



Media Release

Highlights of March 10 and March 11, 2020 Board Meetings

Demolition of Kanata Elementary School and Seal Cove Elementary School

Director of Operations James Warburton described the demolition process for Kanata Elementary School and Seal Cove Elementary School, using videos of the demolitions taken by a drone. Material that cannot be recycled or reused is crushed or shredded into very small pieces to minimize the amount of landfill space used.

“The Board was pleased to hear of the efforts made to recycle and reuse as much of the building material as possible”, said Board Chair James Horne. “Thank you to the Ministry of Education for funding the demolition of these 2 schools.”

Trip to India

A group of students and chaperones from Charles Hays Secondary School has planned a Spring Break trip India. The Board of Education reviewed the current risks associated with a trip to India and decided to allow the trip to proceed.

On March 11, 2020 the Government of India cancelled all tourist visas. The Board of Education held a special open meeting and cancelled the trip, allowing families to apply for a refund of their travel payments.

School Calendar

District staff continue to work with representatives of the Prince Rupert District Teachers' Union on changes to the collective agreement that will allow for a two week Spring Break for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school calendars. The 2020-2021 school calendar is a challenge because the timing of Labour Day and June 30 result in a shorter school year.

A special meeting of the Board of Education will be scheduled for Tuesday, March 31 (in conjunction with the Annual Budget Consultation meeting) to approve the school calendars.



Aboriginal Education Partnership Agreement Draft Annual Report – Annual Growth Plan

Roberta Edzerza, the District Principal, Aboriginal Education, presented the final, published version of the Aboriginal Education Partnership Agreement Annual Report – Annual Growth Plan to the Board of Education. The Board of Education was pleased to receive the report.

Annual Budget Consultation – NEW LOCATION

The third and final meeting for the Annual Budget Consultation for the 2020-2021 Annual Budget will take place on Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. At this meeting district staff will present an updated draft budget and review proposals for changes to the budget. 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.

Policy Committee Work

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

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

Upcoming Events

March 16 – 27, 2020	Spring Break
Tuesday, March 31, 2020	Annual Budget Consultation Meeting
Friday, April 10, 2020	Good Friday Statutory Holiday
Monday, April 13, 2020	Easter Monday Statutory Holiday
Tuesday, April 14, 2020	Board Meeting
April 15 – 18, 2020	BCSTA Annual General Meeting
Friday, April 24, 2020	Non-Instructional Day



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