



## **Media Release**

### **Highlights of December 14, 2021 Board Meeting**

#### **Sm'alg̱ax Language Instruction**

Laura Leask, Tina Demings and Natasha Brown attended the Board meeting on December 14, 2021 to update the Board on Sm'alg̱ax language instruction in the district. Students have continued their learning about local food plants and Tsymsen traditions. Classes have gone out on the land to harvest plants, and then returned to the classroom to learn how to preserve the food. Students then share the food they have prepared with their families and others. Fluent language teacher Ben Spencer has been an important part of this program.

"It was great to hear how this program focusses on district students, and what they want to learn," said Board Chair Kate Toye. "Trustees are very appreciative of the hands-on learning, and the lessons on the importance of sharing what we have."

#### **Board Meeting Dates**

The Board of Education approved a recommendation to move Board meetings to the Third Tuesday of each month for the remainder of the school year. This change will allow time for final financial results of the previous month to be prepared for the Board. Board meeting dates for the rest of the year are as follows:

January 18, 2022  
February 15, 2022  
March 15, 2022  
April 19, 2022  
May 17, 2022  
June 21, 2022

#### **Community Rentals**

The district now has additional procedures and forms in place to enable community rentals of school facilities. Renters will need to have contagious disease safety plans in place, which will include the need to check for vaccination status; frequent hand hygiene; physical distancing and daily health checks. Additional forms will soon be available on the district website.



## Annual Budget Consultation Dates

The Board of Education has approved the schedule of consultation dates for the 2022-2023 Annual Budget. Determination of the meeting format (online, in-person, or a combination of the two) will be made closer to the date of each meeting.

Monday, January 31 7:00 p.m.	Public Information Meeting and Talking Circle Consultation
Wednesday, February 16 7:00 p.m.	Individual Presentations from Partner Groups, in Public
Friday, February 25 4:00 p.m.	Deadline for budget submissions
Thursday, March 17 7:00 p.m.	Report on Input Received and Ministry Funding
Tuesday, April 19 7:00 p.m.	Board meeting to Approve Budget

## Calendar

The Board of Education will begin formal consultations on school calendars for the 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years in January. Calendars for 2020-21 and 2021-22 were approved in March 2020. All partner groups will be asked to provide feedback on the proposed calendars. One-week and two-week Spring break calendars will be presented. In order to approve calendars with two-week Spring breaks, the district and the Prince Rupert District Teachers' Union would need to agree on appropriate amendments to the collective agreement.

## Policy Committee Work

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

- 6110 Vision, Mission and Beliefs Policy
- 6240 Annual Board Agenda Policy



## **2022 Appointments and Committees**

Following the Election of officers on November 2, 2022, trustees have received their appointments and committee assignments. Those are as follows:

### **School Liaison Appointments**

CHSS	Kate Toye
Conrad	Louisa Sanchez
École Roosevelt	Kristy Maier
Hartley Bay	Louisa Sanchez
Lax Kxeen	Tina Last
Pacific Coast	James Horne
Pineridge	Bart Kuntz
Port Edward	Kate Toye
PRMS	Janet Beil

### **School Board Representatives**

Personnel Committee	Kate Toye, Janet Beil
Framework for Enhanced Student Learning	James Horne, Kate Toye
Finance and Building Committee	Janet Beil, Kristy Maier, Louisa Sanchez
Policy Committee	Janet Beil, James Horne

### **Other Appointments**

Aboriginal Education Council	Kate Toye
Aboriginal Education Council Alternate	Tina Last
District Parent Advisory	Kristy Maier
District Parent Advisory Alternate	Louisa Sanchez
District Technology	Bart Kuntz
District Scholarship Committee	Bart Kuntz
Canadian Parents for French	Louisa Sanchez
Canadian Parents for French Alternate	Kristy Maier
Healthy Community Integration Committee	Kate Toye
Lester Centre of the Performing Arts	Janet Beil
Lester Centre Alternate	Tina Last
Equity Scan	Kate Toye



## Upcoming Events

December 20-31, 2021	Winter Break
Monday, January 3, 2022	Schools re-open
Tuesday, January 18, 2022	Board of Education Meeting
Friday, January 21, 2022	Non-Instructional Day, Elementary & Middle Schools
January 27-28, 2022	BCPSEA Annual General Meeting

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