



Media Release

Highlights of November 14, 2017 Board Meeting

Science Literacy Week

Vice-Principal Peter Scott of École Roosevelt Park Community School coordinated the district-wide Science Literacy Week from September 18-21, 2017. Together with students Madison McKay (Gr.5), Lia Crump (Gr.5) and Owen Davies (Gr.4), Mr. Scott described the activities that took place, including the cube challenge, binary coding, extracting DNA from fruit and bridge building.

The new curriculum focusses on the development of core competencies such as communication, creativity and critical thinking. The students described the challenges and accomplishments involved in working together with other students. This demonstrated the effectiveness of hands-on, project-based learning to develop these core competencies in our students.

“The students who attended our meeting clearly enjoyed their participation in Science Literacy Week” said Board Chair Tina Last. “The Board looks forward to their participation in the upcoming Science Fair and the development of a new generation of scientists.”

Curriculum Implementation

Superintendent Ken Minette advised the Board that the implementation of the new curriculum for grades 11 and 12 has been deferred for one more year. Grade 10 students will enjoy the new curriculum beginning in September 2018. Grade 11 and 12 students will follow them into the new curriculum in September 2019. Trial use of the Grade 10-12 curriculum is already underway.

Appointment of Auditors

Carlyle Shepherd & Co. was re-appointed as auditor for the year ending June 30, 2018. This is the fourth year of a five year term.



Policy Committee Work

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

7120 Travel and Subsistence Policy

7210 Annual Budget Policy

7215 Surplus Policy (a new policy)

7410 Audit Services Policy (re-sent with additional changes)

To ensure that approved 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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