



Media Release Highlights of May 17, 2022 Board Meeting

Pineridge Elementary School Literacy Program

Debra Fabbi, Principal of Pineridge Elementary School, described the school's literacy activities in April for "Poetry Month." Students explored both reading and writing as they learned a variety of kinds of poems, appropriate to their grade level.

"It was great to see the confidence of the students as they read their poems to other students," said Board Chair Kate Toye. "The Board was very impressed with how fun this approach to learning was for the students at Pineridge."

Indigenous Learning – Witness Blanket

The Witness Blanket was created by artist Carey Newman and is an exhibit of the Canadian Museum of Human Rights. It is a national monument to recognize the atrocities of the Indian Residential School era, honor the survivors and symbolize ongoing reconciliation. Lesson plans have been made available for teachers to visit the exhibit with their classes.

The exhibit is located in the Lester Centre and available for public viewing until May 29, 2022. There will be an open house on May 24, 2022, tentatively from 4 to 6 p.m.

A documentary on the Witness Blanket is available on the Canadian Museum of Human Rights website: <https://humanrights.ca/story/picking-up-the-pieces-the-making-of-the-witness-blanket> and a free app is available for download that explains in detail each panel of the blanket.

Indigenous Learning – BCSTA Annual General Meeting

Trustees reported back from the attendance at the BCSTA Annual General Meeting. The Learning sessions focused on Indigenous learning. In a learning circle, trustees heard directly from survivors and their families about the impact of residential schools. Trustees reported that these are stories that everyone needs to hear, and they have an obligation to share what they have learned with others.



Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) Data

The Director of Instruction, Sandy Pond, presented a brief overview of the Foundation Skills Assessment data for 2020-2021 for the district as a whole to the Board of Education. This assessment helps to determine students' strengths, and areas for further improvement. There are significant numbers of students who are not yet meeting expectations. The interruptions to learning during the pandemic may have contributed to these results.

2022-2023 Annual Facilities Grant Plan

The plan for spending of the 2022-2023 Annual Facilities Grant funding was approved by the Board of Education. Spending is allocated as follows:

Trades Wages	\$250,000
IT Projects	30,000
Capital Asset Management System	11,545
Health & Safety	60,000
Building Maintenance	140,000
Building Renewal	120,000
Outdoor Renewal & Maintenance	<u>84,067</u>
	<u>\$695,612</u>

Tender Approvals

Tenders were awarded for the installation of unit ventilators at Charles Hays Secondary School and École Roosevelt Park Community School by Pac West Ventures Corp. The unit ventilators were purchased earlier in the year. This project is funded with Ministry of Education capital grants.



Policy Committee Work

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

1130 Student Support Policy
1310 Child Protection Policy

The Board of Education approved updates to 2 policies and 1 new policy:

1115 Board Authorized Courses Policy
1210 Student Registration and Catchment Area (Elementary) Policy
4210 Pandemic Response Policy

Upcoming Events

Friday, May 20, 2022	Non-Instructional Day
Monday, May 23, 2022	Victoria Day Statutory Holiday
Tuesday, May 24, 2022	Witness Blanket Open House
Thursday, June 2, 2022	Special Open Board of Education Meeting Annual Budget Approval
Tuesday, June 7, 2022	Pacific Coast School Commencement
Thursday, June 10, 2022	Charles Hays Secondary School Commencement
Monday, June 20, 2022	Regular Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, June 21, 2022	National Indigenous Peoples Day
Wednesday, June 29, 2022	Last Day of School
Thursday, June 30, 2022	Administrative Day

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