



Media Release **Highlights of February 11, 2019 Board Meeting**

Conrad Elementary Rugby Program

Teacher Lindsay Friendship from Conrad Street Elementary School and Prince Rupert Seamen Rugby Club member Jason Scherr attended the Board meeting on Monday, February 11, 2019 to describe the elementary rugby program that has been introduced at the school. The participation of Darcy Patterson from BC Rugby was a great support. Vice-Principal Paramjit Khaira presented a video where students and staff described the benefits of the program.

"It was great to see the engagement of the students as they learned a sport that was new to them," said Board Chair James Horne. "This is another example of how our students benefit when we partner with other organizations, and the Board expresses their thanks to the local rugby club and BC Rugby."

2017-18 Aboriginal Education Partnership Agreement Annual Report

The District Principal, Aboriginal Education, Roberta Edzerza, and Aboriginal Curriculum Specialist Teacher Lori Burger presented a draft of the 2017-18 Aboriginal Education Partnership Agreement Annual Report. This report focusses on the results being achieved by Aboriginal students in the district, and the work of the Aboriginal Education Department to support the improvement of those results. Highlights shared with the Board include an increase in the number of students completing the Sm'algayax curriculum and improvements in student transitions as a result of the transition inquiry project at CHSS.

"The district vision is for education to be inclusive, engaging and real," said Board Chair James Horne. "The pictures in the report show that our Aboriginal Education Department is bringing this vision to life for our students."

Equity Scan Update

The next meeting in the Equity Scan process will be a meeting focused on parents and community members. This meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 8, 2019. Further details will be announced in the near future.

2018-19 Amended Annual Budget

The Board of Education approved the 2018/2019 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw at the meeting on February 11, 2019. The total budget bylaw amount was \$31,314,288, an increase of 2.4% from the original budget bylaw amount of \$30,592,635. The increase reflects changes in expenditures in the operating, special purpose and capital funds.

Copies of the approved amended annual budget will be available soon on the district website, www.rupertschools.ca.



Budget Decision Criteria

At the meeting of the Board of Education on February 11, 2019, the Board of Education amended the criteria they will use when considering proposals for the 2019-20 Annual Budget. The revised criteria are as follows:

- Impact on Student Learning
- Alignment with Strategic Plan
- Quality of Programs and Student Outcomes
- One-time or Short-Term vs. Ongoing or Long-Term impact (Sustainability)
- Equity of programs and across schools
- Amount of Savings or Investment
- Ability to attract outside funding or partnerships

Policy Committee Work

1 policy was approved by the Board of Education to be sent to partner groups for their input:

1210 Student Registration and Catchment Area Policy

4 updated policies were approved by the Board of Education:

6110 Vision, Mission and Foundational Principles Policy

6240 Annual Board Agenda Policy

6310 Role of the Superintendent Policy

6315 Delegation to the Superintendent Policy

1 policy is recommended to be deleted. It is being sent to partner groups to receive their comments on the recommendation to delete the policy.

6420 School Plans Policy

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