



Media Release

Highlights of December 12, 2017 Board Meeting

Coding

Vice-Principal Paramjit Khaira of Conrad Elementary School highlighted activities that took place across the district from December 4 through 8, 2017 for the “Hour of Code”. Teachers reported a high level of engagement amongst students as they participated in activities that focused on computational thinking. Mr. Khaira noted that both the vocabulary and numeracy skills of students improved as a result of these activities.

“The Board was excited to see so many students engaged in coding activities,” said Board Chair Tina Last. “We look forward to graduating students who are prepared to participate in our ever changing world.”

Grade Six Reporting

Prince Rupert Middle School Principal Michele Cross-Pomponio informed the Board of Education about the new Grade 6 Reporting pilot. This reporting format focusses on a student’s progress in relation to the learning outcomes of the new curriculum and areas for student improvement, rather than focusing on a grade. The school is interested in receiving feedback from families on the new report card format.

Science Fair in Taiwan

Charles Hays Secondary School student Aaliyah Mahboubi is one of two Canadian students heading to Taiwan for the 2018 International Science Competition. Her project, “Microbial Film Power Generation” harvests electricity from muskeg. She is currently fundraising for the trip on her GoFundMe page at <https://www.gofundme.com/canadian-rep-intl-science-fair>.

Amended 2017-18 Capital Budget

An amended 2017-18 Capital Budget was approved by the Board of Education at their meeting on December 12, 2017. The amendment was to add work on two reports for the Prince Rupert Middle School seismic mitigation project. A Seismic Project Identification Report and a Project Definition Report have been requested by the Ministry of Education by June 1, 2018.

Submission of these reports does not mean that the project has been approved to proceed. These reports will be used by the Ministry of Education to consider the project and to potentially form the basis for a submission to Treasury Board requesting project approval.



Annual Budget Consultation

The Board of Education has approved a schedule of meetings for the Annual Budget Consultation for the 2018-19 budget. The first meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 31 at 7:00 pm at the Charles Hays Secondary School Multipurpose Room. This meeting will provide a “world café” discussion time to allow participants to share their thoughts in smaller groups.

The full schedule of meetings is as follows:

Wednesday, January 31, 2018	Public Meeting
Thursday, February 22, 2018	Meetings with Partner Groups
Monday, March 5, 2108	Public Meeting
Tuesday, April 10, 2018	Regular Board Meeting, Budget Submitted for Approval

Policy Committee Work

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

Administrative Bylaw No. 1
1610 Field Trip Policy
5310 Volunteers Policy

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

7120 Travel and Subsistence Policy
7210 Annual Budget Policy
7215 Surplus Policy
7410 Audit Services 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.



From the December 5th Board Meeting:

Committee and School Liaison Appointments

Chairperson:	Tina Last
Vice Chairperson:	Janet Beil
BCSTA Provincial Council Member:	James Horne
BCSTA Provincial Council Alternate:	Louisa Sanchez
Bargaining Representative Council Member:	Terri-Lynn Huddlestone
Bargaining Representative Council Alternate:	Louisa Sanchez

School Liaison Appointments

CHSS	Bart Kuntz
Conrad	Louisa Sanchez
École Roosevelt	Bart Kuntz
Hartley Bay	Louisa Sanchez
Lax Kxeen	Tina Last
Pacific Coast	James Horne
Pineridge	Terri-Lynn Huddlestone
Port Edward	Janet Beil
PRMS	Terri-Lynn Huddlestone

School Board Representatives

Personnel Committee	Chair and Vice Chair
Framework for Enhanced Student Learning	Louisa Sanchez/ James Horne
Finance and Building Committee	Janet Beil/Terri-Lynn Huddlestone/Louisa Sanchez
Policy Committee	James Horne/ Bart Kuntz

Other Committees

Aboriginal Education Council	Janet Beil
Aboriginal Education Council Alternate	Terri-Lynn Huddlestone
District Parent Advisory	Tina Last
District Parent Advisory Alternate	Louisa Sanchez
District Technology	James Horne



District Scholarship Committee	Bart Kuntz
Canadian Parents for French	Bart Kuntz
Healthy Community Integration Committee	Terri-Lynn Huddlestone
Lester Centre of the Performing Arts	Janet Beil

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