



Media Release
Highlights of April 14, 2020 Board Meeting
Meeting held remotely via Zoom

CHSS Continuity of Learning

CHSS Principal Sandy Pond described the wide variety of ways the school's teaching staff are delivering lessons to their students, and commended the efforts of her teachers as they completed Term 2 report cards while developing new online lessons plans for their students. Principal Pond also praised the work of the school's support staff by collecting and returning student belongings and other material required for the continuity of learning.

"The Board of Education could not be more proud of all district staff as we seek to respond to the suspension of in-class learning as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic," said Board Chair James Horne. "We continue to hope for the best for all staff, students and families."

Remote Board Meetings

As a result of the ban on public gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board of Education has moved to remote Board meetings. While this has been a learning curve for all trustees and staff, the Board is committed to continue to hold public meetings and is currently using the Zoom platform for its meetings. The Board expresses their thanks to the Ministry of Education for purchasing a provincial Zoom license for the K-12 sector.

School Calendar

The 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school calendars with two week Spring Breaks were approved by the Board of Education at their meeting on April 14, 2020 following a spirited debate. Copies of the calendars are attached to this press release.

COVID-19 Updates

The Superintendent of Schools provided an update on the district's responses to the COVID-19 pandemic that has led to the suspension of in-class instruction. There are a multitude of activities underway to address the continuity of learning, food security and the care of children of Essential Service Workers. Support is



also available to address mental health concerns of staff and students. Please check the district website and social media accounts for regular updates.

Capital Budget Approval

The Capital Bylaw for the 2020-2021 Five Year Capital Plan was approved by the Board of Education. Top of the Board's list is the submission of the Concept Plan for the seismic replacement of Prince Rupert Middle School.

Also approved in this year's capital plan are the following projects:

- Lighting upgrades in all schools;
- Washroom upgrades in all schools (this is expected to be complete over 3 years); and
- Playground equipment at Lax Kxeen Elementary School.

Annual Budget Consultation – REVISED DATES

The third and final meeting for the Annual Budget Consultation for the 2020-2021 Annual Budget has been rescheduled to Monday, April 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be held remotely via Zoom. Please RSVP to tamara.dickson@sd52.bc.ca for access to the meeting.

At this meeting district staff will present an updated draft budget and review proposals for changes to the budget. The budget is expected to come to the Board for approval at the May 12, 2020 Regular Open Board Meeting.

Policy Committee Work

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

6610 Making Policy and Regulation Policy
6710 Records Management Policy



Upcoming Events

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| April 15 – 18, 2020 | BCSTA Annual General Meeting CANCELLED |
| Friday, April 24, 2020 | Non-Instructional Day |
| Monday, April 27, 2020 | Annual Budget Consultation Meeting |
| Tuesday, May 12, 2020 | Board Meeting |
| Monday, May 18, 2020 | Victoria Day Statutory Holiday |

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