



Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District

BOARD OF EDUCATION

2015 Year in Review

December 9, 2015



Thank you, you

- to our ***dedicated and innovative staff*** for their emphasis on continuous improvement and unwavering focus on the main thing – helping students develop the skills to live successful lives;
- To **Sylvia Russell, Laurie Meston, Flavia Coughlan** and the rest of our **Senior Management Team** for their dedicated and continuous effort to ensure our collective priorities are addressed;
- to **Karen Yoxall** for her considerable support of Trustee involvement from preparing agendas and minutes to making arrangement for school visitations;
- to **PACs and our students' parents** in general for their volunteerism and commitment to achieving the very best for their children and for all the students in our schools;
- to our **partner groups**, including MRTA, CUPE, MRPVPA, DPAC and DSAC, for participating with us in professional development initiatives and big picture planning, and for helping us address the challenges we are facing.



Thank you

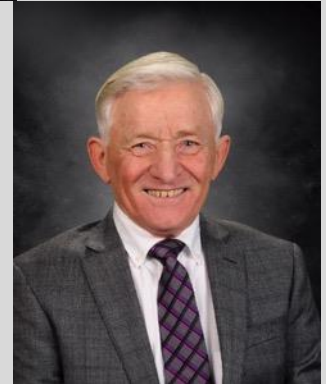


- to our **community partners** for their outstanding support and collaboration (*Municipal Governments, First Nations Groups, RCMP, Parks and Leisure Services, Arts Council, Salvation Army, Service Clubs, Neighbourhood Groups, Social Service Agencies, Tzu Chi Foundation, and others*);
- to **BCSTA and our trustee colleagues** around the province for sharing the responsibility for advocacy with us, and for sharing their best practices with us;
- to our **students, most important of all**, for their amazing personal effort, their success (sometimes in the face of significant personal adversity), their energy, and their inspiration to us all.



Thank you

To 2015 TRUSTEES ...



2015 in Review



- Fourth Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement
- Strategic Facilities Plan
- Energy Management Plan
- Policy Development and Review
- Fiscal Challenges
- Board and Staff Advocacy
- 2015 Leading Edge Initiatives (adding to the list)
- 2015 Student Achievement
- Roadmap to Excellence
- Board Operational Plan

4th Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement



- Signed on April 23, 2015 in the Katzie Longhouse following months of preparation by the aboriginal education committee supported by members of the Katzie and Kwantlen first Nations
- First school district to sign a fourth five year agreement

Facilities Plan

- Making the most effective use of available facility resources given shifting demographics and changes in teaching and learning.
- Facilities and Learning for Today and Tomorrow public engagement process completed October 2015.
- Strategic Facilities Plan adopted October 14, 2015.
- Implementation of recommendations underway.



Facilities Plan

Key recommendations:

- Evaluate and make recommendations to the Board regarding new educational programming
- Secure land for future schools
- New school in South Albion
- Adjust catchments to make best use of available resources

FINE ARTS ACADEMY



HORTICULTURE



AUTO COLLISION REPAIR



IB MIDDLE YEARS



Energy Management Plan



- Adopted by the Board March 25, 2015
- Aims to achieve a school district wide electrical consumption reduction of 30% by 2019 or 4.44 million kWh
- Estimated savings of \$400,000 per year that we can re-invest in our schools

Policy Review and Development

- **Developed and reviewed/revised several policies during 2014**
- **Notable among them were:**
 - Policy 4203: Budget Planning and Reporting
 - Policy 5400: Student Transportation
 - Policy 6425: School Size
 - Policy 6530: Environmental Sustainability
 - Policy 6801: School Closures
 - Policy 9200: School Catchment Areas & Student Placement
 - Policy 9601: Anaphylaxis



Board and Staff Advocacy

- Participation in the BCSTA (Fraser Valley Branch, AGM and Provincial Council)
- Election of trustee Clarkson to the BCSTA Provincial Board
- Meetings with Minister of Education, MLAs, Deputy Minister of Education and Assistant Deputy Ministers
- Correspondence with the Ministry on a variety of subjects (overall funding , capital plan)
- Submission to the Select Standing Committee on Government Services and Finance on the 2016/17 budget
- Interviews on radio following the 2015/16 budget process and in several newspapers
- Participation by our Secretary Treasurer on the BCASBO Executive, Ministry of Education Technical Review Committee and Procurement Steering Committee
- Participation by staff on various Ministry of Education committees



Fiscal Challenges

- Due to several cost pressures beyond our control, we estimated that we will be facing an operating budget funding shortfall of \$1.68 million for 2015/16, followed by a budget funding shortfall of \$1.44 million for 2016/17. In order to meet the Ministry of Education mandated administrative savings target and address the anticipated shortfalls we have adopted the following budget balancing decisions:
 - to eliminate school bussing in 2016 instead of having to increase class sizes even further, and
 - to move toward a bring your own device model for students as the current laptops and iPads reach the end of their life expectancy.



Requests of Government

- Acknowledgement of the significant budget reductions the school district has had to make over several years to address inflationary cost increases not covered by provincial funding.
- Acknowledgement that the cuts we've had to make will ultimately have a negative impact on student success.
- A commitment to encourage other ministries to step up (health, social services).
- A commitment to fully fund additional costs over which Boards of Education have no control (wages, benefits, inflationary increases to utilities etc.).



Requests of Government

- A commitment to review and revise the holdback funding model.
- A commitment to review and revise the current funding formula.
- A commitment to review and revise the current system of capital planning to allow better long term planning.
- A commitment to review government's tax policy to provide adequate funding to stop the continuing cycle of budget/service reductions and allow needed improvements.
- A commitment to work more closely with Boards of Education who have responsibility for the delivery of education in establishing the education funding envelope (provincial education budget).



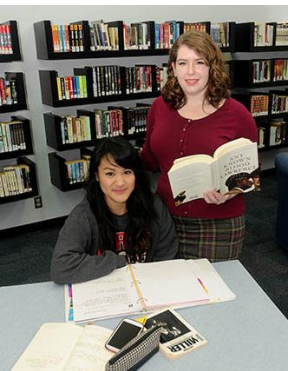
2015 Education Initiatives

- Introduction of an expanded elementary student summer learning program.
- Exploration of greater student involvement in Board Governance.
- Introduction of the new BC curriculum (developed with significant teacher involvement and Ministry staff).
- Continuation of initiatives begun in recent years (Wheelhouse , Environmental School, Elementary Learning *iPod* project, Inquiry Project, Secondary apprenticeship programs, academies, etc.).
- Continuation and fine tuning of longer standing leading edge practices (Thomas Haney Model, Cyber School).



Student Achievement

- Westview student *Emerald UnRuh* and Maple Ridge secondary's *Joanne Banh* both received the prestigious Loran Scholarship.
- Westview secondary sent 3 national champions to the Microsoft World Championships: *Nash Taylor* (Microsoft Excel 2013), *Phillip MacBride* (Microsoft Word 2013), and *Trevor Dean* (Microsoft PowerPoint 2013). Trevor and Dean placed 4th and 5th in the world; Nash Taylor won silver.
- Project Hello and Cultures of Care: *Harry Hooge* elementary and *Thomas Haney* secondary teamed up again this year for Project Hello, helping reconnect the homeless with their families.



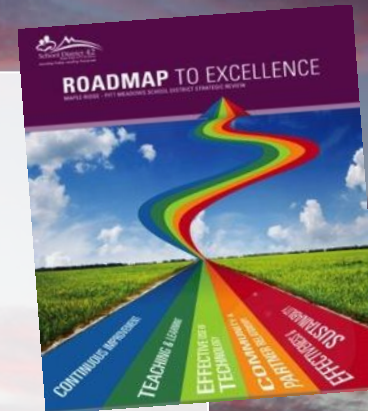
Roadmap to Excellence

Values

- ☑ Responsibility to all Learners
- ☑ Uniqueness of Each Individual
- ☑ Personal and Social Responsibility
- ☑ High Expectations for Success
- ☑ Culture, Community and Citizenship
- ☑ Diverse Learning Opportunities

Mission

Fully support all individuals in their personal development as successful learners and respectful contributors to society.

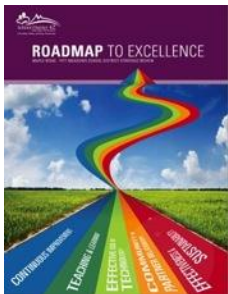


Roadmap Themes



- Continuous Improvement
- Teaching and Learning
- Effective Use of Technology
- Building and Sustaining Community and Partner Group Relationships
- Designing Effective and Sustainable Support Systems

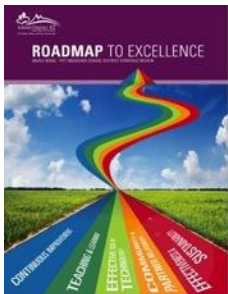
Roadmap: Board Operational Plan



- Continue to support and strengthen innovative programs and learning options that enhance teaching and learning
- Improve relationships and communication with partner groups and the communities we serve
- Provide strong advocacy for adequate funding for education
- Collaborate with other boards through BCSTA and advocate for the creation, implementation, and evaluation of a meaningful co-governance model with the provincial government
- Review Board operations and Board meeting schedules to ensure the needs of the community are met

Roadmap: Board Operational Plan *cont'd*

- Review, create and update Board policies
- Continue to improve the Board's communication plan to ensure increased Board work awareness
- Support youth engagement in school district governance
- Continue to celebrate success, recognize accomplishments and service of staff and volunteers
- Monitor performance against the strategic plan and facilitate annual review of operational plans





Thank you
**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!**