



Media Release Highlights of February 11, 2020 Board Meeting

École Roosevelt Park Community School Cedar Merits Program

Teacher Maggie Rebalski and Vice-Principal James Zlatanov of Ecole Roosevelt Park Community School attended the meeting of the Board of Education on February 11, 2020. They described the Cedar Merits Program, which recognizes student achievement towards the Ministry of Education's core competencies. The program idea was originally developed from the book, "The Six Cedar Trees," however after consultation with the Aboriginal Education Department they discovered it was not an authentic Indigenous resource to be used. At monthly assemblies, each class recognizes three students. In addition, five names are drawn from all cedar strips for book prizes.

"The Board was pleased to hear that this program has improved student engagement during assemblies and in their regular class activities", said Board Chair James Horne. "Positive reinforcement of behavior makes the school a welcoming place for students and their families."

French Immersion Staffing

The Board of Education received a significant number of letters from French Immersion students and their parents. District staff updated the Board on the recruitment efforts that continue. Recruitment is challenging as there is a National shortage of French Immersion teachers. The Superintendent will meet with the local chapter of Canadian Parents for French on the afternoon of February 27, 2020.

Annual Budget Consultation – NEW LOCATION

The second meeting for the Annual Budget Consultation for the 2020-2021 Annual Budget will take place on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. At this meeting, district partner groups will make their budget requests to the Board of Education. The meeting will be held in a new location, on the second floor of the Booth Operations Building. Access is available from the 5th Avenue East parking lot of Lax Kxeen Elementary School to the back of the Booth building.



Prince Rupert Middle School Seismic Project – Open House

An open house will be held from 7pm to 9pm on Thursday, February 27, 2020 in the Prince Rupert Middle School gymnasium. The purpose of the open house is to gather public input on potential sites for the replacement of Prince Rupert Middle School. District staff will present these options at the regular City Council meeting at 7pm on Monday, February 24, 2020.

The Seismic Mitigation Program funds the lowest cost site option.

Aboriginal Education Partnership Agreement Draft Annual Report – Annual Growth Plan

Truth and Reconciliation Administrator Lori Burger presented the Aboriginal Education Partnership Agreement Draft Annual Report – Annual Growth Plan to the Board of Education. This report provides data for the 2018-19 school year. The presentation focused on the 4 goals of the Aboriginal Education Partnership Agreement:

1. Increasing Aboriginal learners' knowledge of Aboriginal language, culture and history
2. Increasing Aboriginal learners' achievement in reading and writing
3. Increasing Aboriginal learners' achievement in mathematics
4. Increasing Aboriginal learners' successful transitions, school completion rates, and graduation rates

The Grade 8 transition feast and the continued development of the Sm'algyax language program were highlighted.

Framework for Enhancing Student Learning

Student surveys have recently been completed to inform the ongoing work of the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning. School and district teams will be reviewing the survey data in the coming weeks.

February 14, 2020 Curriculum Implementation Day

Author Monique Gray Smith will be the headline speaker at the District Curriculum Implementation Day on Friday, February 14, 2020. The morning presentation will



take place at 8:45 at the Lester Centre of the Arts and the public is invited to attend this morning session.

2019-20 Amended Annual Budget

The Board of Education approved the 2019/2020 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw at the meeting on February 11, 2020. The total budget bylaw amount was \$33,261,695, an increase of 5.0% from the original budget bylaw amount of \$31,672,640. 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.

Policy Committee Work

2 policies were approved for distribution to the district's partner groups for their review and comment:

- 3210 Energy Conservation and Environmental Stewardship Policy
- 3220 Buildings and Grounds Projects Policy

4 policies were approved and will be uploaded to the district website:

- 1220 International Students Policy
- 3350 Acceptable Use of Technology Policy
- 3410 Security and Protection of Buildings Policy
- 3420 Video Surveillance Policy



Upcoming Events

February 9-16, 2020	All-Native Basketball Tournament
Thursday, February 13, 2020	Non-Instructional Day (Secondary Schools)
Friday, February 14, 2020	Curriculum Implementation Day (Indigenous Focus)
Monday, February 17, 2020	Family Day Holiday
Tuesday, February 18, 2020	Annual Budget Consultation Meeting
February 21-22, 2020	Provincial Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 25, 2020	Breakfast Club of Canada Official Opening at Prince Rupert Middle School
Thursday, February 27, 2020	Prince Rupert Middle School Seismic Project Open House
Monday, March 2, 2020	BCSTA Professional Development Day in Prince Rupert
Tuesday, March 10, 2020	Board Meeting
March 16 – 27, 2020	Spring Break

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