

# Media Release Highlights of May 16, 2023 Board Meeting

#### **ECE Dual Credit Program – Susan Kobza and Kate Wahl**

The Vice-Principal of Early Learning and Childcare, Susan Kobza and the Executive Director of Westview Child care, Kate Wahl presented a video of testimonials of the students who are taking the ECE dual credit course at CHSS. The students expressed interest in the fact they were going to receive dual credits for this course and that they would gain practical work experience. One student had worked at the day-care for 10 weeks for work experience and they really enjoyed it and plan to pursue this path. Some are interested in becoming teachers and thought this would help them along that path. Jeremy Janz, principal of Pacific Coast School put the video together.

Trustees expressed their thanks for all the hard work being done with the ECE Dual Credit Program. Trustees can see that the students really valued the empowerment, and Kate Wahl said their growth was amazing from beginning to end. This program will be funded for two more years. Trustees hope that this program will gain more and more traction over time.

Chair Toye expressed "We know our very young children will have quality staff, thanks to the dual credit ECE assistant courses."

# **Upcoming projects/Learning/Other**

Students have been writing the Literacy and Numeracy 10 assessments at PCS, CHSS and Hartley Bay. Students in Grade 4, 7, 10 and 12 have been doing the Provincial Learning Survey.

April was poetry month and Pineridge Elementary had a poetry writing focus.

Learning around Earth Day included Conrad Elementary student painting wooden fish that will be displayed in the Seal Cove Salt Marsh. Students also went to the Oldfield Hatchery to release salmon fry.



Ecole Roosevelt Community School has raised \$72,000 with the help of community partners to create their outdoor classroom and gardens.

Schools are hosting Ready, Set, Learn sessions for 3 /4 year olds and Welcome to Kindergarten sessions for 4/5 year olds who are entering Kindergarten next year.

#### **Indigenous Education - Annual Growth Plan**

Roberta Edzerza, District Principal of Indigenous Education and Lori Burger, Vice-Principal of CHSS presented the DRAFT Annual Growth Plan for Indigenous Education. Trustees expressed thanks for all of the hard work put into this report and said it is evident that the First Peoples Principal of Learning is reflected in our District Annual Growth Plan.

#### **Policy Committee Work**

The Board of Education approved the new policy:

5240 – Childcare Policy

### **Upcoming Events**

May 19, 2023	Professional Development Day
May 22, 2023	Victoria Day
May 23, 2023	Budget meeting
June 9, 2023	CHSS Commencement



# **Upcoming Events**

June 16, 2023 PCS Commencement

June 20, 2023 Board meeting

June 21, 2023 National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 29, 2023 Last Day of School

June 30, 2023 Administrative Day

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