



Media Release

Highlights of September 14, 2021 Board Meeting

Wilwilaaysk Wellness Worker

Lucy Trimble is the Wilwilaaysk Wellness Worker, and a part of the Indigenous Education Department in the school district. Ms. Trimble described her role in supporting students and families by using her training in social work combined with a focus on indigenous culture and art.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

The Province of British Columbia has declared Thursday, September 30, 2021 as a statutory holiday for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. This day will be recognized in the school district, and schools will be closed for this important day. A revised school calendar was presented to the Board.

The district will be installing “Every Child Matters” banners on district schools and buildings in advance of this day.

Forensic Audit

The Board of Education approved \$15,000 to commence a forensic audit of the school district. The Board will receive a report after this initial work is completed, and then determine if further work is required.

School Opening

Director of Instruction Sandy Pond reported that approximately 96% of students have returned to in-school classes as of September 10, 2021 – compared to 90% last year. The district is reaching out to families of those students who have not yet attended school. Official enrolment for the year for funding purposes is determined as at September 30, 2021, and may be available for the October Board meeting.



TRICORP Funding

Superintendent Andrew Samoil was pleased to announce that Tribal Resources Investment Corporation (TRICORP) has renewed their funding for the 2021-2022 school year. This funding allows for an Indigenous Resource Mentor at each of Charles Hays Secondary School and Pacific Coast School. Mentors work with students to ensure they will successfully complete their graduation requirements.

Future Board Meetings

The Board has determined that future Board meetings will be a combination of in-person and online meetings. In-Person meetings will be held in the meeting room at the Booth Operations Building. Access to this room is at the back of the building (facing the back of Lax Kxeen Elementary School). This room is large enough to promote appropriate physical distancing.

Trustees and the public will also be able to attend the meeting remotely using Zoom or another similar technology.

The Board also decided that meetings should be recorded, with the recordings made available on the district website for anyone who would like to see the meeting at a later date.

Policy Committee Work

1 policy was approved by the Board of Education for the district policy book:

5220 Use of Schools, Grounds and Equipment Policy

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

7210 Annual Budget Policy

7215 Surplus Policy

The Board of Education also approved sending the 2021-2022 Work Plan to the district's partner groups for their review and comment.



Upcoming Events

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| Friday, September 24, 2021 | Non-Instructional Day |
| Thursday, September 30, 2021 | National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Statutory Holiday |
| Monday, October 11, 2021 | Thanksgiving Statutory Holiday |
| Tuesday, October 12, 2021 | Board of Education Meeting |
| Thursday, October 14, 2021 | BCSTA Meeting of Board Chairs |
| Friday, October 15, 2021 | BCSTA, Ministry of Education Joint Liaison Meeting |

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