



### **Presentations: Alouette Addictions**

Alouette Addictions executive director Annika Polegato spoke to the board about the many services offered through Alouette Addictions. These services include counselling, training, same-day drop-ins, free daily groups, as well as prevention programs in the schools, outreach education, and parent and education groups. District safe and caring schools staff Sherri McKinnon and Sherri Skerratt then spoke about the prevention education programs in place in SD42 schools, many of which are offered in collaboration with Alouette Addictions.

### **Trustee Representatives**

Trustee Sullivan was appointed as the board's representative on the Ridge Meadows Overdose Community Action Table (CAT), and trustee Carreras was appointed as the board's representative on the Culture Roundtable.

### **2018/19 Amended Annual Budget**

Secretary treasurer Coughlan presented the 2018/19 Amended Annual Budget to the board. The board approved the transfer of all available operating surplus for 2018/19, currently estimated at \$784,232, from the operating fund to the local capital fund to replenish the contingency reserve for local capital. The board also approved the allocation of \$1,582,421 from contingency reserve for local capital to fund \$658,421 of c'usquela Elementary startup costs, \$924,000 to fund the creation of additional classrooms, and the purchase, relocation and refurbishment of portable classrooms. The full analysis of the amended operating budget is available in the February 27, 2019 public agenda package: <https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/February-27-2019-Public-Agenda-Package.pdf>

### **Auditors Appointed**

The board appointed BDO Canada LLP as auditors for 2018/19.

### **Board Policy Development Committee Work Plan 2018/19**

The goal of the Board Policy Development Committee is to review all existing board policies over the next four years. The board received the Board Policy Development Committee Work Plan 2018/19 for information. This work plan is available in the February 27, 2019 public meeting agenda package: <http://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/February-27-2019-Public-Agenda-Package.pdf>

### **Superintendent's Update**

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

### **Good News**

In the good news portion of the evening, trustee Shaw spoke about her contribution to the Walk for Cancer fundraiser organized by an SRT student; trustee Yamamoto enjoyed the well-attended trades information session at Thomas Haney Secondary; trustee Sullivan visited Glenwood Elementary and also enjoyed a meeting with the elders; trustee Dumore attended The Coldest Night of the Year, served lunch at Salvation Army with a number of students from Webster's Corners, and helped host an opioid overdose conference; and trustee Carreras emceed the Chamber of Commerce Excellence Awards, which trustee Murray also attended.

**The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on April 17, 2019 at the District Education Office.**