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Presentation: Student Support Services, Processes, Procedures and Projects

Laurie Smith (District Principal, SSS) and Katherine Shearer (Vice Principal, SSS) presented to the Board on the processes, procedures and projects of SD42 Student Support Services. The SSS team consists of approximately 41 people, including occupational therapists, special needs work experience facilitators, school psychologists, and area counselors. In the past year, the team's accomplishments include workshops on crisis intervention, the development of a bridge program for students with school refusal, and in-school consultations.

District Principal Smith also reviewed the Ministry funding guidelines for students with special needs, noting that the funding doesn't match the realities of the costs. Reflecting on her impending retirement, Smith observed that she was thankful to have had such meaningful work and that she was pleased to be able to safely entrust her responsibilities to Vice Principal Katherine Shearer, who will assume the position of District Principal, SSS.

Presentation: Community Network

Candace Gordon, Sharon Sargent and Elaine Yamamoto presented on the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows – Katzie Community Network, and provided the Board with a comprehensive overview of the network's "hub" of programs and services. Ms. Gordon noted that the mission of the Community Network (CN) is to provide direction to the development of continuous, cohesive, and responsive social services; to provide opportunities and supports for individuals and families to build their capacities to live healthy lives as contributing members of the community; and

to ensure a broad community focus with a planned, proactive, preventive, integrated approach to providing services. Addressing the Network's "HIVE" project in particular, Ms. Yamamoto noted that the HIVE Neighbourhood Centre (housed inside Eric Langton Elementary School) provides a wide range of resources and services aimed mostly at young families. These resources include the Free Children's Clothing Exchange, the Active Kids Club, the Healthy Babies Program, Community Kitchens, and Adult ESL Support. Ms. Yamamoto stated that the long-term focus for the HIVE is a further integration of the existing programs and the development of the neighbourhood associations connected to the space.

Policies and Procedures Received

The Board received the following draft policies and procedures for continuation with the consultation process:

- Policy 4435, *Scholarships, Bursaries and Student Awards*;
- Procedure 4435.1, *Scholarships, Bursaries and Student Awards*;
- Policy 5401, *Use of Board-Owned Buses/15 Passenger Vans*;
- Procedure 5401.1, *Use of Board-Owned Buses/15 Passenger Vans*;
- Policy 5701, *Records and Information Management – General*;
- Procedure 5701.1, *Records and Information Management – General*;
- Procedure 5701.2, *Records and Information Management Classification System/Retention Schedule*;
- Policy 6600, *Naming of School Facilities*.

Adult Education Funding: Education Guarantee Funding Change

Superintendent Jan Unwin reported that the changes to the Education Guarantee that the Ministry of Education announced on May 1 are being reviewed in response to negative feedback. Some courses that were dropped are being reinstated and a formal review process is being developed to determine additional additions and deletions to the Education Guarantee course list. Superintendent Unwin advised the Board that she would be bringing a final report on Adult Education Funding to the Board once the Ministry completes its review.

Good News

In the good news portion of the evening, the following items were noted: the Board reflected on the many graduations that are currently occurring within the District and thanked the all the parent volunteers for their hard work and Trustee Carr expressed gratitude to all the community members who support to the students in this District through various scholarships, bursaries, or fundraising project.

The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on June 27, 2012 in the District Education Office.