



Media Release

Highlights of April 9, 2019 Board Meeting

Costa Rica Trip – Pacific Coast School

Pacific Coast School Principal Jeremy Janz, along with students Anissa Barton, Rubbynn Steppler, James Barton, Taylor Wilson and Kennedy Sampson, presented on the school trip to Costa Rica over Spring Break. The students described the wide variety of experiences they had, and some of the fears each of them overcame during their trip. Experiencing a climate and culture that was very different from home was eye-opening for all of the students.

“The Board of Education was impressed by the confidence of the students as they presented highlights of their trip,” said Board Chair James Horne. “They learned about the importance of biodiversity, and this knowledge is transferrable to their own environment here in Prince Rupert.”

School Calendar

The 2019-2020 school calendar is now in place with a two week Spring Break from March 16 to March 27, 2020. A copy is attached to this press release.

2019-20 Annual Budget

The Board of Education has adopted the annual budget for 2019-20. The operating budget reflects a reserve of \$513,600 or 1.96% of the budget as a contingency to address future operational issues. The Surplus Policy provides that a contingency should be maintained at between 2% and 4% of the operating budget.

In order to balance the budget, spending reductions were made totaling \$710,500, and new spending of \$115,000 was approved. Total expenses in the approved operating budget are \$26,228,000.

Specific changes to the budget are outlined below:

Reductions:

CHSS Teacher Staffing (2)	\$200,000
District Careers Teacher	\$50,000
District Math Helping Teacher	\$20,000
Education Assistant Reserve (1)	\$30,000
Education Assistants (3)	\$108,000
Tradespersons Funded by Annual Facilities Grant	\$112,500
Transfer Costs to Community Link Budget	\$30,000
Information Technology Budget	<u>\$160,000</u>
Total Reductions	<u>\$710,500</u>



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Additions:

CHSS Laboratory Assistant (now continuing)	\$13,200
Custodial Equipment (ongoing)	\$1,800
Early Literacy Intervention Plan	<u>\$100,000</u>
Total Additions	<u>\$115,000</u>

"The Board faced a tremendous challenge to address the needs of our students within a balanced budget," said Board Chair James Horne. "The Board was unified in its support of the Early Literacy Intervention Plan proposed by the Superintendent, and this was the only significant new program approved."

Aboriginal Education Budget

Adjustments within the Ministry of Education's announced funding have resulted in an increase of \$275,000 in targeted funding for the 2019-2020 school year. The use of these additional funds will be considered by the Aboriginal Education Council at their meeting in May, 2019. The Board of Education anticipates that the Aboriginal Education Council will consider using these funds to support some of the budget requests that the Board could not approve within its balanced budget.

Early Literacy Intervention Plan

Superintendent Irene LaPierre presented the Board of Education with the results of the literacy assessments completed with kindergarten and grade 1 students. 72% of kindergarten students are at risk, and 60% of grade 1 students are at risk. In order to address these risks the district is proceeding with implementation of an Early Literacy Intervention Plan that will support all kindergarten and grade 1 teachers with reading recovery training and classroom resources next school year.

Mental Health Literacy

Over \$37,000 has been received from the Ministry of Education to support mental health literacy for our students. District staff are working to finalize a plan for the use of these funds to create a more welcoming environment. This plan is based on district data showing that Indigenous students compared to non-Indigenous students reported not feeling welcomed at their schools.



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Pacific Northwest Science Fair

The Pacific Northwest Science Fair took place at Charles Hays Secondary School on Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27. There were almost 60 participants, and students from School District No. 52 received 23 awards. Two students were selected to attend the Canada Wide Science Fair 2019. Congratulations to Cameron Sawka, who is one of these two students from our school district.

Policy Committee Work

2 policies were approved to be sent to partner groups for their input:

1115 Board Authorized Courses Policy
1370 Physical Restraint and Seclusion Policy

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September	2	Labour Day
September	3	School Opens
September	27	Implementation Day
October	14	Thanksgiving
October	25	Professional Development Day
November	11	Remembrance Day Stat
November	22	Professional Development Day
December	20	Last School day before Winter Break
December	23	Winter Vacation
to January	3	
January	1	New Years Day Stat
January	6	School Re-Opens
January	24	Pro-D Elementary, Middle School & PCS
February	13	Pro-D CHSS Only
February	14	Curriculum Implementation Day
February	17	Family Day
March	13	Last School day before Spring Vacation
March	16	Spring Vacation
to March	27	
March	30	Schools Re-Open
April	10	Good Friday
April	13	Easter Monday
April	24	Professional Development Day, Regional
May	15	Professional Development Day
May	18	Victoria Day
June	26	Administrative Day
June	26	Schools Close for Summer Vacation

Days of Instruction	178	Total 186
Pro-D Days - Schools Not In Session	7	
Administrative Day	1	

	Hours of Instruction
Kindergarten	853
Grades 1 to 7	878
Grades 8 to 12	952

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