



Trustees:

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

Executive:

Jan Unwin (Superintendent), Stewart Sonne (Deputy Superintendent), Wayne Jefferson (Secretary Treasurer), Laurie Meston (Director of Instruction)

Environmental learning proposal approved

The Board approved a recommendation to proceed with a proposal to develop an environmental learning program for September 2011, if sufficient students are enrolled. At a previous meeting, the Board had approved recommendations that the proposal be submitted to the Education Committee and follow the "Proposing Program Options procedure. Director of Instruction Meston presented the group's detailed proposal and emphasized that it had more than met the required criteria. The group will now work on establishing a location or locations for the planned classes. Director Meston anticipated that in its first year the school would involve 40 to 60 students. The full proposal can be downloaded from the project website at <http://schools.sd42.ca/es>.

Board Policy Development policy final reading held over

The Board will give second and final reading to a Board Policy Development policy at its next meeting on December 8. The Board had previously given approval in principle so that policy development work could commence. The Board also received a Board Policy Development procedure which outlines the work of the Policy Development committee.

Borrowing Bylaw approved

The Board approved a special bylaw allowing 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 in the past ten years no borrowing had ever been required.

Good News

Trustees and staff noted the following good news items: the quality of applicants participating in a principal hiring process; and an amazing production of the Broadway musical *Hairspray* at Garibaldi Secondary School.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be on Wednesday, December 8 at 6 PM in the District Education Office.