“HIGHLIGHTS”

Board of Education Regular (Public) Meeting
held at the Board of Education Office, Terrace,
Wednesday, November 27, 2019

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, Board Vice Chair Raj acknowledged the school district’s business being conducted on the Traditional Territory of the Tsimshian People and extended a warm welcome to meeting guests. Regrets were extended on behalf of Board Chair McCory who was unable to attend the meeting due to out-of-town work commitments.

The Regular Board Meeting continued with the Trustees addressing the following agenda items:

- A presentation was shared by Colleen Austin regarding the school district’s Indigenous Languages Revitalization Plan. On September 5, 2019, the Board of Education announced the services of Ms. Austin, ‘Wii Goot, as contract Indigenous Languages Revitalization Coordinator to provide services towards the preservation, promotion and revitalization of the First Nations languages within the school district. The objective in the engagement of Ms. Austin’s services is to build, develop and implement a Five Year Plan for Languages Revitalization for the four local Indigenous languages within the traditional boundaries of the school district. This initiative will be conducted in consultation with a network team of Indigenous Languages Leaders representing the ten local Nations within the school district, the Kermode Friendship Society and the Northwest BC Metis Association as well as other stakeholder groups as necessary. These representatives will form the Steering Panel for the Five Year Plan for the Languages Revitalization Plan. The first Network Group Meeting of the Indigenous Languages Leaders was held on November 26, 2019.

- Received the Board’s letter of support addressed to the Minister of Health regarding Youth Vaping Concerns expressed by the MLA for Kamloops-South Thompson.

- Received the Board’s letter addressed to the Minister of Education regarding Teacher Recruitment, Retention and Incentive Strategies.

- Received the minutes for the Business Committee Meeting held on November 13, 2019.

- Received the September 30, 2019 Quarterly Financial Statements.


- Received the following policies for first reading: New Policy 1105 Provision of Menstrual Products, Revised Policy 1020 Diversity in Schools and Revised Policy 1095 Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity. Current policies are available on the school district’s website.

- Highlights of the November 13, 2019 Education Committee Meeting were shared and the meeting minutes were received.


- The BCSTA Provincial Council Report (BC School Trustees Association) was received for information.