



Media Release
Highlights of June 20, 2023 Board Meeting

Presenters – Kristy Tillman, PRMS Band
Nancy Griffith-Zahner, CHSS – Decolonizing French Education

Chair Toye introduced Kristy Tillman from PRMS. She presented on the Middle School Band and reported on the Music Festival in Niagra Falls. She included photos of the band trip and spoke to all of the different things they did. The festival said they deserved gold and beyond. The students were well behaved and had a fantastic time. Chaperones were amazing and all deserve gold medals as well. The students exhibited so much pride and it spread to the community. Students spoke of their experiences and their favorite parts of the trip. They discussed how close they all became after this trip. They showed their gold awards for concert and jazz band. Trustees enjoyed hearing of the students experiences and commended them on a job well done. Trustees commended the students on also being fantastic volunteers in the community.

Chair Toye introduced Nancy Griffith-Zahner from CHSS. She presented on Decolonizing French Education and how she requested changing the current curriculum with permission. She discussed the wonderful opportunity to take the French students to Haida Gwaii and reviewed the activities they did. Everything reflected the Haida culture in their learning. The community welcomed them and Nancy's goal was to have the kids feel this. They attended Harbour Days and the local markets. Trail walks and the trail markers/signs in both languages provided great learning opportunities for the students. They had done their research prior to attending so when they attended the different areas they were able to connect with the history/culture. Impressed with the high school and the indigeneity from the ground up. It was a success and a transformative learning experience. Trustees thanked Nancy took the initiative and did this.

Trustees expressed their thanks for all the hard work being done with these programs.

"It was wonderful to have students come to the board meeting to share their experience with us." Chair Toye expressed her deepest gratitude as both of these presentations showcased amazing opportunities for our students.



Upcoming projects/Learning/Other

The Superintendent provided a summary of recent school activities and upcoming events.

Many celebrations in the schools. Schools have been celebrating with sports days, field trips, family days at Diana Lake, family nights, their own National Indigenous Day celebrations and Graduations.

CHSS students are writing their Literacy 10/12 and Numeracy 10 Assessments this week.

Elementary Schools all hosted Welcome to Kindergarten sessions this past month. Six are registered for Conrad Seamless Day Kindergarten and seven for Pineridge before and after school care. Parents are continuing to register and numbers are expected to increase for both programs by September.

National Indigenous Day tomorrow.

Ministry has posted some updated information on the new reporting order. It is posted on our website and we will send some information with reports cards home this year.

Policy Committee Work

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

2110 – Staff Recruitment & Retention Policy

1430 – District Support Committee Policy

Upcoming Events

June 21, 2023

National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 29, 2023

Last Day of School



Upcoming Events

June 30, 2023

Administrative Day

Sept 5, 2023

School Re-opens

Sept 19, 2023

Board of Education Meeting

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