

Highlights of November 7, 2018 Board Meeting

TRECC – Pacific Coast School

Pacific Coast School Principal Jeremy Janz attended the Board meeting with students Gage Ryan-Devison, Taylor Wilson and James Barton to discuss the recent class TRECC trip to the lava beds. TRECC is an acronym for Teamwork, Respect, Environment, Culture and Community. The program emphasizes student engagement through challenging, place-based hands-on learning.

Gage, James and Taylor expressed their appreciation for the Board’s support of the TRECC program, and described how meeting and listening to Aboriginal elders helps them to have a better understanding and sense of belonging in their communities.

“Gage, Taylor and James were very well spoken and are great representatives of their school and our district,” said Board Chair James Horne. “The Board is proud of our students and staff, and was pleased to hear from guides and elders that they show tremendous respect on their TRECC trips.”

Board Elections

The Board of Education held their annual election of officers, with the following results:

Chair	James Horne
Vice Chair	Kate Toye
BCSTA Provincial Council Member	Louisa Sanchez
BCSTA Provincial Council Alternate	Kristy Maier
Bargaining Representative Council Member	Bart Kuntz
Bargaining Representative Council Alternate	Janet Beil

Chair James Horne thanked Trustee Tina Last for her 13 years of leadership as Chair of the Board.

Trustee Last thanked former trustee Terri-Lynne Huddlestone for her passion and dedication to the Board of Education and the needs of the district’s students, and presented her with a plaque in recognition of her service.

Announcement of committee membership and school liaison appointments will be made separately.

Aboriginal Education

The Aboriginal Education Council asked the Board to formally support the implementation of Recommendation #63 from the report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. That recommendation is as follows:

- 63) We call upon the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada to maintain an annual commitment to Aboriginal education issues, including:
- i. Developing and implementing Kindergarten to Grade Twelve curriculum and learning resources on Aboriginal peoples in Canadian history, and the history and legacy of residential schools.
 - ii. Sharing information and best practices on teaching curriculum related to residential schools and Aboriginal history.
 - iii. Building student capacity for intercultural understanding, empathy, and mutual respect.
 - iv. Identifying teacher-training needs relating to the above.

In response, the Board of Education passed a motion endorsing the creation of an implementation plan for Recommendation #63.

The Board passed a motion for the Chair to send a letter to the First Nations Education Steering Committee in support of a requirement for a mandatory First Nations course for graduation.

Policy Committee Work

2 policies were approved by the Board of Education:

- 2340 Release Time of Staff to Act as Resource Personnel Policy
- 7210 Annual Budget Policy

2 policies were approved by the Board of Education to be sent to partner groups for their input:

- 6260 Conflict of Interest Policy
- 6270 Whistleblower Protection Policy

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