



Presentation: Youth Strategy

City of Maple Ridge youth services programmer Meghan MacMillan and Tony Cotroneo, manager of community services, presented to the board on the *Maple Ridge Youth Strategy* initiative. Drawing on input from over 1,000 local youth, emerging adults, parents, and service providers, the *Strategy* offers an overview of the current reality for youth and emerging adults in Maple Ridge, and provides a list of recommendations to promote physical, psychological, and social youth development. These recommendations were organized into four major theme areas: inclusive community spaces and activities, wellness and mental health, transitioning to adulthood, and community engagement. Implementation of the *Strategy* will require collaboration and action by many partners.

Terms of Reference Approved

The board approved the *Terms of Reference* of the *Budget Committee of the Whole*, the *Finance Committee of the Whole*, and the *Facilities Planning Committee of the Whole*. The terms of reference are available on the district website at <http://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/>.

Audited Financial Statements

Secretary Treasurer Coughlan presented the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. The board approved the statements, which are available on the district website at <http://www.sd42.ca/financial-information/>.

JECBA Policy Rescinded

The board rescinded *Policy JECBA: Admission of Non-Resident Students to the International Education Program*, which was previously replaced with *Policy 9325: Education Programs for Non-Residents*, *Procedure 9325.1: Education Programs for Non-Residents*, and *Policy 9325.2: Education Programs for Non-Residents – Homestay Families*.

Superintendent's Update

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

Update on Policies and Procedures

The board received an update on policies and procedures, and received for information the *Board Policy Committee Work Plan 2017-2018*. From 2011 to present, the board adopted 62 policies and a bylaw, and rescinded 53 policies and three bylaws.

Good News

In the good news portion of the evening, trustees reflected on the great amount of work done in the district over the summer to prepare for school start up; trustee Carr noted that another fentanyl forum will be hosted this school year, this time at Thomas Haney; trustee Palis reflected she was looking forward to school visits; and trustee Murray spoke to the high level of participation by students and staff in the Terry Fox Run.

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