



**Trustees:**

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

**Executive:**

Jan Unwin (Superintendent), Laurie Meston (Deputy Superintendent), Flavia Coughlan (Secretary Treasurer)

**Presentation: The Role of Support Staff in Schools**

Katherine Shearer (District Principal SSS) and Laura Brandon (Vice-Principal SSS) presented to the Board on the role of support staff in schools, focusing on the District's implementation of the *Collaborative Systems Model* in particular. The *Collaborative Systems Model*, Ms. Shearer explained, re-visions support services as based around the question "How can I help?" and draws on the common vision of supporting the classroom to create inclusive schools. The model was first implemented at Eric Langton Elementary and has since been expanded to seven elementary schools. Work has begun to explore how this vision can be expanded further to a secondary and district-level environment.

**New Pedestrian Trail at Pitt Meadows Secondary**

The Board approved the construction of a gravel pedestrian trail on an undeveloped portion of the Pitt Meadows Secondary School site. All costs associated with the construction and maintenance of the trail will be covered by the City of Pitt Meadows.

**Carbon Neutral Capital Program**

The Board approved the following three proposed projects for submission to the Ministry of Education under the *2014-2015 Carbon Neutral Capital Program*:

1. A lighting upgrade at Pitt Meadows Secondary. Estimated cost: \$180,918.
2. A mechanical system upgrade at Kanaka Creek Elementary. Estimated cost: \$476,400.
3. Electric vehicles for the Maintenance Department. Estimated cost: \$100,000.

Secretary Treasurer Flavia Coughlan will submit the proposed project on the Board's behalf no later than January 17, 2014.

**Good News**

In the good news portion of the evening, Trustee Carr reflected on the *It's an Honour!* exhibit at Pitt Meadows Secondary, which received a visit from the Lieutenant Governor of BC, Honourable Judith Guichon; Trustee Clarkson spoke about the 25 Year Appreciation Dinner, noting that the program

was becoming a part of the District culture; and Vice-Chair Palis spoke about the grade 10-12 Honours dinner at Pitt Meadows Secondary. Deputy Superintendent Laurie Meston ended the evening by presenting a trailer for the Environmental School documentary piece, *Found in the Forest*. The trailer is online at <http://es.sd42.ca/2014/01/found-in-the-forest/>

**The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on January 29, 2014 in the District Education Office.**