



Media Release Highlights of March 9, 2021 Board Meeting

Lax Kxeen Elementary School Projects

Principal Susan Kobza and Vice-Principal Jean Marogna of Lax Kxeen Elementary School gave a presentation highlighting activities at the school this year. Outdoor education is a key focus for the school this year, both as a response to the pandemic and because it provides great variety in the learning environment. There are many opportunities for hands-on learning outdoors. The school will soon have new playground equipment installed, and is now fundraising for a permanent outdoor classroom structure.

“The Board of Education loved the concept of the garden tower,” said Board Chair James Horne. “Trustees will look forward to when they can visit the school to enjoy the rocks currently being painted by the students and see the plants transplanted from the garden tower to an outdoor garden area.”

Strategic Plan Committee

The district will be forming a Strategic Plan Committee as work continues to renew the strategic plan. District partner groups will be asked to participate on the committee, including the Indigenous Education Council, PRDTU, IUOE, PRPA, DPAC and a student representative.

Anti-Racism Gathering

The Indigenous Education Department co-hosted an Anti-Racism gathering on Monday morning, March 8, 2021 with the North Coast Immigrant & Multicultural Services Society. Speakers included Bob Joseph, Jo Chrona and Lynda Gray. The online gathering was well attended by a broad cross-section of participants, including two school classes.

Appointment of Auditors

The district completed a tender process for an auditor for the annual financial statements, receiving bids from three accounting firms. The Board appointed KPMG to be the auditors for the year ended June 30, 2021.



Architect Tender Award

The district completed a tender process for an architect for the district-wide washroom upgrade project. 5 bids were received, and the contract has been awarded to ThinkSpace Architecture Planning Interior Design.

Amended 2021-2022 Capital Plan

The Board approved an amended 2021-2022 capital plan. One item was added to the plan, for the demolition, and hazmat and soil remediation, of an area at Lax Kxeen Elementary School.

Policy Committee Work

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

7110 Trustee Remuneration and Expense Allowance Policy
7120 Travel and Subsistence Policy

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

3520 Disposal of Land and Improvements Policy
3530 Disposal of Vehicles, Furnishings and Equipment Policy

Upcoming Events

Monday, March 15, 2021 to Friday, March 26, 2021	Spring Break
March 29, 2021	Annual Budget Consultation Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Friday, April 2, 2021	Good Friday Statutory Holiday
Monday, April 5, 2021	Easter Monday Statutory Holiday
Tuesday, April 13, 2021	Board of Education Meeting
April 15 to 18, 2021	BCSTA Annual General Meeting (online)
Friday, April 23, 2021	Regional Professional Development Day



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