



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: Maple Ridge Secondary School Leadership Group

MRSS School Leadership students Payten Smith and Kelsey MacDonald spoke to the Board about their trip to the Canadian Student Leadership Conference on Prince Edward Island. The conference gave participating leadership students an opportunity to hear from students across Canada, share fundraising ideas and viewpoints, and listen to a number of motivational speakers, including Ian Tyson and Phil Boyte.

2014-2015 District School Calendar

The Board approved the 2014/15 District School Calendar, the 2014/15 Kanaka Creek School Calendar and the 2014/15 District Distributed Learning Calendar. In response to public feedback, the proposed spring break in the District School Calendar was moved from Monday, March 16 – Friday, March 27, 2015 to Monday, March 9 to Friday, March 20, 2015. The shift will increase continuity of instruction between spring break and Easter, and align the SD42 calendar with that of the Coquitlam School District.

All three approved calendars are available online at <http://www1.sd42.ca/proposed-calendar>

Capital Project Bylaw: 2014/15 Carbon Neutral Capital Program

The Board adopted Capital Project Bylaw No. 126699 to access \$10,093 in Carbon Neutral Capital Program (CNCP) funding for the 2014/15 school year. CNCP funding is intended to assist school districts in engaging technical expertise to identify CNCP projects for future years. Secretary Treasurer Coughlan explained that the more significant projects for which the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District applied were not approved for funding at this time.

Board Policy Development Committee

The Board received the following policies for information and continuation:

Policy 2301: Role of the Board

Policy 2302: Board Delegation of Authority

The policies are posted for public feedback at <http://www1.sd42.ca/node/2008>

BCSTA Budget Feedback

In response to an invitation from the BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) for BCSTA budget feedback, the Board passed a resolution against increasing member fees by 1.5 per cent. Because leaving membership fees unchanged has the consequence of associated reduction of service areas, trustees recommended that BCSTA focus its efforts on advocacy and communication, and deprioritize trustee professional development.

Good News

In the good news portion of the evening, trustees noted the following items: trustee Clarkson has been elected as Vice-Chair of the Fraser Valley Branch of the BCSTA; trustee Carr praised the MRSS Epic Project; trustee Nelson reflected on the MRSS spring concert; trustee Palis attended the PMSS grade 10 interview fair; and Board Chair Murray noted that SD42 students contributed over 21,000 pounds and \$1,750 in cash to the Food Bank over the course of the school year.

The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on April 9, 2014 in the District Education Office.