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Mike Murray (Chair), Susan Carr, Ken Clarkson, Kathy Marshall, Sarah Nelson, Dave Rempel

Executive:

Jan Unwin (Superintendent), Laurie Meston (Deputy Superintendent), Wayne Jefferson (Secretary Treasurer)

Presentations: Maple Ridge Fire Academy/RCMP Youth Academy

The Board received a presentation on the Maple Ridge Fire Academy and the RCMP Youth Academy. Career Planning Assistant Cindy Peck explained that the Fire Academy runs from October to May and accepts between 5 to 10 students per year. Participating students train with real firemen and receive a work experience credit upon completion.

The RCMP Youth Academy runs over spring break and accommodates approximately 50 students, half of which are typically from this District. Ms. Peck noted that funding shortfalls this year are likely to result in increased costs to students next year. Westview Secondary School student Colton Koopmans spoke to the program's value, observing that it fosters teamwork, teaches leadership, and builds character.

Presentation: Environmental School

Environmental School Vice-Principal Clayton Maitland presented to the Board on the success of the Environmental School Project. "If we remove the walls, we can rediscover what learning looks like," Clayton began before outlining the program's many benefits, including its ability to foster confidence, resiliency, critical thinking and governance. Observing that the program is receiving international attention from educators and media alike, Vice-Principal Clayton acknowledged the invaluable contributions and support of Katzie and Kwantlen First Nations, community partners, local media, Simon Fraser University and many others.

Local District School Calendar

The Board approved the proposed 2012/2013 Local District Calendar. Superintendent Unwin informed the Board that the District received considerable feedback during the consultation process, with 80% of respondents being in favour of the proposed calendar. Some adjustments to the proposed calendar were made to address shared concerns, Superintendent Unwin explained. The approved 2012/2013 Local District Calendar is available online at www.sd42.ca

Good News

In the Good News portion of the evening the Board resolved to send a congratulatory note to the newly elected Katzie First Nation Chief and Council.

The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on May 9, 2012 in the District Education Office.