Presentation: New Graduation Program Implementation

District helping teacher Vicci Halabi provided the board with an update about the district's implementation of the new graduation program. Ms. Halabi spoke to the strategies the district deploys to support the implementation of the new graduation program, including meetings of the Secondary Teacher Collaborative Network, Secondary Assessment Committee meetings, in-person meetings with department heads, and numerous professional development opportunities for teachers in various curricular areas.

Presentation: Occupational Therapy

Jessica Apedaile, Julie Brown and Alex Thompson spoke to the board about the work of occupational therapists in the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District. Occupational therapists work with children in all grades who require support due to significant sensory, physical, motor or behavioural limitations, and provide effective interventions to meet the needs of such students. The main focus of the team is optimizing student participation. The model used by the occupational therapists in the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District is in line with modern research, district philosophy, and best practice principles in the industry.

Non-Resident Student Fees

The board approved the following fees for non-resident students for 2019/20:

	Application Fee	Annual Tuition Fee	Homestay Registration or Placement Fee	Homestay Fee	Custodian Fee	Airport Fee	Medical Insurance
Maple Ridge- Pitt Meadows	$200	Elementary $14,000 Secondary $13,500	$200	$9,000	$100	$100	$900

The approved fees reflect a $1,000 increase in homestay fees, a $1,000 increase in annual tuition fees for elementary students, and a $500 increase in annual tuition fees for secondary students. The increased fees are in line with fees charged in neighbouring school districts of comparable size.

IT Plan Update

Assistant Superintendent David Vandergugten and IT Manager Richard Eskandar provided the board with an update on technology initiatives and IT capital budget needs. Initiative highlights include the migration to Microsoft Cloud, MyClass support, the continued integration and development of the Parent Portal, the continued support of teachers' work with MyEdBC, the development of the SD42 MyCalculator, and the support of technology in the classroom.

Policy Development Committee

The board rescinded the following policies, which are now covered under existing policies:
> *Policy ECAD: Video Taping on School Buses*
> *Policy JFCB: Student Conduct on School Buses (District Owned Buses)*
> *Policy JFCC: Student Conduct on School Buses (Contracted Bus Services)*

Specialty Academies

The board approved the following specialty academies and their associated annual fees for 2018/19:
> *Golf Academy hosted at Maple Ridge Secondary School ($1,800)*
> *Baseball Academy hosted at Garibaldi Secondary School ($2,500)*
> *Softball Academy hosted at Garibaldi Secondary School ($1,800)*

Superintendent's Update

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

Enrolment Projections

Secretary Treasurer Coughlan provided the board with enrolment projections for the years 2018/19, 2019/20, and 2020/21, prepared using enrolment projections from the Baragar system, five-year average transition rates, and local knowledge of recent and historical enrolment trends. Staff will use these projections to build the 2018/19 Preliminary Operating Budget, and the projections will also form the base for ministry-estimated Operating Grants for 2018/19. The enrolment projections are available on the district website in the February 7, 2018 agenda package.

Good News

In the good news portion of the evening trustees spoke about the SD42 Student Voice forum on January 31, and also mentioned their visits to several schools. Trustee Murray noted that schools are doing a great job preparing their students for the visits so they ask some good questions of the trustees.

The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on February 21 at the District Education Office.