



Media Release

Highlights of February 13, 2018 Board Meeting

Framework for Enhancing Student Learning

Christine Franes, District Principal – Learning Services, reported on the work of the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Committee. Students across the district have been surveyed about their progress in meeting the goals set out in the Framework. While there were many positive results from the survey, it is clear that the district needs to continue to work at improving students skill and confidence in literacy and numeracy.

“The Board believes in the value of hearing, and responding to, student voice,” said Board Chair Tina Last. “Thank you to all of the partners participating on the Framework Committee for their hard work. With their continued engagement our district will be able to meet the needs of each of our students.”

Science Fair Success

As reported in December, Charles Hays Secondary School student Aaliyah Mahoubi attended the Taiwan International Science Fair as one of 2 Canadian delegates. The Board was pleased to hear that she won 3rd place in the competition! Trustees expressed their hope that she will make a presentation at a future Board meeting.

District Surveys

The district currently has 2 surveys available on the district website, www.rupertschools.ca. One survey is looking for input on the proposed calendars for the next three school years. The other survey is seeking information to help in forming the budget for the 2018-19 school year.

Amended Annual Budget

The Board of Education approved the 2017/2018 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw at the meeting on February 13, 2018. The total budget bylaw amount was \$30,380,888, a increase of 2% from the original budget bylaw amount of \$29,763,914. The increase is primarily in expenditures from special purpose funds.

Copies of the approved amended annual budget will be available soon on the district website, www.rupertschools.ca.



Ridley Terminals Inc. Donation

As announced on January 17, 2016 the school district is the beneficiary of a generous three-year commitment from Ridley Terminals Inc. The District will receive \$138,507 for the purchase of robotic devices and the training of teachers. These devices will increase student awareness of coding and computational thinking.

Annual Budget Consultation

The next meeting for the Annual Budget Consultation for the 2018-19 budget will take place on Thursday, February 22, 2018. District partner groups are invited to set up appointments through the School Board Office for meetings with the Board of Education.

The remaining meetings are as follows:

Monday, March 5, 2018	Public Meeting
Tuesday, April 10, 2018	Regular Board Meeting, Budget Submitted for Approval

Policy Committee Work

2 policies were approved by the Board of Education to be sent to partner groups for feedback:

- 7110 Trustee Remuneration and Expense Allowance Policy
- 7220 Purchasing and Tendering Policy

1 policy was approved by the Board of Education to replace the existing policy:

- 1110 Learning Resources Policy

1 policy was deleted by the Board of Education:

- 7310 School Funds Policy

To ensure that approved bylaws and policies will meet the needs of the district's students and staff, the Board welcomes feedback from partner groups on draft policies.

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