



**Trustees:**

Mike Murray (Chair), Susan Carr, Kathy Marshall, Sarah Nelson, Eleanor Palis (Vice-Chair), Dave Rempel

**Executive:**

Laurie Meston (Acting Superintendent), Flavia Coughlan (Secretary Treasurer), Shannon Derinzy (Acting Assistant Superintendent), David Vandergugten (Acting Assistant Superintendent)

**Presentation: Canadian Jumpstart Program**

Bryan Hutton (*Canadian Tire*) and Althea Evans (*Jumpstart* regional manager) presented to the Board about the *Canadian Jumpstart Program*, which provides funding that allows local children in financial need to participate in sports programs within our community. Funding for this program comes from generous contributions made by customers of *Canadian Tire*, *Mark's Work Warehouse*, *Sport Check*, and from direct donations to the *Jumpstart* program. The funding covers costs associated with registration, equipment and/or transportation.

Mr. Hutton observed that one in three children cannot afford to participate in sports, and that every dollar raised in the community through this program goes to a child in need of funding. Canadian Tire Corporate, in the meantime, covers all costs associated with marking and staffing. Mr. Hutton also noted that the program needs additional support in informing local families about the availability of this funding so that the monies can be dispersed. More information is available at <http://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/en/>

**Presentation: Aboriginal Education**

Ron Lanzarotta, Principal of Aboriginal Education, presented an overview of the challenges, highlights and departmental objectives for Aboriginal Education 2014-15. Challenges included the recent change of staff within the department itself, and the need to ensure all district schools have a better understanding of the department's role. Highlights included the strong connection with Katzie First Nation, a successful tour of district Trades and Technology programs, and the upcoming Aboriginal Education Awards at The ACT. Principal Lanzarotta also identified the following three main goals for next school year: strengthening the sense of connection, ensuring quality completion for our students, and emphasizing cultural awareness in schools.

### **2014/15 Preliminary Budget Bylaw**

The board passed and adopted the *2014/15 Preliminary Budget Bylaw*. Secretary Treasurer Flavia Coughlan explained that the bylaw was prepared in accordance with Public Sector Accounting standards, and that it incorporated the Board-approved budget balancing proposals outlined in the *2014/15 Preliminary Operating Budget*, the preliminary budgets for special purpose funds, and the capital fund.

### **Rescission of Policy EGB: Clerical Services for Schools Policy**

The Board rescinded *Policy EGB: Clerical Services for Schools*, which outlined clerical allocations to elementary and secondary schools. Secretary Treasurer Coughlan explained that allocation formulas are typically established through the budget process, and that *Policy EGB* was in this way anomalous.

### **2013 Carbon Neutral Action Report**

Secretary Treasurer Coughlan presented the 2013 Carbon Neutral Action report to the Board, noting that a consultant has been hired to review all Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District facilities. The consultant, Secretary Treasurer Coughlan explained, would provide the district with an action plan to reduce consumption in future years.

### **Financial Statements: Third Quarter**

The Board approved the financial reports for the quarter ended March 31, 2014. The financial statements for the third quarter have been posted to the district website at <http://www1.sd42.ca/system/files/June%2011%2C%202014%20Public%20Agenda%20Package.pdf.pdf>

### **Policy 2400: School Board Meetings Proceedings**

The Board received *Policy 2400: School Board Meeting Proceedings* for information and continuation with the consultation process. The policy has been posted to the district website for public input at <http://www1.sd42.ca/node/2008>.

### **Good News**

In the good news portion of the evening, Board Vice-Chair Eleanor Palis noted that grads are starting soon and that students should go into this season responsibly. Trustee Dave Rempel, in the meantime, reflected on the great turnout at the Tzu Chi celebration, at which the Tzu Chi Foundation presented the school district with a cheque for \$17,000.

**The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on June 11, 2014 in the District Education Office.**