



Presentation: Energy Challenge 2019

Students and staff from Alexander Robinson Elementary, the winner of the school district 2019 *Energy Challenge*, presented to the board on the initiatives and activities the school undertook to save energy and increase awareness about sustainability in their school. The initiatives included awareness-raising video clips featuring an Imperial Galactic Stormtrooper called TC-1588, a dramatic re-enactment of the Exxon Valdez oil spill, and the building of a piezoelectric floor. Students also shared ideas for how we can all save energy at home. These ideas included turning lights off in empty rooms, taking shorter showers, turning down thermostat, using technology less and unplugging chargers when they're not being used, opening the windows for natural lighting, closing the fridge door right away, and planting a garden in the backyard instead of buying produce.

Parent Advisory Council established at ċəsqənelə Elementary

The board approved the establishment of a Parent Advisory Council at the new ċəsqənelə elementary school.

School fees schedule and specialty academy fees schedule 2019/20

The board approved the secondary school fees schedule and academy fees schedule for the 2019/20 school year. The full list of the fees is included in the May 15, 2019 public agenda package at <http://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/board-meeting-agendas/>. A hardship fund is available to all students who need assistance.

Amended 2091/20 Capital Bylaw

The board adopted the Amended Capital Bylaw in response to the Ministry of Education's addition of a new project for a Seismic Project Identification Report (SPIR) – Eric Langton Elementary.

Third quarter financial statements

The board approved the *Third Quarter Financial Statements*, which are available on the school district website at <http://www.sd42.ca/financial-information/>

Policy updates

The board approved the following policies: *Policy 2410: Board Correspondence*; *Policy 2900: Trustee Professional Development and Attendance at Conference*; and *Policy 10540: Financial or In-Kind Donations*.

These policies can be reviewed online at <http://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/policy-manual/> .

The board also received for information and continuation with the consultation process the following policies:

Policy 2320: Board Committees and Trustee Representation

Policy 2500: Board Policy Development

Policy 4435: Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards

Policy 5401: Use of Board Owned Buses

Policy 5701: Records and Information Management – General

Policy 6600: Naming of School District Facilities

Policy 7110: Whistleblower Protection

Policy 9510: Flags – Canada and British Columbia

The draft policies can be reviewed online at <http://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/policies-procedures-public/> .

To provide feedback on this policies please email Karen Yoxall at karen_yoxall@sd42.ca .

Superintendent's update

Superintendent Russell updated the board on various school events and activities. The Superintendent congratulated Yennadon Elementary for being one of three schools in the province to be selected as an *Apple Distinguished School*.

2018 Carbon Neutral Report

The board received the superintendent and secretary treasurer's *2018 Carbon Neutral Action Report* for information. The school district has seen a 36% decrease in office paper use from last year. Since 2010, the district has seen an overall 12% reduction in emissions. The full *2018 Carbon Neutral Report* is included in the May 15, 2019 public agenda package at <http://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/board-meeting-agendas/>.

Energy Management Plan update

The board received the *Energy Management Plan Update* for information. Since 2014, the school district has completed 38 energy upgrades at various locations that translate into estimated ongoing utilities savings valued at \$0.44 million. Updated energy studies are showing that, once the full program is implemented, the district will meet the Energy Management Plan annual electricity savings target of \$0.50 million.

Good news

In the good news portion of the evening, trustees noted the following items: trustee Dumore attended the youth talent show at the Greg Moore Youth Centre and *No Guts No Glory* at Garibaldi; trustee Sullivan visited Webster's Corners and also judged the outstanding Grade 5 district speech competition; trustee Trudeau attended an early learning breakfast along with a number of other trustees; trustee Murray spoke about the Grade 6/7 inquiry fair at Riverside Centre and was also impressed by the Grade 5 speeches; trustee Yamamoto spoke about the 20-year recognition event at Maple Ridge Secondary; and trustee Shaw also enjoyed the early learning breakfast event and was impressed by the talent on display at the district speech competition. Finally, trustees also attended the Lion King production at Laity View Elementary and a roundtable discussion at Thomas Haney Secondary.

The next Board of Education meeting will be at 1 pm on June 19, 2019 at the District Education Office.