Board Meeting Highlights November 15, 2017



Presentation: 2017 Year in Review

Board chairperson Mike Murray presented the 2017 Year in Review on behalf of the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows Board of Education. Highlights included an overview of key education initiatives, six-year grad rates, board and staff advocacy, restored collective agreement language implementation, policy review and development, student engagement, and strategic planning. The full presentation is available on the district website.

Trustee Elections

During the trustee elections portion of the evening, trustee Mike Murray was re-elected chairperson of the board, and trustee Susan Carr was re-elected vice-chairperson of the board. Both positions are for a one-year period ended November 2018.

District Class Size Report

Superintendent Russell presented the *District Class Size Report*, noting that the restoration of the 2002 collective agreement has created a positive change to class sizes in Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows public schools across all grade levels. 2017/18 average class sizes are outlined in the table below.

	District Average Class Size				Number of reported class sizes in
	К	1-3	4 – 7	8 - 12	district with >30
2017 - 18	18.6	20.3	24.3	23.1	15

Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Russell provided an update on school events and activities.

Board Policy Development Committee

The following draft policies were presented to the board for information: *Draft Policy 4101: General Banking; Draft Policy 4105: Investment; Draft Policy 4110: Revenue Generation; Draft Policy 4910: Financial Reporting and Administration – School Based Funds; Draft Policy 8330: Board/Authority Authorized Courses; Draft Policy 9705: Student Records; and Draft Procedure 9705.1.* These policies and procedure have been posted to the district website for continuation with the consultation process.

Good News

In the good news portion of the evening, trustees noted the following items: trustee Rempel attended the *Youth Impact Summit* at Loon Lake and was impressed by the quality of participating students; trustee Clarkson attended the Remembrance Day ceremony at Pitt Meadows elementary school and was generally impressed by the levels of participation in Remembrance Day ceremonies throughout the two municipalities; trustee Carr attended the Webster's Corners veterans tea event; trustee Carreras attended the awards ceremony at Pitt Meadows secondary school and the Remembrance Day ceremony at Edith McDermott elementary; and chairperson Murray spoke to the valuable participation of International students in school presentations and ceremonies.

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