



## **Media Release Highlights of February 9, 2021 Board Meeting**

### **Pacific Coast School Projects**

Principal Jeremy Janz of Pacific Coast School presented a video to the Board of Education demonstrating the learning that is underway at the school, in the context of the current pandemic. Hands-on, engaging projects are a key to helping students be successful. This includes learning about practical, affordable cooking; job-ready skills; electronics; and 3D modelling and printing.

“The Board of Education really enjoyed seeing pictures of students engaging in their learning in outdoor settings,” said Board Chair James Horne. “Hearing directly from students in the video was a highlight for the Board.”

### **Indigenous Education Growth Report (Draft)**

Roberta Edzerza, District Principal, Indigenous Education and Lori Burger, Administrator, Truth and Reconciliation, presented a draft of the 2019-2020 Indigenous Education Growth Report to the Board of Education. The report provides an update on the achievements of Indigenous students in the district, and highlights the many ways Indigenous language, culture, history, knowledge, skills and people make learning engaging for all students in the district. The final report is expected to come to the March meeting of the Board of Education.

### **Amended Annual Budget Approval**

The Secretary-Treasurer advised the Board that a spending freeze is currently in place, to ensure the district can finish the year with a balanced budget. Many of these changes will be reflected in the Amended Annual Budget, which will allow the Board of Education to provide input on the necessary budget reductions.

A special open meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. to consider the Amended Annual Budget for 2020-2021. Anyone interested in attending the meeting needs to contact Tamara Dickens ([Tamara.Dickens@sd52.bc.ca](mailto:Tamara.Dickens@sd52.bc.ca)) at the School Board Office for the meeting information.



## Annual Budget Consultation

The second meeting for the consultation process for the 2021-2022 Annual Budget is on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. This public information meeting will be held online. Pre-registration to attend is necessary. At this meeting the district's partner groups are invited to make presentations to the Board of Education. Please contact Tamara Dickens at [Tamara.Dickens@sd52.bc.ca](mailto:Tamara.Dickens@sd52.bc.ca) to register.

## Policy Committee Work

2 policies were approved by the Board of Education for the district policy book:

7220 Purchasing and Tendering Policy  
7410 Audit Services Policy

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

7110 Trustee Remuneration and Expense Allowance Policy  
7120 Travel and Subsistence Policy

## Upcoming Events

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| Friday, February 12, 2021                           | Professional Development Day -<br>Secondary Schools  |
| Monday, February 15, 2021                           | Family Day Statutory Holiday   |
| Saturday, February 20, 2021                         | Provincial Council Meeting   |
| Tuesday, February 23, 2021                          | Special Open Board of Education Meeting at<br>6:30 p.m. to consider Amended Annual<br>Budget<br><br>Annual Budget Consultation Meeting at<br>7:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, March 9, 2021                              | Board of Education Meeting   |
| Monday, March 15, 2021 to<br>Friday, March 26, 2021 | Spring Break   |



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