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Late French Immersion Program

Acting Superintendent Laurie Meston offered the board an update on the SD42 Late French Immersion Program at Golden Ears Elementary, noting that only 15 students have registered for this program of choice for the 2014/15 school year. The popularity of the Late French Immersion program has declined over the past five years due to a number of contributing factors, including large French Immersion kindergarten registration, the availability of other programs of choice for Grade 6 and Grade 7 students, and declining enrolment more broadly. Due to this low enrolment, the board made the following determinations: the Grade 6 program will not be offered for the 2014/15 school year; the Grade 7 Late French Immersion Program will continue to be offered at Golden Ears Elementary for September 2014; the opportunity to register in Grade 6 Late French Immersion would be renewed for September 2015 at Golden Ears Elementary; if fewer than 26 students register in the program at that time, the school district will discontinue the Late French Immersion program option.

Preliminary Operating Budget 2014/15

The board adopted a balanced Preliminary Operating Budget for 2014/15. The budget draws on the contingency reserve balance (\$0.82 million) and includes reductions across all district operations. The presentation, budget document and trustee comments are available on the district website at <http://www.sd42.ca/budget-process>.

Board Adopts Capital Bylaw to Access Annual Facilities Grant

The board adopted a Capital Bylaw that would enable it to access \$2,028,539 allocated to the Capital Portion of 2014/15 Annual Facility Grant (AGF) funding. This funding is provided by the Ministry of Education and intended for the annual maintenance of district facilities.

Policy Development Committee

The board approved *Policy 2301 – Role of the Board*, and *Policy 2302 – Board Delegation of Authority*. Both policies will be posted to the school district website at <http://www.sd42.ca/section2000>.

Good News

In the good news portion of the evening, trustees reflected on their tour of the trades programs at three district secondary schools. The Katzie Chief and two council members joined the trustees on these tours. Trustees also spoke about the success of the school public speaking contests they had attended.

The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on May 28, 2014 in the District Education Office.