



Media Release Highlights of March 15, 2022 Board Meeting

Physical Geography 12 and Science 12 Courses

Charles Hays Secondary School Vice Principal James Zlatanov and Teacher Vania Ling presented their collaborative work teaching Physical Geography 12 and Science 12. They are instructing these courses using as much local content as possible. Many field trips have already taken place. The support of the Indigenous Education Department has been essential in the development of the course and field exercises.

Students Hayden Wilson and Logan Phillips told trustees that they have learned a lot about local things, seeing things they have never seen, from the mountains to the sea.

“The Board is very grateful to all of the local community members who have collaborated with Mr. Zlatanov and Ms. Ling to showcase our local environment,” said Board Chair Kate Toye. “It was exciting to hear directly from students how they have been impacted by these courses.”

Strategic Plan Approval

The Strategic Plan for 2021-2026 was approved by the Board of Education, and is now available on the district website. Learning in the district will reflect Indigenous Ways of Knowing; a Culture of Care; and a Future Focused System.

Specific priorities identified during this period are Equity, Truth and Reconciliation, and Mental Health Literacy.

Indigenous Course Requirement

A public engagement for the new Indigenous-focused graduation requirement has been launched by the Ministry of Education and Child Care. The survey can be found at [govTogetherBC](https://www.govtogetherbc.ca) and will be available until April 22, 2022. Please visit the site and share your thoughts on the proposed approach for this new graduation requirement.



School Calendars

The Board of Education has approved the school calendars for the 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years. There is a two-week Spring Break for all three years, thanks to agreements reached between the Board and the Prince Rupert District Teachers' Union. Changes to the non-instructional days in 2023-24 and 2024-25 may be required prior to the commencement of those years. Copies of the calendars will be available on the district website.

Annual Budget Consultation

The third public meeting of the Annual Budget Consultation Process was scheduled for Thursday, March 17. That meeting has been postponed, and will be re-scheduled after Spring Break.

Policy Committee Work

The Board of Education is seeking input from partner groups on 2 draft policies:

2330 Service Awards Policy
5120 Naming Policy

The Board of Education approved updates to 2 policies:

6260 Conflict of Interest Policy
6270 Whistleblower Protection Policy

Upcoming Events

March 21 to April 1, 2022	Spring Break
Friday, April 15, 2022	Good Friday Statutory Holiday
Monday, April 18, 2022	Easter Monday Statutory Holiday
Tuesday, April 19, 2022	Board of Education Meeting
April 21-24, 2022	BCSTA Annual General Meeting
To Be Announced	Annual Budget Consultation Meeting



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