



## **Media Release Highlights of January 12, 2021 Board Meeting**

### **Prince Rupert Middle School – School Start-up**

Principal Michele Cross-Pomponio and Vice-Principal Paramjit Khaira from Prince Rupert Middle School provided an overview of changes to school operations as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Wearing masks in common spaces and frequent hand hygiene are now well-established routines in the school. Many of the changes, including scheduling of nutrition break and lunch break, were made to ensure that students remain in their learning groups (cohorts). Don Davies, the day shift custodian, makes regular visits to disinfect the school's common areas.

"The Board is impressed by the implementation of an online tool for staff to report their daily health checks," said Board Chair James Horne. "We are appreciative of all the effort by all staff and students to keep the school running safely during this pandemic."

### **Field Trip**

There have been very few field trips during the pandemic. Approval has currently been granted for two field trips for student cohorts from Prince Rupert Middle School to visit Shames Mountain for a ski trip. A number of safety protocols are in place for this trip.

These trips are scheduled for February 8 and February 22, which is after the current travel restrictions end on February 5. If the Provincial travel restrictions are extended past February 5, approval of these trips will be reconsidered.

NOTE: On January 13, 2021 the field trips were cancelled as busses could not be confirmed for the trips.

### **Annual Budget Consultation**

The first meeting for the consultation process for the 2021-2022 Annual Budget is on Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. This public information meeting will be held online. Pre-registration to attend is necessary to facilitate setting up small group, "talking circle" discussions during the meeting. Please contact Tamara Dickens at [tamara.dickens@sd52.bc.ca](mailto:tamara.dickens@sd52.bc.ca) to register.



## Policy Committee Work

2 policies were approved by the Board of Education for the district policy book:

1610 Field Trip Policy  
5110 Corporate Sponsorship and Access to Students Policy

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

7220 Purchasing and Tendering Policy  
7410 Audit Services Policy

## Upcoming Events

Friday, January 22, 2021	Professional Development Day - Middle and Elementary Schools
Thursday, January 28, 2021	BCPSEA Annual General Meeting
Thursday, February 4, 2021	Annual Budget Consultation Meeting
Tuesday, February 9, 2021	Board of Education Meeting
Friday, February 12, 2021	Professional Development Day - Secondary Schools
Monday, February 15, 2021	Family Day Statutory Holiday

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