



Media Release Highlights of May 14, 2019 Board Meeting

Charles Hays Secondary School Student Voice

Charles Hays Secondary School Vice-Principal Carla Rourke, along with students Corbin Basso and Allan Phuong, described their participation in two Provincial Student Voice gatherings, and the first local Student Voice event in Prince Rupert. The local event, which included students from Charles Hays Secondary School, Pacific Coast School and Prince Rupert Middle School, was one of the largest in the Province. Students learned about and discussed relationship health, physical health and mental health.

"The Board of Education and senior staff were very pleased to join the Student Voice event for lunchtime discussions," said Board Chair James Horne. "Students in our district clearly demonstrated their ability to eloquently speak out on issues that are important to them."

2019-20 Amended Annual Budget

The Board of Education has amended the annual budget for 2019-20 as an additional \$320,000 in one-time money was available. The operating budget reflects a reserve of \$513,600 or 1.97% 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.

Total expenses in the amended operating budget are \$26,466,000. Specific changes to the budget are outlined below:

Cancelled Reductions:

District Careers Teacher	\$50,000
District Math Helping Teacher	\$20,000

Additions:

Early Literacy Intervention Plan	\$40,000
Literacy Speaker Series	\$25,000
Custodial Equipment (one-time)	\$30,500
Roosevelt secretarial staffing	\$9,500
Staff training	\$45,000
PRMS teacher staffing	<u>\$100,000</u>

Total Increase in Spending	<u>\$320,000</u>
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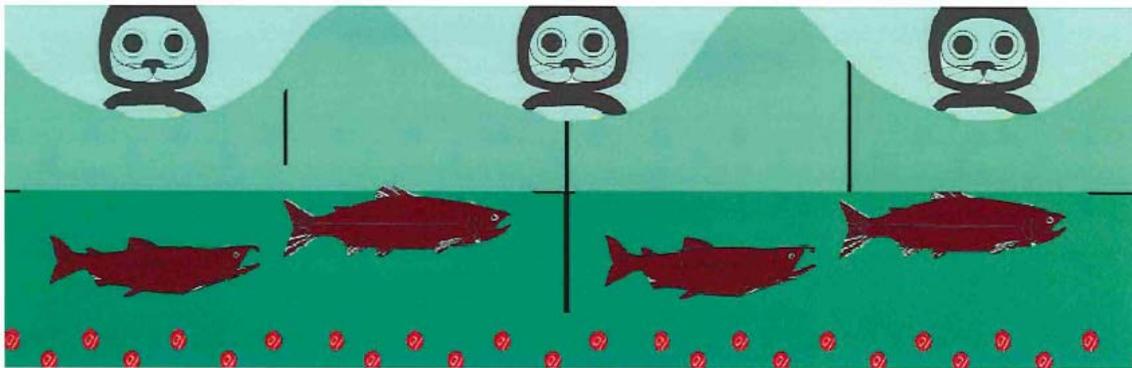
"The Board was relieved to learn that there were additional funds available in the budget to meet student needs," said Board Chair James Horne. "The decisions made by the Board will support staff and students across the district."

Aboriginal Education Budget

The Aboriginal Education Council has made an initial consideration of how the additional funds allocated for Indigenous Education will be used. Staffing increases put in place for 2018-19 will be maintained, and an Aboriginal Liaison Resilience Worker position will be created. Summer Read and Plan will be reinstated, and the District Early Literacy program will be supported in order to embed Aboriginal Content and Ways of Knowing in the program.

Conrad Street Elementary School Mural

The Board of Education is supporting the painting of a mural on the side of Conrad Street Elementary School. ReDesign Prince Rupert is working with the district on this project. Local artist and school district employee Kelli Clifton will work with students on this project.



3 Seals popping out of the waves, 4 salmon beneath and salmon eggs underneath

White Hatter Presentation

The White Hatter will be returning to School District No. 52. Their presentation warns students about the dangers of using social media. Students at Charles Hays Secondary School, Pacific Coast School and Lax Kxeen Elementary School will participate in these presentations.

Report of the Funding Model Review Panel

The Board of Education considered a staff report on the implications of the Report of the Funding Model Review Panel on the district. Chair James Horne will send a copy of the report to the Minister of Education. A copy of this report will be available on the district website, www.rupertschools.ca under "District" and "Correspondence to the Ministry of Education".



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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

4 amended policies were approved for the district Policy Book:

- 1115 Board Authorized Courses Policy
- 1370 Physical Restraint and Seclusion Policy
- 5110 Corporate Sponsorship and Access to Students Policy
- 5120 Naming Policy

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

- 1130 Student Support Policy
- 1310 Child Protection Policy

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