



### **Presentation: Secondary Transitions**

Learning Services helping teachers Elena Digiovanni and Gary Lozinski presented to the board on how the school district supports students with the transition from elementary to secondary, and how it supports students with diverse abilities with the transition from secondary school into the community. Key considerations that shape this work include how information is collected and shared, and what information and resources are offered to students themselves.

### **2018/19 and 2019/20 Proposed District School Calendars**

Superintendent Russell presented the 2018/19 and 2019/20 proposed district school calendars to the Board of Education. The calendars will be posted to the district website for public feedback from Thursday, January 25, 2018 to Friday, February 23, 2018. The proposed calendars will then be adjusted if required, and submitted to the board for approval at the March 7, 2018 public meeting of the board.

### **Grade 8 Community-Based Learning Program**

Thomas Haney principal Grant Frend and teacher Eira Godfrey spoke to the board about the Grade 8 Community-Based Learning Program, which will be offered at Thomas Haney starting September 2018. Students in the program will divide their time between learning in the school and in the community, with a place-based learning focus on natural spaces such as local parks and forests.

### **Disposal of Real Property**

The board passed and adopted the *Disposal of Real Property Bylaw No. 2017/18-001*.

## Budget Process

The board approved the following proposed 2018/19 Preliminary Budget Process Timeline:

Wednesday, January 17, 2018	<b>Budget Committee of the Whole</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Feedback from the partner groups on the impact of the budget-driven changes implemented as part of the 2017/18 Preliminary Budget</li></ul>
Wednesday, January 24, 2018	<b>Board Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation and approval of the Proposed Budget Process/Timeline</li></ul>
Wednesday, February 7, 2018 DEO 6:00 pm	<b>Board Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation of Projected Enrolments for 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21</li></ul>
Wednesday, February 21, 2018 DEO 6:00 pm	<b>Board Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation and Board Approval of the 2017/18 Amended Annual Budget</li></ul>
Wednesday, March 7, 2018 DEO	<b>Budget Committee of the Whole</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation of the 2018/19 preliminary budget estimates to partner groups</li></ul>
Wednesday, March 28, 2018 DEO	<b>Budget Committee of the Whole</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Partner groups individual presentations to the Board of the 2018/19 budget considerations</li></ul>
Wednesday, April 11, 2018 DEO 6:00 pm	<b>Board Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation of the Proposed 2018/19 Preliminary Budget</li></ul>
Wednesday, April 18, 2018 Room 2031/34, THSS 6:00 pm	<b>Budget Committee of the Whole</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public and partner group input on the Proposed 2018/19 Preliminary Budget</li></ul>
Wednesday, April 25, 2018 DEO 6:00 pm	<b>Board Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approval of 2018/19 Budget Balancing Proposals</li></ul>
Wednesday, May 16, 2018 DEO 6:00 pm	<b>Board Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adoption of 2018/19 Preliminary Budget Bylaw</li></ul>

## Appointment of Auditors

The board appointed BDO Canada LLP as auditors for the board for 2018//2019, and directed Secretary Treasurer Coughlan to notify both the auditor and the Minister of Education of the appointment.

## **Policy Development Committee**

The board approved the following policies/procedures and rescinded the policies/procedures they replaced:

- Policy 4101 General Banking
- Policy 4105 Investment
- Policy 4110 Revenue Generation
- Policy 4910 Financial Reporting and Administration – School-Based Funds
- Policy 5705: Surveillance
- Procedure 5705.1: Video Surveillance
- Policy 8330: Board Authority/Authorized Approved Courses
- Procedure 8330.1 Board Authority/Authorized Courses
- Policy 9705: Student Records
- Procedure 9705.1: Student Records

## **Superintendent's Update**

Superintendent Russell updated the board on school events and activities, and also spoke to the recently released district completion rates for 2016/17. In speaking to the completion rates, Superintendent Russell noted in particular the dramatic increase of completion rates for Aboriginal students, which went up from 69.9% for 2015/16 to 83.5% for 2016/17. Superintendent Russell credited the collaborative effort of the district Aboriginal Education staff, the First Nations community and school staff for the increase.

## **Good News**

In the good news portion of the evening, trustees noted that a full-day district Student Forum was coming up on January 31 at Swaneset Bay Resort & Country Club; trustees Carr and Murray enjoyed a visit to Alexander Robinson Elementary; and trustee Murray spoke about the 10 Christmas concerts he saw before winter break and the play he saw at Garibaldi Secondary School.

**The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on February 7 at the District Education Office.**