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

**Executive:**

Jan Unwin (Superintendent), Laurie Meston (Deputy Superintendent), Wayne Jefferson (Secretary Treasurer)

**Presentation: OK2bblue**

Teacher Todd Patrick introduced students Allison Bridgman, Amy Pridday and Jennifer Stevens, who with the help of a professional film crew had produced a short video on mental health issues in youths. Mr. Patrick observed that while this was the second year that students prepared the video, it was in fact the first year they both directed and produced the film. The Board congratulated the students on their work and thanked them for drawing attention to an important area of concern. Additional information about the OK2bblue Project is available online at <http://ok2bblue.com>.

**Presentation: Learning Commons**

Teacher Librarians Wanda Young, April Hilland, and Rosalie Passmore presented on the pivotal role of school libraries and Teaching Librarians in School District No. 42, and thanked the Board for its much-needed and continued support. Ms. Wanda Young offered the Board a glimpse into the typical day of a Teacher Librarian, who, she observed, serves as a mentor, a facilitator of learning, and as a leader in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning. Additional information about SD42 Learning Commons is available online at <http://mrtllearningcommonsproject.wikispaces.com>.

**Family Day Amended in District Local School Calendar**

The Board passed a resolution to amend the School District Calendar, moving *Family Day* from February 18 to February 11, 2013 – the date recently set by the provincial government. Superintendent Unwin noted that letters would be sent out to principals the following day so that the change can be included in school newsletters.

### **Whistle Blower and Personal/Sexual Harassment Policies Approved**

The Board approved the Whistle Blower Protection (7110) and Personal/Sexual Harassment (7210) Policies. Secretary Treasurer Wayne Jefferson noted that the adoption of these policies would meet the needs of the collective bargaining process and simultaneously recognize the district-wide implications of the issues they address. Both the policies and the associated procedures (7110.1, 7210.1) are available online at <http://www.sd42.ca/sd42-policy-manual>.

### **2012 -2013 Board Meeting Schedule Adopted**

The Board adopted the proposed Board Meeting Schedule for 2012 – 2013. The dates are as follows: September 12, 26; October 10, 24; November 14, 28; December 12; January 16, 30; February 13, 27; March 13 April 10, 24; May 8, 29; June 12, 26. Secretary Treasurer Wayne Jefferson explained that an additional and optional Board Meeting date for August can be adopted at end of June.

### **Summer Learning**

Superintended Unwin presented a report on Summer Learning, noting that while Summer Learning for Remedial 10 and for full course academic 10, 11, and 12 will remain the same, Remedial 8 and 9 will be undergoing significant change. The intention, Superintendent Unwin clarified, is to create a “Learning Camp” in which students will work with teacher mentors in small, multi-grade groups on cross-curricular projects or inquiries designed to cover required learning outcomes. Students will be engaged in study during the first part of the day but will spend the remainder of their day undertaking activities such as swimming, canoeing, hiking, biking, and wall climbing. The shift is inspired and supported by current research; the underlying aim is to engage the learner and help him/her appreciate the value of a balanced lifestyle.

### **Good News**

In the Good News portion of the evening, Trustees noted the following items: the Tzu-Chi Foundation, which has contributed approximately \$165,000 in donations, held a fun celebration on May 16<sup>th</sup>; the Rick Hansen Man-in-Motion tour was a great success and inspired the participation of four schools in our District; the Aboriginal Education Awards Ceremonies were well attended and included elders and council members; Glenwood Elementary celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and held a successful fundraiser.

**The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on June 13, 2012 in the District Education Office.**