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Ken Clarkson (Chair), Eleanor Palis (Vice-Chair), Susan Carr, Mike Huber, Dave Rempel, Stepan Vdovine, Kathie Ward

Executive:

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

Letter of Support for The HIVE Neighbourhood Centre at Eric Langton

The Board reviewed a letter from the Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows and Katzie Community Network, which expressed support for the continuation of The HIVE Neighbourhood Centre at Eric Langton Elementary School. The Board recognized the value of the HIVE program and agreed that, barring extenuating circumstances, the program should remain in its current location at Eric Langton.

Temporary Borrowing Resolution Approved

The Board approved the District to borrow up to \$6,500,000 if necessary to cover short-term payroll or other expenses. Secretary Treasurer Jefferson explained that the request was a precautionary measure and that the District hasn't needed to borrow in the past.

BC's Education Plan Unrolled

Superintendent Jan Unwin presented the outlines of BC's new Education Plan to the Board. The Plan, which can be reviewed online at <http://www.bcedplan.ca>, consists of five key elements: personalized learning for every student, quality teaching and learning, flexibility and choice, high standards, and learning empowered by technology.

Presentations: Learning Technology, A Three-Year Plan

Richard Eskandar (Manager of Information Technology Services) and David Vandergugten (Director of Instruction – K-12 Education) presented a draft version

of the District's Three-Year Technology Plan, developed to help shape the future direction of learning in the Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Schools. The Learning for Tomorrow Forum held at Thomas Haney School on November 16, 2010 served as the key touchstone for an understanding of what does and doesn't work in today's classrooms and for the development of this Plan. The draft of the Plan in PDF format will be made available online.

Enrolment Update

Acting Deputy Superintendent Meston provided the Board with a detailed overview of the changes in student enrolment between September 2010 and September 2011. She outlined the differences between Headcount enrolment, which is the number of students who are enrolled in the district, and FTE enrollment, which is based on the number of courses that students are enrolled in and which generates district funding. Acting Dep. Superintendent Meston explained that although FTE enrolment suggests that the District is up 342 students, this is primarily due to all kindergarten students now attending full days and being counted as full FTE rather than half. When correcting for this, the District is actually down 79.75 student FTE from last September.

Committee Reports

Thanks in large part to the District's strong relationship with the RCMP and Citizens on Patrol, District schools fared very well this year with respect to Halloween vandalism. School grounds were well lit and students were respectful of school property.

Trustee Reports

The HIVE Neighbourhood Centre at Eric Langton Elementary School is hosting their free children's clothing exchange on November 19, from 11 am to 2 pm.

Trustee Carr attended the mural unveiling ceremony at Glenwood Elementary School on November 4, 2011. The mural, created in partnership with students, parents, staff and aboriginal education, represents the school's new mascot, the Glenwood Grizzly.

The Executive Assistant will be sending out information regarding a community literacy challenge.

**The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be on Wednesday,
November 30 at 6 PM in the District Education Office**