



Media Release

Highlights of December 10, 2019 Board Meeting

Wheelchair Basketball

James Wintle, the district's Occupational Therapist, described the wheelchair basketball program brought to the district by the Northern Adapted Sports Association (NASA). Students and staff were challenged to participate in the sport, which levelled the playing field for all of the participants. This activity was an excellent example of the use of Universal Design for Learning (UDL), one of the key strategies used in the district to ensure education is inclusive for all learners.

"Trustees shared the stories they heard of engaged and enthusiastic students who participated in wheelchair basketball", said Board Chair James Horne. "The board thanks Mr. Wintle for responding to the invitation from NASA and supporting the program in our district schools."

Education Assistant Training

Superintendent Irene LaPierre was pleased to announce that Coast Mountain College will be proceeding with an Education Assistant training program in the fall of 2020. This program will allow existing employees to upgrade their skills, and will allow other community members to obtain the skills needed to fill vacancies for Education Assistant positions.

Teacher Training

Superintendent Irene LaPierre was disappointed to advise the Board that Simon Fraser University (SFU) does not have enough students to proceed with a Professional Linking Program for teacher training in January 2020. SFU is working with the district to have the program commence in September 2020.

Conrad Mural

The Conrad Mural will be unveiled on Thursday, December 19, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. The Board of Education thanks Kelli Clifton and her many student helpers for their hard work on this amazing artwork.



Annual Budget Consultation

Dates for the Annual Budget Consultation for the 2020-2021 Annual Budget have now been set. Changes to this year's consultation will include individual partner groups making their presentations in a public setting, and deferring the third meeting to ensure that Ministry funding has been approved and all proposed spending or budget cuts can be announced in public prior to the Board's budget debate. The dates are as follows:

Thursday, February 6	Public information meeting and Talking Circle Consultation @ 7:00pm
Tuesday, February 18	Individual presentations from partner groups, IN PUBLIC, starting @ 7:00pm
Friday, February 28	Deadline for budget submissions @ 4:00pm
Monday, March 30	Report back to public on input received and Ministry Funding @ 7:00pm
Tuesday, April 14	Board meeting to approve budget @ 7:00pm

Conrad Street Elementary School – Seismic Status

The District recently completed a seismic assessment of Conrad Street Elementary School using the most current seismic standards. The result of this assessment determined that all four blocks of the building now have a high seismic risk. The District has asked the Ministry of Education to add the school to the Seismic Mitigation Program list.



Policy Committee Work

2 policies were approved for distribution to the district's partner groups for their review and comment:

2110 Staff Recruitment and Retention Policy
5220 Use of School Grounds and Equipment Policy

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 15, 2020	Middle and Elementary School Christmas Concert at the Lester Centre
Wednesday, December 18, 2020	CHSS Christmas Concert at CHSS Multi-Purpose Room
December 23, 2019 to January 3, 2020	Winter Break
Tuesday, January 14, 2020	Board Meeting
Thursday, January 23, 2020	FNESC Regional Meeting
January 30-31, 2020	BCPSEA Annual General Meeting

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