



## **Media Release**

### **Highlights of October 18, 2022 Board Meeting**

#### **Lax Kxeen Elementary School Outdoor Classroom**

Tania Murray, Principal of Lax Kxeen Elementary School and Susan Kobza, District Vice-Principal of Early Learning and Childcare provided an update on the use of outdoor learning at the school. Taking students outdoors is inclusive and engaging, and ties in with the First Peoples Principles of Learning.

“The Board is excited to see the development of this outdoor learning space with the input of students. We can’t wait to see the addition of the music wall,” said Board Chair Kate Toye. “The Board expressed their thanks to the Prince Rupert Port Authority for their financial contribution to the construction of the outdoor classroom.”

#### **Trustee Changes**

The Board of Education expressed their thanks to Trustees Tina Last and Bart Kuntz, who did not seek re-election, as this was their last meeting. Trustee Last served on the Board for 20 years, 13 of those as Chair of the Board. Trustee Kuntz served on the Board for 17 years, 3 of those as Vice-Chair of the Board, and he was an active participant on many different Board committees.

Incumbents Kate Toye, Kristy Maier, James Horne and Louisa Sanchez were re-elected to a new 4 year term. Incumbent Janet Beil was acclaimed for electoral area 2. Mike Pucci and Danielle Dalton are newly elected trustees. The new board’s term begins in early November.

#### **Enrolment**

Student enrolment at September 30, 2022 was 1,810 students, compared to a budget forecast of 1,775 students and enrolment at September 30, 2021 of 1,830 students. As the enrolment is higher than budgeted number of students, there should be no reduction in Ministry funding when the final funding is announced in December.



## **District Special Funding for 2022-23**

The district is receiving one-time funding for the 2022-23 school year as follows:

1. Student and Family Affordability Fund	\$250,000
2. Early Learning and Childcare	\$175,000
3. Equity Scan Implementation	\$79,000
4. Reaching Home Grant (CHSS)	\$77,657
5. Mental Health	\$57,000
6. Seamless Day Kindergarten Pilot	\$55,400

Consultation is underway with the Indigenous Education Council and other partner groups on how these funds can best support students in the district.

## **Policy Committee Work**

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

- 3410 Security and Protection of Buildings Policy
- 3420 Video Surveillance Policy

The Board of Education approved updates to two policies:

- 2310 Protection of Students and Maintenance of Order Policy
- 5220 Use of School Grounds and Equipment Policy

## **Upcoming Events**

Friday, October 21, 2022	Implementation Day – Non-Instructional Day
November 7 to 8, 2022	BCPSEA Symposium
Tuesday, November 8, 2022	Board of Education Meeting – Board Elections



## **Upcoming Events**

Friday, November 11, 2022      Remembrance Day – Statutory Holiday

Tuesday, November 15, 2022      Board of Education Meeting

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