

Presentation: My Portfolio

Director of Instruction David Vandergugten with teachers Shawna Loutet and Denise Upton presented the new district *My Portfolio* digital tool, which allows students to record, showcase, and share their work. Students begin to develop their digital portfolio in kindergarten and it stays with the student until graduation. The portfolio captures aspects of student progress that may otherwise not be recorded, including photos and videos. Parents are also able to access the portfolio to see exemplars of their child's work or to follow their child's progress.

International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme

Principal Darren Rowell and vice principal Tom Levesque presented to the board about Garibaldi Secondary School's upcoming implementation of the *International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme* (MYP). The program is inclusive in nature, available for Grades 8-10, and will be implemented at the school for students entering Grade 8 in September 2017. The MYP aligns not only with the new BC curriculum, but also with a number of the school's existing programs, including the Interdisciplinary Arts program and the apprenticeship programs. MYP will supplement the *IB Diploma Programme* (DP) which is already in place for Grade 11 and 12 students at GSS.

Youth Trades Capital Equipment Three-Year Capital Plan

The board approved the youth trades equipment three-year capital plan, which is available for review on the district website in the December 14, 2016 agenda package.

Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)

The board approved the Statement of Financial Information for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016 for submission to the Ministry of Education. The full report is available on the district website at http://www.sd42.ca/financial-information/

Quarterly Financial Statements

The board received financial statements for the quarter ended September 30, 2016 and noted a projected operating surplus of \$210,964 by June 30, 2017. The final amount will be influenced by Ministry of Education funding announcements and other factors not known at this time.

Board Authorized Approved Course

The board approved the *Advanced Basketball 10* Board Authorized Approved Course for implementation at Westview Secondary School.

Specialty Academies

The board approved the following three specialty academies: Hockey Academy hosted at Samuel Robertson Technical (anticipated registration fee \$1,820), Dance Academy hosted at Thomas Haney Secondary (anticipated registration fee \$272), and Basketball Academy hosted at Westview Secondary (anticipated registration fee \$385).

City of Maple Ridge Sport and Physical Activity Strategy

The board received for information the City of Maple Ridge *Sport and Physical Activity Strategy* report, which was developed with input from a variety of stakeholders including Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District No. 42 representatives.

Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Russell updated the board on school events and activities. The Superintendent also presented to the board the reporting procedure that will be sent to the Ministry of Education.

Board Policy Development Committee

The board received for information and continuation with the consultation process the following policies and procedures:

- Policy 4410: Travel Expenses
- Draft Policy 4600: Purchasing Goods and Services
- Procedure 4600.1: Purchasing Methods to Obtain Goods and Services
- Procedure 4600.2: Purchasing Product Standards
- Procedure 4600.3: Purchasing Obtain Vendor Pricing
- Procedure 4600.4: Purchasing Competitive Bidding Process
- Procedure 4600.5: Purchasing Selection of Vendor Bids and Proposals
- Draft Policy 8912: Independent Directed Studies

- Procedure 8912.1: Independent Directed Studies
- Draft Policy 9500: Suspension and Exclusion of Students from School

The draft policies are available for download and review on the district website at http://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/policies-procedures-public/

Good News

In the good news portion of the evening, trustees highlighted the following items: trustees attended a number of events, including the opening of the Youth Wellness Centre at the Greg Moore Youth Centre and several Christmas concerts in the district; trustee Carr attended one of the CPR training sessions as well as the community Naloxone training session; a number of trustees attended the opening of the Blue Mountain Early Years Centre, the Bookfest, the Salvation Army Dignity Breakfast, the Maple Ridge Community Foundation Grants Ceremony and the Highland Park "Magnificent" forum.

The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on January 18, 2017 at the District Education Office.