



## **Media Release Highlights of March 6, 2018 Board Meeting**

### **Taiwan International Science Fair**

Charles Hays Secondary School student Aaliyah Mahboubi won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Taiwan International Science Fair. Her project was entitled “Microbial Film Power Generation” and was entered in the environmental category in the competition. Ms. Mahboubi explained how she was able to generate sufficient electricity from the local bog to operate low-power devices.

“Aaliyah’s passion and motivation to improve our world left me speechless,” said Board Chair Tina Last. “The Board looked at what she has accomplished by grade 9, and has high expectations that she will be a driving force in making our world more sustainable in the future.”

### **Kanata Sale Agreement Falls Through**

In May 2015 the Board of Education entered into a sale agreement for the Kanata school property with Bryton Group Properties Inc. The sale was subject to the successful rezoning of the property from Public to Residential. The purchaser was responsible to act as the district’s agent in the rezoning process. The first reading of the rezoning bylaw was approved by Prince Rupert City Council in July 2015, and was last discussed at a public council meeting in March 2016.

The district has now been advised by the purchaser that they are unable to complete the rezoning. As a result, the sale agreement has fallen through and the district will work with their realtor to look for other bids for the property. The Board of Education asked the Chair to write a letter to the Mayor and Council of the City of Prince Rupert to express the Board’s disappointment.

“At the public meeting of City Council on March 7, 2016 Councillor Mirau was clear that the City needed to be open for business,” said Board Chair Tina Last. “The failure of the rezoning process for the Kanata school property is a sad day for the district and is disappointing for a community that needs additional residential development.”



## **2018-19 School Calendar**

The school calendar for the 2018-19 school year was approved by the Board of Education at the March 6, 2018 Board meeting. This calendar will, for the third consecutive year, include a two-week Spring Break. The approved calendar includes the movement of Family Day to the third Monday in February, another Non-Instructional Day for curriculum implementation, and revised dates for some other Non-Instructional Days. A copy of the approved calendar is attached to this press release.

Please note that the timing of the non-instructional days in February may be adjusted if the All Native Basketball Tournament dates move to the third week of February.

## **Aboriginal Education Partnership Agreement Annual Report**

Roberta Edzerza, the District Principal, Aboriginal Education and James Zlatanov, a teacher in the Aboriginal Education Department, present a draft of the Aboriginal Education Partnership Agreement Annual Report. The report has been reformatted to align with the goals of the partnership agreement. There are many pictures in the draft report that demonstrate the achievements of the district's students. The final report will come to a future Board meeting for approval.

## **Cross-Boundary**

For the 2017-18 school year cross-boundary requests were delayed while the district considered the implications of the restoration of the class size and composition language in the teacher collective agreement. Similarly, cross-boundary requests for the 2018-19 school year are currently waiting for approval. The district is hopeful that approval of these requests will be possible in May 2018.



## **Policy Committee Work**

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

2330 Service Award Policy  
4310 Occupational Health and Safety Policy

2 policies were approved by the Board of Education to replace the existing policies:

7110 Trustee Remuneration and Expense Allowance Policy  
7220 Purchasing and Tendering 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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# 2018-19 School Calendar

Statutory Holidays	
School Vacation Periods	
Non-Instructional Days	

September	3	Labour Day
September	4	School Opens
September	21	Implementation Day
October	8	Thanksgiving
October	19	Professional Development Day
November	12	Remembrance Day Stat in Lieu
November	23	Professional Development Day
December	21	Last School day before Winter Break
December	24	Winter Vacation
to January	4	
January	1	New Years Day Stat
January	7	School Re-Opens
January	18	Pro-D Elementary, Middle School & PCS
February	14	Pro-D CHSS Only
February	15	Curriculum Implementation Day
February	18	Family Day
March	15	Last School day before Spring Vacation
March	18	Spring Vacation
to March	29	
April	1	Schools Re-Open
April	18	Professional Development Day, Regional
April	19	Good Friday
April	22	Easter Monday
May	17	Professional Development Day
May	20	Victoria Day
June	28	Administrative Day
June	28	Schools Close for Summer Vacation

Days of Instruction	180	Total
Pro-D Days - Schools Not In Session	7	
Administrative Day	1	
		188

Hours of Instruction

Kindergarten	848
Grades 1 to 7	873
Grades 8 to 12	947

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