



## Media Release

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### Highlights of June 12, 2018 Board Meeting

#### School Activity Days

École Roosevelt Park Community School Principal Andrée Michaud attended the Board Meeting with two grade 4 students, Colton Gilbert and Korri Levee, to describe recent STEM activities at the school. Student teams built 4 legged structures using only paper and tape and then tested their strength by stacking a number of books on top. Two structures held 82 Geronimo Stilton books. Wow!

"The Board was thrilled to see what the students were able to learn through their STEM activities," said Board Chair Tina Last. "They demonstrated problem solving while working together in a team. These are skills that they will use throughout their lives."

#### School Plans for 2018-19

Superintendent Ken Minette presented highlights of the district's school plans for the upcoming school year. Those highlights include a focus on literacy, Aboriginal Content and Ways of Knowing, more school wide events, the continuation of PBIS (Positive Behaviour Intervention Strategies) and the implementation of a new trimester timetable at CHSS.

#### Strategic Plan Review

The Board received a summary of the work completed under the current strategic plan. Of note, this year was the continued implementation of the (new) curriculum with an expanding focus on Core Competencies K-9, Curricular Competencies & Aboriginal Knowledge. Starting in September **2018** the new grade 10 curriculum will be implemented and in September **2019** the new grade 11 & 12 curriculum will be implemented.

This year we started to collect information from our students through a district survey. The survey is intended to provide perception data through 'student voice' (students are telling us about their learning in the academic and social/emotional domains) to help guide where our focus needs to be. The district intends to continue doing these annual student surveys and comparing them against past surveys for growth.

It was noted district wide that there has noticeably been more hands-on and experiential learning as well as more 'Learning on the Land' (Education taking place outside the classroom, connected to the land and often connected to Aboriginal education). To extend this further, SD52 Aboriginal Education is planning an Indigenous Summit for May 2019.



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As well this year we saw the continuation educator sessions focusing on inclusive teaching and assessment practices with presenters like Shelley Moore and Carol Fullerton. We also saw two pilot projects initiated, one for a new strength based IEP model (individualized educational program) and one for primary literacy supported by educational consultant Faye Brownlie.

These two pilots will be expanded on next year. In particular, the District will establish a District Elementary Literacy position to further support and enhance literacy instruction and the board will ensure there is a Kindergarten Resource worker in each Kindergarten class to enable a smoother transition.

### Capital Plan

The Board of Education approved the 2019-2020 Capital Plan at the June 12, 2018 meeting. Replacement of Prince Rupert Middle School remains the districts highest priority for capital funds.

The full capital plan is as follows:

#### Seismic Project

1. Prince Rupert Middle School

#### Replacement Projects

1. Conrad Street Elementary School
2. District Support Services Building

#### School Enhancement Projects

1. Demolition and Removal of Closed Schools (Kanata, Seal Cove)
2. CHSS Learning Commons
3. Booth Safety Related Upgrades

#### Carbon Neutral Capital Program Projects

1. Lax Kxeen Elementary Atmospheric Boiler Replacement
2. Pineridge Elementary DDC Upgrade

#### Playground Equipment Program Projects

1. Pineridge Elementary
2. Lax Kxeen Elementary
3. Roosevelt



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### **Carbon Neutral Action Report**

The Board of Education received the Carbon Neutral Action Report for 2017 at the board meeting on June 12, 2018. The report is available on the district website. As can be seen in the capital plan, the district continues to look for projects which will improve the efficiency of heating systems in schools.

### **Election Bylaw**

The Board of Education approved a new trustee election bylaw in preparation for the upcoming trustee elections on Saturday, October 20, 2018. The Chief Election Officer for the school district is the Secretary-Treasurer and the Deputy Chief Election Officer is the Director, Human Resources.

### **2018-19 Board Meeting Dates**

The Regular Board Meeting Dates for the 2018-19 school year were approved by the Board of Education as follows:

- September 11, 2018
- October 8, 2018
- November 13, 2018
- December 4, 2018
- December 11, 2018
- January 15, 2019\*
- February 12, 2019
- March 12, 2019
- April 9, 2019
- May 14, 2019
- June 11, 2019

\*Rescheduled the January 8, 2019 regular schedule meeting to January 15<sup>th</sup> due to Winter Break.

### **Policy Committee Work**

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

6310 Role of the Board Policy

6140 Role of the Trustee and Trustee Code of Conduct Policy

6510 Board Communications Policy

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