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Presentation: District Helping Teachers

The Board received a presentation from a delegation of district helping teachers, who shared success stories and spoke about their roles and responsibilities in the district. The four overarching roles of district helping teachers are to support learning environments across the district, analyze data, build capacity, and engage with activities that enrich learning. Their overall goal, in the meantime, is to facilitate a shift forward in best practice. Trustees thanked the presenters for their work in supporting excellence in teaching throughout the district.

Horticulture Program

Steve Wiebe, principal of Alternate Education and Trades and Partnerships, provided the Board with a proposal for offering the Horticultural Program option in the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District. This program option, which received popular support during the *Facilities and Learning for Today and Tomorrow* public consultation, would be offered in partnership with Kwantlen University College, and would be delivered at the university's Langley campus. Principal Wiebe explained that the intent is to begin the program at the Langley campus, and expand it to a Maple Ridge location once the program has grown. The Board approved the proposal.

The 2016/17 Budget Development Process

The Board adopted the 2016/17 Budget Development Process as outlined by staff. This process includes a number of consultations, some of which have already begun in the form of budget impact reviews with partner groups. The full schedule for the 2016/17 Budget Development Process is below.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2016 DEO Boardroom 6:00 pm	BOARD MEETING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and approval of the Proposed Budget Process/Timeline • Presentation of Projected Enrolment for 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19
Wednesday, February 24, 2016 DEO 6:00 pm	BOARD MEETING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and Board Approval of the 2015/16 Amended Annual Budget
Wednesday, March 9, 2016 DEO	BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of preliminary estimates to partner groups
Wednesday, March 30, 2016 DEO	BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner groups presentation of the 2016/17 budget balancing options
Wednesday, April 13, 2016 THSS 4:00 pm	BOARD MEETING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the Proposed 2016/17 Preliminary Budget
Wednesday, April 20, 2016 THSS 6:00 pm	BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public and partner group input on the Proposed 2016/17 Preliminary Budget
Wednesday, April 27, 2016 DEO 6:00 pm	BOARD MEETING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval 2016/17 Budget Balancing Proposals
Wednesday, May 18, 2016 DEO 6:00 pm	BOARD MEETING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of 2016/17 Preliminary Budget Bylaw

Board Authorized Courses

From time to time, the Board receives proposals from staff on new courses intended to capture student passion and interest. On this occasion, the Board received and approved proposals for programs in *Athletic Leadership* and *Outdoor Education*.

Auto Body Collision Repair Program

Principal Wiebe provided the Board with an update on his research into and progress toward bringing an Auto Body Collision Repair Program to the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District. Principal Wiebe informed the Board that he has received support from both BCIT and the Ed Coates Memorial Foundation, and that he hopes to be able to shortly finalize this course offering. This program would likely be offered either at Garibaldi Secondary school or Pitt Meadows Secondary school.

My Education BC

David Vandergugten (Director of Instruction) and the SD42 MyEd BC team provided the Board with an update on the implementation of the My Education BC system. The team acknowledged the start-up problems it faced in September and early October, but noted the implementation process is proceeding as intended and that ongoing training is being provided to teachers and clerical staff members. Additional hours were allocated to address issues and concerns as they arose, the team

explained, and noted also that additional release time will be required for training before the implementation of the My Education BC family portal.

Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Sylvia Russell presented the superintendent's update, which included the following highlights:

- Pitt Meadows Elementary hosted a successful Family Literacy Night on January 27;
- 40 grade 7 French Immersion students and five teachers from Laity View Elementary are in Quebec for the week participating in an exchange;
- Harry Hooge Elementary has implemented a new breakfast program with the support of the Maple Ridge Foodbank. The program opened last week and the school already has 30+ kids coming in to eat breakfast each morning;
- The Social Justice Program at Pitt Meadows Secondary hosted Senator Mobina Jaffer to an afternoon session with senior Social Studies and Law students on January 27;
- Maple Ridge Secondary received a \$12,000 grant from the Vancouver Sun for the Breakfast Club program and the emergency fund through the Adopt-A-School program. This money will make a tremendous difference to the program and will guarantee its continuity;
- Garibaldi Secondary's student action group *Rebels for a Cause* was recognized for its tremendous success in fundraising at the WE Day event. The school is one of only three schools in the province chosen to host a three-day Free the Children workshop;
- 21 District Alternate students successfully completed the Occupational First Aid Level 1 training, and 10 students successfully completed the Forklift training;
- Samuel Robertson Technical will be participating in and hosting the Skills Canada Regional Competition event.

2016/17 Carbon Neutral Program

The Board approved the submission of proposals to the Ministry of Education for carbon neutral project funding for control upgrades to Garibaldi Secondary School. Staff noted that the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District has already received a large amount of funding through its energy management program, and that additional funding may therefore be more difficult to achieve. Should additional funding for these upgrades be provided, however, Garibaldi Secondary would become one of the most energy efficient secondary schools in the province.

Enrollment Projections

Secretary Treasurer Flavia Coughlan reviewed enrollment projections for 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19. Secretary Treasurer Coughlan noted that the current year was somewhat of an anomaly, and that rates of growth will likely be smaller over the next three-year period. While a small decline is anticipated in 2016/17, the following two years anticipate growth of approximately 200 students.

Policy Development

The Board approved the posting of the following draft policies and procedures for public input:

- Draft Policy 4204: Contingency Reserve

- Draft Policy 8801: Course Challenge
- Draft Procedure 8801.1: Course Challenge
- Draft Policy 8901: Field Trips (Including Extra Curricular Activities)
- Draft Procedure 8901.1: Field Trips (Including Extra Curricular Activities)

These draft policies and procedures are available for public review and public input online at www.sd42.ca/node/2008.

Facilities: Your Voice, Your Neighbourhood Centre Public Consultation

The Board received an update on the *Your Voice, Your Neighbourhood Centre* public consultation process that the school district is undertaking jointly with the City of Maple Ridge. The timeline for this process is as follows:

- **February 10, 2016:** Public workshop at Albion Elementary School.
- **February 11 – 25, 2016:** Online survey.
- **February 25, 2016:** Public Open House at Samuel Robertson Technical.
- **February 26 – 29, 2016:** Online survey.

The Board will be engaged in finalizing the facility planning through this process so as to make a submission to the Ministry of Education in March 2016.

Additional information about this consultation process is available on the district website at <http://www.sd42.ca/yourvoice42>.

Good News

In the good news portion of the evening, trustees noted the following items: Trustee Rempel noted the Ridge Meadows Educational Foundation was holding a workshop on February 18 from 11:30 to 1 pm to talk with professional about opportunities for bequests, including those that could be made in support of public education; several trustees mentioned their participation in the student forum; trustee Carr noted the Strong Kids team is planning a speaker night for March 7, 2016 at The ACT, and noted also that a survey has now been launched and is on the district website.

The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm February 24, 2016 in the District Education Office.