



Media Release

Highlights of May 12, 2020 Board Meeting

Meeting held remotely via Zoom

Essential Service Worker Education Care Program

Lax Kxeen Elementary School Principal Susan Kobza provided an overview of the Education Care Program the district is providing for children of Essential Service Workers. The program provides a mix of educational and physical activities, making great use of the outdoor areas near the school. The dedication and care of district staff, and in particular of the Education Assistants who provide care before and after school, have made this program a success.

“The Board is very thankful for all staff who have contributed to the success of this program,” said Board Chair James Horne. “Our community’s ability to operate is dependent on the support for our families that programs like this provide.”

COVID-19 Updates

The Superintendent of Schools provided an update on the district’s responses to the COVID-19 pandemic and shared the Exposure Control Plan that has been implemented for schools.

2020-21 Annual Budget Bylaw

The Board of Education has adopted the annual budget for 2020-21. The operating budget reflects a reserve of \$396,500 or 1.5% of the budget as a contingency to address future operational issues. The Surplus Policy provides that a contingency should be maintained at between 2% and 4% of the operating budget.

In order to balance the budget, spending reductions were made totaling \$477,900. No new spending was approved. Total expenses in the approved operating budget are \$26,675,000.

Specific changes to the budget are outlined below:

Reductions:

OH&S Budget	\$100,000
District Extra-Curricular Travel Support	\$10,000
Trustee Travel & Pro-D	\$34,400
Recruitment Travel	\$35,000
Lester Centre	\$26,000



School Supplies	\$42,500
Maintenance Supplies	\$95,000
Equipment	\$37,000
Roosevelt Second Secretary	\$8,000
Architects	\$40,000
Utilities	<u>\$50,000</u>
Total Reductions	<u>\$477,900</u>

“The Board faced a difficult challenge to address the needs of our students within a balanced budget,” said Board Chair James Horne. “The Board worked very hard to ensure that these budget cuts minimized any direct impact on students.”

Appointment of Auditors

The Board of Education has re-appointed Carlyle, Shepherd & Co. as the auditors for the district’s financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2020.

Policy Committee Work

1 policy was approved for distribution to the district’s partner groups for their review and comment:

1210 French Immersion Policy

2 policies were approved by the Board:

6610 Making Policy and Regulation Policy

6710 Records Management Policy

Upcoming Events

Friday, May 15, 2020	Non-Instructional Day
Monday, May 18, 2020	Victoria Day Statutory Holiday
Tuesday, June 9, 2020	Board Meeting
Thursday, June 25, 2020	Last day of school classes
Friday, June 26, 2020	Administrative Day



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