



Media Release

Highlights of October 16, 2023 Board Meeting

Presenters – Morgan Sundin and Melody Marlow

Chair Toye introduced Morgan Sundin and Melody Marlow who presented on mental health and wellness. Mental Health is a topic our District is focused on. They reviewed all presenters from the recent Curriculum Implementation Day and expressed how this allowed an opportunity to connect with the main message that "We hold each other up". Focus is on setting up a mental health leadership committee and ideally this would include one person from every school and stakeholder groups.

Trustees expressed their thanks for this presentation. The feedback from teachers from Implementation Day was very positive and they found the sessions to be valuable.

Chair Toye expressed "It is with deep gratitude that I acknowledge the work that is being done in our district to create a common language and understanding around mental wellness. The rubric that has been shared is a wonderful resource that anyone in our district can use to get curious about their understanding of mental wellness and also shows steps in how we can move through the rubric to what best practices look like to support our whole school community."

Upcoming projects/Learning/Other

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

The media release today announced our successful application to the child care new spaces fund. Prince Rupert will now have 111 additional child care spaces. The funding came from the provincial and federal government.

Before and After school spaces update – we currently have room at Conrad and Pineridge. Roosevelt and Lax Kxeen are full at this time.



Policy Committee Work

The Board of Education approved the policies:

- 6720 – Privacy Policy
- 6730 – Public Interest Disclosure Policy
- 1120 – French Immersion Policy

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

- 3360 – Multimedia Devices Policy
- 1140 – Student Reporting Policy

The Board of Education is seeking further review from the policy committee on 1 policy:

- 1220 – International Student Policy

Upcoming Events

October 13 & 14, 2023	BCSTA NIB & NW Joint Branch Meeting
October 19, 2023	Advocacy Day, Board Chairs
October 20, 2023	Professional Development Day
November 2 & 3, 2023	BCPSEA Symposium
November 7, 2023	Board of Education Meeting (Elections)
November 10, 2023	Remembrance Day Statutory Holiday
November 16 & 17	BCSSA
November 16, 2023	Board of Education Meeting



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