



Media Release Highlights of March 11, 2024 Board Meeting

Presenter – Michael McDowall, French Immersion Program

Superintendent Samoil introduced the Vice-Principal of École Roosevelt Park Elementary School, Michael McDowall to present on the French Immersion Program. Mr. McDowall reviewed what is involved in the program and featured the benefits of Early French Immersion. There are currently 183 students in the program with 86 at Roosevelt, 53 at PRMS and 44 at CHSS. The French Immersion Program is inclusive and open to all students.

Chair Toye expressed "Thank you for sharing your presentation on French Immersion in our district. It is wonderful to see your top three goals moving forward for the program. Each of your goals is enriching our French Immersion program and again highlights the importance of community and partnerships in a school district. I would also like to acknowledge and express our gratitude to the elders, the Sm'algyax language authority, and Wap Sigatgyet staff for their work in translating Adaawx from Sm'algyax to French".

Upcoming projects/Learning/Other

The Acting Superintendent, Sandra Pond, provided a summary of recent school activities and upcoming events in the school district. Schools are doing a great job connecting students to the community and extending their learning. Conrad Elementary hosted a Student Art Show through a Jane Goodall grant. Lax Kxeen Elementary invited the Rupert Rampage to come and read with their students. Both Pineridge and Roosevelt are enjoying a visit from Sparky and Fire Department this week.

The CHSS Wrestling Team and both the Senior and Junior Boys Basketball Teams travelled to compete in the Provincials this past month. Teams fundraise for these events. Both the Senior and Junior Girls teams won zones but chose not to go to Provincials due to the cost.

Due to provincial staff shortages in Health Care and Child Care, the Ministry is investing funds into Dual Credit Programs for Early Childhood Education (ECE) and



Health Care. CHSS is currently offering ECE Dual Credit courses and will be offering an Introduction to Health Dual Credit Course next school year.

Data has been reviewed from the Grade 4 and 7 FSAs, the Student Learning Surveys, the Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment, the Grade 10 and 12 Literacy Assessment and the 5- and 6-year Graduation Rates for SD 52 with the Large Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Group. Priority #1 is to have equity and to eliminate the achievement gap for all students. We are celebrating the fact that the 5-year grad rates for all students increased from 59.9% to 82.1% and the 6-year grad rates increased from 70.6% to 91.8% which is at parity with Provincial averages.

Policy Committee Work

The Board of Education approved the policy:

6250 – District Parent Advisory Council Policy

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

1610 – Field Trip Policy

2340 – Release Time of Staff to Act as Resource Personnel Policy

2360 – Employee Conduct and Political Activities Policy

Upcoming Events

March 18-28, 2024 Spring Break

March 29, 2024 Good Friday

April 1, 2024 Easter Monday



Upcoming Events

April 15, 2024

Board of Education Meeting

April 19, 2024

Professional Development Day, Regional

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