



### **Presentations: Redesigned Curriculum**

Assistant superintendents Derinzy, Dhillon and Vandergugten presented to the board an update on the redesigned curriculum, focusing in particular on methods of assessment. Assistant superintendent Derinzy spoke to how assessment tied to core competency areas, while assistant superintendents Dhillon and Vandergugten addressed more specifically some of the steps the district has taken to ensure it has a good understanding of how its students are doing. These steps include not only bringing in expert outside consultants to help teachers understand how to apply and work with BC Performance Standards, but also using tools such as the district-developed Assessment Report.

### **Funding for PACs and DPAC**

The board approved the allocation of \$3,921 to fund District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) organized activities for PACs and parents for the 2017/18 school year. The funds will be used to support three diversity workshops for parents, students and staff, hosted by DPAC.

### **Learning Improvement Fund**

Superintendent Russell informed the board that the *Learning Improvement Fund*, which used to be for teachers and support staff, is now for support staff only and is used to increase hours of work for education assistants. The board authorized the superintendent to complete and submit the *Learning Improvement Fund Report* to the Ministry of Education.

### **Summer Learning Update**

Vice Principal Jeff Curwen provided the board an update on the district's summer learning program. The focus of the program, Mr. Curwen explained, is keeping students positively engaged over the summer months. During summer 2017, the district offered the summer learning program for elementary grades from July 4, 2017 to July 22, 2017. A total of 476 kindergarten to Gr. 6 students were enrolled at one of four locations – Alouette, Edith McDermott, Laity View and Yennadon. Of the 476, 113 attended the French Immersion program at Laity View Elementary. At the secondary level, 671 ministry funded and 53 international students from Lanzhou, China attended full course and remedial programs at Thomas Haney Secondary.

## **Superintendent's Update**

Superintendent Sylvia Russell provided an update to the board on various school events and activities.

## **Draft Policies**

The board received for information and continuation with the consultation process a draft policy on communications, and a draft policy on volunteers together with associated draft procedures. The draft policies and draft procedures are available to review online at <http://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/policies-procedures-public/>.

## **Good News**

In the good news portion of the evening, trustees commented on the following items: trustee Palis shared a positive story about parent-school communications; trustee Carr noted she was looking forward to upcoming school visits; board chairperson Murray reflected on the positive opportunity of being able to spend time with Minister of Education Fleming after last week's seismic upgrades announcement.

**The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on November 15, 2017 at the District Education Office.**