



Presentations: Middle Years Development Instrument

Director of Instruction David Vandergugten presented to the board on the *Middle Years Development Instrument* (MDI) report. The MDI questionnaire is completed by children in Grade 4 and 7, and measures areas of development strongly linked to well-being, health, and academic achievement. The Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District currently has a 90% participation rate, with overall results just above the provincial average. The school district instituted the successful Grade 3 Active Kids Hour at Webster’s Corners, Glenwood, Hammond, Eric Langton and Davie Jones to address a need highlighted by previous MDI results. It will continue to expand this program as needed to address any areas of need.

Change to 2017/18 District School Calendar

Deputy Superintendent Laurie Meston informed the board that the school district would need to move the Remembrance Day statutory holiday from Friday, November 10, 2017 to Monday, November 13, 2017, and the November 9, 2017 Non-Instructional Day to Friday, November 10, 2017.

SD42 Strategic Plan

The board approved the revised *Strategic Plan*, which sets out the school district’s vision, mission, values, and strategic directions. District strategic directions were developed out of school growth plans, departmental operational plans, the strategic facilities plan, a student forum, and feedback collected from partner groups, through round-table discussions and broader consultation. The revised plan is available on the district website at <http://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/strategic-plan/>

South Lillooet Centre Renamed

The board approved the renaming of *South Lillooet Centre* to *Yennadon Elementary Annex*.

Update: International Education Program

Kim Bondi (principal of Riverside Centre), Tricia McCuaig (vice principal), and Mindy Pei (assistant manager, marketing & recruitment) presented the board with an update on the school district

International Education program. The update included an overview of the program's current structure, its process of placing students in SD42 schools, and the marketing strategies the department uses in student recruitment. At the elementary level, the program places between 100 to 120 academic students in SD42 schools, with most students arriving in Grade 5 from Korea, China, Spain, France and Mexico. Moving forward, the program will be looking at expanding recruitment efforts to Vietnam, Colombia and Eastern Europe.

2018/19 Capital Plan

The board approved the 2018/19 Capital Plan for submission to the Ministry of Education. The 2018/19 Capital Plan lists projects for the fiscal years 2018/19 to 2022/23, and includes the following highlights: school expansions at Eric Langton, Glenwood, and Harry Hooze elementary schools (triggered by the implementation of the restored collective agreement language on class size and composition); major renovation projects at Pitt Meadows elementary and Pitt Meadows secondary schools; and seismic mitigation work at Westview secondary and Fairview elementary schools.

2017/18 Preliminary Budget Bylaw

The board approved the 2017/18 Preliminary Budget Bylaw, which was amended to reflect the Ministry of Education funding announcement for Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District, made on June 21, 2017. The 2018/19 Preliminary Budget Bylaw is available on the school district website in the agenda package for June 21, 2017.

Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Russell updated the board on various school events and activities.

Trustee Remuneration

The board received trustees' remuneration for 2017/18 for information. Trustee remuneration for the period 2014 to 2019 is adjusted on an annual basis on July 1 each year based on the Metro Vancouver Consumer Price Index differential for the prior year.

Student Placement Procedure Updated

The board received *Procedure 9200.1: Student Placement* for information. The procedure has been updated to provide further clarity on the meaning of "sibling" for Grade 8 to 12 registrations.

Good News

In the good news portion of the agenda, trustees noted the following items: trustee Rempel went to a retirement party for a GSS teacher that was well attended by students; Trustee Carr noted that the Provincial Health Officer prepared a letter to parents and guardians about substance use; trustee Carreras acknowledged National Aboriginal Day; trustee Murray reflected that the *Leaders of Tomorrow* feature was published last week, highlighting some of the future leaders in Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows schools, and also acknowledged the retirement of Deputy Superintendent Meston, who was in attendance at her last board meeting. The board thanked Deputy Superintendent Meston for her dedication to the school district and wished her well in her retirement.

The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on September 20, 2017 at the District Education Office.