5401: Use of Board Owned Buses*
- *Policy 5701: Records and Information Management – General*
- *Policy 6600: Naming of School District Facilities*
- *Policy 7110: Whistleblower Protection*
- *Policy 9510: Flags – Canada and British Columbia*

## Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Russell updated the board on various events and activities. Highlights included the successful emergency release drill at Alexander Robinson Elementary, teacher Carissa Keenan's 2019 *National Inclusive Education Award*, and the *Heart-Mind in Schools* pilot at Harry Hooge Elementary.

## Good News

In the good news portion of the agenda, trustees noted the following items: trustees spoke about their attendance at the various graduation ceremonies; trustee Murray spoke about joining the MRSS choir at a concert event; trustee Yamamoto reflected on the Retirement Tea hosted earlier in the month; trustee Dumore judged the Iron Chef contest at PMSS and also spoke about the Youth and Philanthropy Initiative at Thomas Haney and the playground opening at Glenwood; trustee Trudeau spoke about the Women Deliver conference and also spoke about the Aboriginal Achievement Awards; and trustee Carreras spoke about the board's meeting with the City of Maple Ridge and the City of Pitt Meadows, and also congratulated teacher Kelvin Dueck on his *Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence in STEM*, director of facilities Rick Delorme on becoming the president of the Education Facilities Managers Association of BC, and secretary treasurer Flavia Coughlan on being acclaimed as the president of the BC Association of School Business Officials.

On behalf of the board, chairperson Carreras thanked district staff, parents/guardians, as well as union and parent groups for their ongoing commitment to public education.

**The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on September 18, 2019, at the District Education Office.**