



Presentation: Intergenerational Garden Project

Representatives from the Intergenerational Garden Project presented to the board about the Intergenerational Garden – a teaching garden where seniors teach school-aged children how to garden and grow their own food. The garden, which opened in 2013, sees the participation of several community groups, including elementary school students from Eric Langton and St. Patrick's. Five of the gardening beds are dedicated to growing food for the Friends in Need Food Bank.

Non-Resident Fees

To bring fees in line with those of neighbouring districts, the board approved a fee increase for continuing education, distributed learning, and summer school courses from \$750 per course in 2019/2020 to \$900 per course in 2020/21 and 2021/22. The board also approved 10-month academic program fees for non-resident students for 2020/21; there was no proposed increase to the 10-month academic fees for the 2020/21 fiscal year.

Board / Authority Authorized Courses

The board approved the following Board Authority/Authorized Courses effective the commencement of the 2020/21 school year:

- Advanced Basketball 10
- Advanced Basketball 11
- Softball Skills 10
- Softball Skills 11
- Softball Skills 12
- H.O.P.E. for Boys Leadership 11
- Advanced Soccer 11

Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Russell provided an update on school events and activities. Highlights included a review of district six-year grad rates, which increased slightly in 2018/19, marking the fifth straight year of overall improvement. The 6-year grad completion rates are available on the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/announcement/overall-completion-continue/>.

Motions Approved

The board approved the following two motions for submission to the BC School Trustees Association for consideration:

- “THAT BCSTA advocate for the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Advanced Education to provide funding for all graduated under 19 students that will allow them to complete the trades program in which they enrolled prior to graduation.”
- “THAT BCSTA request that the provincial government allocate special purpose funding to school districts to provide year-round educational services in provincial correctional facilities based on the level of service required in each community.”

Good News

In the good news portion of the evening, trustee Sullivan spoke about attending the Elders’ Dinner along with a number of other trustees and district staff, and also enjoyed a school visit to Davie Jones Elementary, noting she was impressed with the work the school has done around self-regulation. Trustee Trudeau spoke about the depth of engagement between the school district and the Métis community and also mentioned her attendance at a Grade 6 çəsqənelə basketball game. Trustee Murray attended the February 10 regional BCSTA branch meeting and thanked executive coordinator Karen Yoxall for her work in organizing the event. Trustee Shaw reflected on her visit to Yennadon Elementary where she saw the school’s music program, and on her visit to Samuel Robertson Technical where she enjoyed the services of *Salon 42*. Trustee Shaw also spoke about the value of the budget feedback session. Trustee Yamamoto enjoyed a number of school tours, including tours of Pitt Meadows, Davie Jones and Yennadon elementary schools. A number of trustees spoke about their participation in the leadership series event on strategic planning, noting that a number of superintendents at the session acknowledged the importance of the SD42 *Supporting All Learners Report*. Finally, trustee Carreras attended the Artistic Playground event at the Pitt Meadows Art Gallery, which featured the work of students from Pitt Meadows Secondary and Edith McDermott elementary school. At the close of the meeting, trustee Carreras thanked district staff, including and in particular the grounds and maintenance staff, for their hard work in clearing parking lots, sidewalks, and entrances to SD42 schools and facilities following the large amount of snowfall the district saw in the past month.

The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on February 26, 2020, at the District Education Office.