



Media Release

Highlights of February 20, 2024 Board Meeting

Presenter – Christina Leighton, Charles Hays Senior Secondary School

Superintendent Samoil introduced Christina Leighton to present on the things she has been accomplishing in her Food Sovereignty role. She has been bringing Indigenous Food into the school. Ms. Leighton shared a slide show of photos of the students learning how to harvest, process and cook delicious recipes. Trustees enjoyed all of the photos showing this learning.

Chair Toye expressed thanks for Ms. Leighton's presentation and for sharing the work she is doing with our students. "It was wonderful to see the 3 priorities of our strategic plan actualized through her role by processing, gathering, cooking and sharing traditional foods."

Upcoming projects/Learning/Other

The Acting Superintendent, Sandra Pond, provided a summary of recent school activities and upcoming events in the school district.

The recent Indigenous Implementation Day on February 16, 2024 was titled "Fostering Strength & Resilience." We were fortunate to have Denise Augustine, Superintendent of Indigenous Education MECC and Kim Spencer, "Weird Rules to Follow" author speak at this event.

The Indigenous Education Department has been very busy. They have offered Indigenous focused course support sessions for teachers connected to the Indigenous focused graduation requirement: professional developments and collaboration. They have been doing a book study on "Indigenous Writes" which has brought many meaningful conversations connected to educator practice. They have Student Indigenous Leadership Groups: PCS Youth Group and CHSS Young Matriarchs. There are two student leadership groups for Indigenous girls that are being facilitated by the team. Students will be developing a focus with the Spirals of Inquiry and will work through the inquiry process to develop a focus for taking action, while promoting leadership and youth voice and empowerment.



The Sm'algax team has been doing ongoing work with grade curriculum with the team, digital resource updates are ongoing, and signage curriculum work.

The French Immersion program had all French Immersion students from Roosevelt and PRMS (approx. 120 students) attended an all-French music event at the Lester Centre on January 26, 2024. Will Jams is a bilingual singer who was in Prince Rupert for AFFNO's Maple Sugar Festival. Thank you to AFFNO for financially supporting this event. In preparation for Kindergarten registration, SD52 offered two "Welcome to French Immersion" information sessions on January 24 & 25 at Roosevelt Park Elementary School. These sessions were well attended and provided parents with more information about our French Immersion program.

Early Learning Updates include: ECE Dual Credit started on January 31st at CHSS with 16 students in person and 1 student attending remotely from Hartley Bay. This is the second year we have offered ECE courses. We are pleased to have 12 students in Before and After School care at Conrad Elementary and 13 students enrolled at Pineridge Elementary.

Policy Committee Work

The Board of Education approved the policy:

7110 – Trustee Remuneration and Expense Allowance Policy

7120 – Travel and Subsistence Allowance Policy

The Board of Education is seeking input from partner groups on the policy:

6250 – District Parent Advisory Council Policy

Upcoming Events

February 24, 2024

Provincial Council

March 11, 2024

Board of Education Meeting

March 18-28, 2024

Spring Break



Upcoming Events

March 29, 2024	Good Friday
April 1, 2024	Easter Monday

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