



Media Release

Highlights of April 10, 2018 Board Meeting

Spain and Morocco Trip

Charles Hays Secondary School Vice-Principal Mikael Russell and students Chloe Chemko and Seji Sahdra reported to the Board on the student trip to Spain and Morocco. Students expressed their appreciation to the district, the school and their teacher sponsors for the opportunity to go on the trip.

Chloe and Seji were very enthusiastic in describing the trip. From outstanding architecture to abject poverty, the group learned about a much larger world, and returned with a greater appreciation for the life we live in Canada.

“The Board was highly entertained by the stories from Chloe and Seji on their overseas adventure,” said Board Chair Tina Last. “More importantly, the value of these trips to is clear in the way they open our student’s eyes to our global community and help them to become the “Educated Citizen” which is the goal of the public education system.”

Board approval of overseas travel follows Board policy and regulation, and includes consideration of travel advisories issued by the Government of Canada.

2018-19 Annual Budget

The Board of Education has adopted the annual budget for 2018-19. The operating budget reflects a surplus of \$585,100 or about 2.3% of the budget as a reserve to address future operational issues. The Surplus Policy provides that a contingency should be maintained at between 2% and 4% of the operating budget. As the total available surplus was \$1,148,000, the remaining \$562,900 of surplus was used to help balance the budget.

In order to balance the budget, spending reductions were made totaling \$719,300, and new spending – both ongoing and one-time – of \$455,200 was approved. Total expenses in the approved operating budget are \$25,861,000.

“In approving the budget, the Board made a number of very difficult choices,” said Board Chair Tina Last. “Money has been reallocated to areas which will help the district achieve its vision and mission – helping each student to successfully complete their educational program.”



2018-19 Capital Bylaw

The Ministry of Education has approved \$1,130,000 in capital funds for repairs to the roof, boilers and the electrical system at Prince Rupert Middle School. These repairs are critical to ensure the continued safe and comfortable operations of the school. The district continues to work with the Ministry of Education towards the replacement of the school for the long term.

Policy Committee Work

1 Policy was approved by the Board of Education to replace the existing policy:

2330 Service Awards Policy

The Board welcomes feedback from partner groups on draft policies to ensure that approved bylaws and policies will meet the needs of the district's students and staff.

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