



## **Media Release Highlights of March 7, 2017 Board Meeting**

### **Activities at Roosevelt**

Vice-Principal Peter Scott of École Roosevelt Park Community School attended the Board meeting on March 7, 2017 to inform the Board of three activities underway at the school. Chess is being used as a means to help students improve their social interactions with others. Daily Physical Activity has moved from dance to include other activities, including a fitness circuit. Many students are actively participating in a science fair, encouraging them to take an inquiry approach to their learning.

“It is fascinating to see how developing skills in a game like chess can help students improve in other areas of their learning,” said Board Chair Tina Last. “The Board was pleased to see the wide variety of programs offered to students at Roosevelt.”

### **Teacher Recruitment**

The Board of Education has sponsored motions at the Annual General Meeting of the British Columbia Public Schools Employers Association and at the Provincial Council meeting of the British Columbia School Trustees Association in the hopes of obtaining assistance in the recruitment of more teachers to our district, and other rural districts. Both of these motions were supported, and a copy of a letter from BCSTA President Teresa Rezansoff was presented at the Board meeting on March 7, 2017. That letter was written asking the Minister of Education to take action to support recruitment in northern and rural and remote districts.

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

The District Principal, Aboriginal Education and Ms. Elisabeth Wilson presented the Aboriginal Education Partnership Agreement Annual Report for 2015-16 to the Board of Education. This report highlights the work of the department and the success of our Aboriginal students.



## **Cross-Boundary Application Process**

As the district works towards the implementation of the restored class size and composition collective agreement language, changes have been made to the cross-boundary application process. While in recent years families have not had to re-apply each year for a cross-boundary students, for 2017-18 the school district is returning to this process and applications are due by **March 31, 2017**. Having each student apply will assist the district in ensuring that space is available in each school for students living in the catchment area.

## **Annual Budget Consultation**

The final public meeting for this year's Annual Budget Consultation will take place on Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Charles Hays Secondary School multi-purpose room. Updates on the budget will be provided. This will be the last opportunity to provide the Board with input on the budget.

Please come out to this meeting to provide input to the Board of Education.

## **Policy Committee Work**

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

- Student Reporting Policy
- Use of Schools, Grounds and Equipment Policy

3 policies were approved by the Board of Education to be updated in the policy book:

- Student Medications Policy
- District Discipline Committee Policy
- Acceptable Use of Technology Policy

To ensure that approved policies will meet the needs of the district's students and staff, feedback from partner groups on draft policies is welcomed by the Board.

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