



### **Presentation: District Mentorship Program**

Assistant superintendent Jovo Bikic and district helping teacher Jennifer MacDonald spoke to the board about the Mentoring Program, which the school district has had in place for two decades. All secondary schools and 20 elementary schools in the district have mentors and/or mentees participating in the program. Among the program's recent success is the *Starting Out All Right* (S.O.A.R.) summer learning series, which was offered summer 2019 and was open to all district teachers and all teachers teaching on call.

### **Presentation: Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows Katzie Community Network**

Community Network coordinator Sunny Schiller and Fraser Health community health specialist Brenna Ayliffe presented to the board on the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows Katzie Community Network (CN), which has been in existence for approximately 20 years and consists of over 80 local providers. Network members work together collaboratively to create connections and relationships, exchange knowledge, identify best practices, and more broadly address various priority issues in the communities of Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows. Accomplishments include securing over \$750,000 in grant funds to provide services in the community and representing local agencies with a collective voice. The network also maintains an online resource directory, available at [www.findaresourceridgemeadows.ca](http://www.findaresourceridgemeadows.ca)

### **Audited Financial Statements**

The board approved the Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. The financial statements will be forwarded to the Minister of Education by September 30, 2019 together with the auditor's report. The Audited Financial Statements are available online in the September 18, 2019 agenda package at <https://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/board-meeting-agendas/>.

### **Superintendent's Update**

Superintendent Russell updated the board on various events and activities. Highlights included a visit by senior leadership to   s  q  nel   elementary school, which will be opening its doors to students on September 25, 2019. Superintendent Russell thanked contractors Double V Construction Ltd. for their hard work in getting the school built and noted that an open house is planned for Tuesday, October 15.

### **Summer Learning Update**

The board received a Summer Learning Update for information. During summer 2019, 559 students from kindergarten to Grade 6 participated in the elementary summer learning programs at four locations between July 3 and July 19. Secondary Summer Learning 2019 was hosted at Thomas Haney Secondary with 524 students, 101 international students and 36 BC Offshore students from Lanzhou, China, participating. A key highlight was a summer program delivered by Katzie First Nation and SD42 that focused on literacy and numeracy skills, and also incorporated traditional hən̓q̓əmíŋəm language.

### **Board Policy Development Committee Work Plan 2019/20**

The board received the Board Policy Committee Work Plan 2019/20 for information. The goal of the committee is to review all existing board policies over the next four years. The work plan for the current year is included in the September 18, 2019 agenda package at <https://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/board-meeting-agendas/>.

### **Good News**

In the good news portion of the evening, trustees noted the following items: trustee Dumore highlighted the success of the Salvation Army backpack event; trustee Trudeau spoke about representing the school district at BC Summer Games; trustee Yamamoto noted that the 20<sup>th</sup> Children's Clothing Freecycle event was coming up and that donations would be accepted for this event; and trustees Murray and Carreras both spoke about the Terry Fox run and also referenced the leading-edge mental health supports coming to Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District.

The board chairperson congratulated the secretary treasurer and the finance team on receiving the Meritorious Budget Award from the International Association of School Business Officials for excellence in budget presentation (2019/20).

The board chairperson welcomed new CUPE president, Jason Franklin, and thanked outgoing CUPE president Leslie Franklin for her contributions to the school district.

**The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on October 16, 2019, at the District Education Office.**