



Media Release Highlights of January 17, 2023 Board Meeting

Charles Hays Secondary School – Mental Health Literacy

Charles Hays Secondary School student Natalie DeMille brought her passion to help students address mental health to the Board. Supporting the needs of students involves 4 aspects:

- Education of students and staff about mental health
- Advocacy to encourage more people to support students’ needs
- Equipping students with skills and knowledge
- Supporting students in a variety of ways

The “Plant Parenthood” program encourages students to reflect on their own mental health as they care for their “baby” plants.

“Ms. DeMille took from her own experience a passion for this initiative,” said Board Chair Kate Toye, “The Board of Education looks forward to seeing her efforts spread across the district, across the country and around the world.”

Annual Budget Consultation Dates

Dates for the consultation on the 2023-2024 Annual Budget have been amended as follows:

Tuesday January 31, 2023	Public information meeting and Talking Circle Consultation @ 7:00pm
Thursday February 16, 2023	Individual presentations from partner groups, IN PUBLIC, starting @ 7:00pm
Friday February 24, 2023	Deadline for budget submissions @ 4:00pm
Tuesday April 11, 2023 (changed)	Report back to public on input received and Ministry Funding @ 7:00pm



Thursday April 20, 2023	Board meeting to approve budget @ 7:00pm
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Please join the Board online at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 31, 2023 for the first session of this year's budget consultation. For your access link to this session please email tamara.dickens@sd52.bc.ca.

On Thursday, February 16, 2023 the second budget session will take place, with presentations from individual partner groups. This meeting will take place at the Booth Meeting Room at 7:00 p.m., with an online link available for those who are unable to attend in person.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration is open at the district's elementary schools. Children who will turn 5 by December 31, 2023 need to be registered in the school in your catchment area. A map of catchment areas is on the district website, under Parents/Student Registration.

If your preference is for your child to attend a different school, you will also need to complete a cross-boundary application form.

French Immersion Program

Parents are encouraged to consider the option of enrolling students in kindergarten in the French Immersion program at École Roosevelt Park Community School. Pre-school students can attend a fun Monday Morning activity class on January 30th. Parent Information sessions are being held at the school from 7-8 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18 and Thursday, February 19.

Policy Committee Work

The Board of Education is seeking input from partner groups on revisions to 3 policies:

- 1320 Communicable Diseases and Immunizations Policy
- 1350 Student Medications Policy
- 1380 Anaphylaxis Policy



Upcoming Events

Monday, January 23, 2023	Non-Instructional Day Middle & Elementary Schools
January 26 & 27, 2023	BCPSEA AGM
Tuesday, January 31, 2023	Annual Budget Consultation Meeting 7:00 p.m. Online
Friday, February 10, 2023	BCSTA / Ministry of Education Liaison Meeting
February 12-18, 2023	All-Native Basketball Tournament
Thursday, February 16, 2023	Non-Instructional Day Secondary Schools
Thursday, February 16, 2023	Annual Budget Consultation Meeting 7:00 p.m. Booth Meeting Room
Friday, February 17, 2023	Indigenous Implementation Day
Monday, February 20, 2023	Family Day Statutory Holiday
Tuesday, February 21, 2023	Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m. Booth Meeting Room

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