



Presentation: SEL Framework

Directors of instruction Jovo Bikic and Shannon Derinzy presented on the district Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Framework. Between October and November 2016, the district engaged in an SEL appreciative inquiry to determine the current state of SEL across the district. The recommendations emerging from this inquiry were for the district to undertake a more cohesive approach, to involve all voices collaboratively, to address the SEL needs of adults, to inform parents about SEL teaching, and to use the data provided by the Early Years Development Instrument (EDI) and Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI).

Presentation: Pitt Meadows Secondary and Katzie – Building Connections

School counsellor Steve Kater and vice principal Cheryl Schwartz presented to the board about the ways in which Pitt Meadows Secondary has worked to embed the Aboriginal Principles of Learning as the backbone of learning at the school, and on the ways it has worked to build the school's positive relationship with the Katzie First Nation community. For the 2017/18 school year, the school plans to continue building on this positive relationship, and is exploring the possibility of a Grade 8 course on Indigenous Perspectives for the 2017/18 school year, as well as an option for senior students.

Student Transportation

Secretary treasurer Flavia Coughlan presented on the progress of the Regular Student Transportation pilot program, recommending that the board maintain the new parameters established under the pilot program into a continuation of the service for the 2017/18 school year. Under the new parameters, the school district was able to improve the efficiency of regular student transportation, increasing utilization rates for its buses from 65% to 96%. The board approved adding the proposed 2017/18 Regular Student Transportation services to the 2017/18 Preliminary Budget subject to sufficient funding being available to retain current budget allocations.

2017/18 Rental Rates

The board approved proposed rental rates for 2017/18. The only change to the rates was an increase to film day interior from \$2,000 to \$2,500 to align district rates with the market.

Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Sylvia Russell updated the board on various school events and activities.

Good News

In the good news portion of the evening, trustee Beare congratulated Pitt Meadows Elementary staff on the school's Carnival, trustee Carreras acknowledged that former student and recent graduate Emerald UnRuh was a Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows Daughters of the Vote delegate in the House of Commons on International Women's Day, and also ran MP Dan Ruimy's Twitter and Instagram accounts for the day, board chair Murray acknowledged the prior week's provincial funding announcement about a new elementary school in South Albion, and trustees talked about their roundtable discussion with students at Westview Secondary.

The next Board of Education meeting will be at 4 pm on April 12, 2017 at the District Education Office.