



**Board Meeting Highlights
October 24, 2012**

Trustees:

Mike Murray (Chair), Susan Carr, Ken Clarkson, Kathy Marshall, Sarah Nelson (joined by MSLync), Eleanor Palis (Vice-Chair), Dave Rempell

Executive:

Jan Unwin (Superintendent), Laurie Meston (Deputy Superintendent), Flavia Coughlan (Secretary Treasurer)

Presentation: Supporting Student Learning Grades 1 -12

David Vandergugten Director of Instruction K – 12 presented to the Board on the portion of the 2012 Achievement Contract that addresses the support of student learning, grades 1 – 12. Vandergugten noted that the District Reading Racers Summer program has produced impressive growth rates, with grade 1 students reaching a reading level growth of 3.5 (8 times the annual school growth) within a month's time. The effective strategies of this program are being embedded in classrooms across the District.

Results from the District iPod program have been similarly impressive. At the start of the program in January, 18% of students in the iPod project were not meeting the four dimensions of accuracy, phrasing, smoothness, and pace. By May, only 4% of students were not yet meeting expectations. Finally, the 21st Century Skills inquiry-based program has also seen very good results.

The 2012 Achievement Contract is available online at http://www.sd42.ca/system/files/SD42_AchievementContract2012_finalred.pdf

Additional information about the School District No. 42 Literacy iPod Project is available at <http://schools.sd42.ca/ipod>

Additional information about the School District No. 42 21st Century Skills Inquiry Project is available at <http://schools.sd42.ca/inquiry>

Learning Improvement Fund (LIF)

Deputy Superintendent Laurie Meston provided background information on the Learning Improvement Fund, which the Board approved for October 31st submission to the Ministry of Education.

Good News

In the good news portion of the evening, trustee Carr noted that both Eric Langton and Alouette Elementary recently enjoyed the opening of their new playgrounds. Trustee Carr thanked the Rotary Club, the province, the community, and parents for their contributions and their fundraising efforts. Board Chair Mike Murray reflected on the exceptional concert he attended at Maple Ridge Secondary, and also spoke about the inspiring “Me to We” event at Rogers Arena, which showcased and celebrated the contributions of young people to their community.

The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on November 8, 2012 in the District Education Office.