



### **Annual Report of Chairperson**

Board chair Mike Murray presented the annual report of the chairperson. Highlights included new and continuing education initiatives, the board's public engagement work during the development of the *Strategic Facilities Plan*, district achievements with the *Energy Management Plan*, the board's policy development work, as well as board and staff advocacy work. The report also covered fiscal challenges and reviewed the board's operational plan. The full report 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 2017.

### **PEAK Program: Webster's Corners Elementary**

Principal Ramin Mehrassa and teachers Craig Mitchell and Kirsten Paterson presented to the board on the P.E.A.K. (Passionate, Empowered, Active, Kind) program at Webster's Corners. The goal of the program is to educate students to be kind and socially responsible citizens.

### **Board Authorized Courses**

The board approved two new courses after hearing recommendations from the education committee: Languages for Travel 11 and Astronomy 11. A full description of both courses is available online in the board agenda package for November 16, 2016.

### **District Class Size Report**

Superintendent Sylvia Russell presented the district class size report to the board for information, noting that the school district had 68 classes over 30 including 26 which are not subject to the 30-student limit. Teachers of the remaining 42 classes over 30 qualify for additional monthly compensation as stipulated in the Class Size and Compensation Regulation. The full report is available online in the agenda package for November 16, 2016.

## **Superintendent's Update**

Superintendent Russell provided an update on school events and activities.

## **Board Policy Development**

The Board received *Procedure 4435.1 Scholarships, Bursaries and Student Awards* for information. *Procedure 4435.1* has been posted to the school district website under section 4000 of the Policy Manual.

## **Good News**

In the good news portion of the evening, trustees shared the following: Trustee Beare participated in vice-principal interviews and reflected on the amazing candidates. Trustee Beare also attended the Kanaka Elementary literacy day and talked about the Norman Foote Concert with SD42 student participating in choirs as part of the performance. Trustee Carreras attended the Parks and Leisure grand opening in Pitt Meadows. Trustee Murray mentioned the upcoming Salvation Army Dignity Breakfast on November 30 at the South Bonson Community Centre, noting that students from Thomas Haney will be sharing their slam poetry on the themes of poverty and homelessness at the event.

**The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on December 14, 2016 at the District Education Office.**