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

Executive:

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

Presentation: ACT School Performance Partnership

Executive Director Lindy Sisson gave a presentation on the anticipated benefits of implementing a new programming model based on a partnership with the MRPM Arts Council, School District No. 42, and the ACT. John White, former Director of Instruction in the Burnaby School District, outlined how this programming model was implemented in his District and highlighted some of its benefits, which include student access to world-class artists and the cultivation of a life-long appreciation for the arts. Sisson proposed that School District No. 42 could test the benefits of this program model with a pilot project for grade 4 students, and stressed that the program would enhance rather than replace the current school curriculum.

Financial Statements, Second Quarter

The Board received an overview of Second Quarter Financial Statements. Secretary Treasurer Jefferson noted that the District budget was balanced, that a small surplus is expected at the end of the year, and that special purpose funds are also in good account.

Revised Budget Timelines and Budget Communication Plan Approved

The Board approved the revised 2012-2013 budget timelines and received the Budget Communication Plan. Secretary Treasurer Jefferson explained that the Plan had been developed to ensure greater transparency and fuller public participation in the budget preparation process. The Budget Communication Plan is available for download at <http://www.sd42.ca/20122013-preliminary-budget-process>

French Immersion Kindergarten Registration

Deputy Superintendent Laurie Meston reported that the demand for the French Immersion Kindergarten Program continues to be high, with French Immersion

Kindergarten classes now at capacity for the 2012 – 2013 school year. Deputy Superintendent Meston stressed, however, that the District is committed to exploring all options so as to accommodate if at all possible the students who wish to register in this or any other District choice program.

Good News Item

Trustee Dave Rempel noted that Garibaldi Secondary School's "Legally Blonde" musical, running from February 21 to February 25, offers the community a great opportunity to support the arts in the District.

The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on February 29, 2012 in the District Education Office.