



### French Immersion Update

The board received the French Immersion Update for information. School principal and French Immersion program co-ordinator Shelley Linton and district helping teacher Sandra Turbide spoke about the thriving program, which has over 1,653 students (more than 10% of the total student population) enrolled across the school district. Some of the challenges in administering the program – challenges not unique to SD42 – include the recruitment and retention of teachers and the retention of students through the higher grades. French Immersion continues to be a desirable program of choice in the district, supported by several dynamic initiatives such as cultural activities for all schools, four trips to Quebec, and summer camp.

### Budget Process Timelines

The board approved the proposed 2020/21 Preliminary Budget Process timeline, available on the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/budget-process/2020-budget-process/>

### Board Policy Development Committee

The board rescinded *Policy 5575: Nutrition*. The school district will develop a procedure that will include guidance on the implementation of the Healthy Schools BC Guidelines. The board also approved the following amended policies:

- *Policy 2919: Trustees' Code of Conduct*
- *Policy 2925: Trustees – Provision of Resources*
- *Policy 5905: Alcohol – Consumption, Possession and Storage*
- *Policy 7201: Recruitment and Selection of Personnel*
- *Policy 7213: Conflict of Interest – District Staff*
- *Policy 10400: Community and Commercial Use of School Facilities and Grounds*

The approved policies have been posted to the district website Policy Manual page at <https://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/policy-manual/>

## **Superintendent's Update**

Superintendent Russell provided an update on school events and activities. Highlights include a gifted learners art gallery showing organized by district helping teachers, the Garibaldi Robotics Club's reception of a \$2,500 Microsoft grant, and the recognition of GSS teacher Carlos Silva with the *I Teach WE Award* for his work with the Garibaldi Rebels for a Cause team.

## **Good News**

In the good news portion of the evening, trustees noted the following items: a number of trustees spoke about their participation in the BCSTA Trustee Academy and the high quality of the professional learning program; trustee Trudeau spoke about the film *Edge of the Knife* screened at the BCSTA by Indigenous Education Committee on which she sits; trustees Shaw and Yamamoto acknowledged the high quality of Garibaldi Secondary's production of *The Wiz*; trustee Murray noted the quality of the various Christmas concerts in the school district that he attended; trustee Sullivan spoke about honouring staff at the 25-year dinner and about attending a dinner with First Nations elders; trustee Dumore attended the MRSS Wrestling Team Ice Breaker and the Ridge Meadows Community Foundation awards; and trustee Carreras spoke about her participation in the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning meeting.

At the close of the meeting, board chairperson Carreras wished everyone a happy and restful holiday season on behalf of the Board of Education.

**The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on January 15, 2020, at the District Education Office.**