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Next Regular Board Meeting:

Wed., October 28, 2020
5:00 p.m., Majagaleehi
Gali Aks Elementary School
Hazelton

Further information on meeting proceedings can be obtained by contacting the School Board Administration Office at (250) 638-4401 or from the school district website at www.cmsd.bc.ca.

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Board of Education Regular (Public) Meeting
Wednesday, September 30, 2020 – 5:00 p.m.
NTETC Meeting Room & Livestreamed via CMSD82 YouTube Channel

The Board of Education of Coast Mountains School District 82 held its first regular meeting of the new school year at the Northwest Trades & Employment Training Centre (NTETC) on Wednesday, September 30. The meeting was also livestreamed via the CMSD82 YouTube Channel.

The meeting was called to order with the acknowledgment of the school district’s business being conducted on the Traditional Territories of the Tsimshian, Gitksan, Haisla and Nisga’a Peoples. Board Chair McCrory spoke to the school district’s first priority of ensuring the safety and well-being of students and staff at all times. Safety and Cohort Plans were developed for the new school year that will see the school district maximize face-to-face instruction while at the same time ensuring safety and providing face-to-face educational programs balanced with an environment that recognizes the importance of student social emotional and well-being. The Board is confident that School District 82 has offered educational options for parents and guardians during this unique time.

Board Chair McCrory spoke to Orange Shirt Day celebrated annually on September 30, in recognition of the harm the residential school system did to children’s sense of self-esteem and well-being, and as an affirmation of our commitment to ensure that everyone around us matters. Orange Shirt Day refers to the new shirt that Phyllis Webstad was given to her by her grandmother for her first day of school at St. Joseph’s Mission residential school in British Columbia. When Phyllis got to school, they took away her clothes, including her new shirt. It was never returned. A video of Phyllis’ story in her own words was presented. [Click on this link to view Phyllis’ video.](#)



The meeting continued with the Trustees addressing the following agenda items:

- approved the revisions to the District Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee mandate wording;
- received the [Superintendent of School’s monthly report for September 2020](#);
- received the minutes of the Business Committee Meeting held September 23, 2020;
- approved the [2019-2020 Audited Financial Statements Version: 7795-7049-5067](#) for submission to the Ministry of Education;
- received the [2019-2020 School Year Financial Statement Discussion & Analysis Report](#);
- approved the request to the Minister of Education to carry forward \$268,504 surplus in Aboriginal Education targeted funds to the 2020-2021 fiscal year;
- received the minutes for the Education Committee Meeting held September 23, 2020;
- Approved the [2020-2021 School Growth Plans](#) available for viewing on the school district’s website;
- Received the Board’s letter of support provided to the Hyder Stewart Action Committee in support of the Hyder, Alaska and Stewart, B.C. designation of “integrated trans-border community” to address the current dire circumstances that the border restrictions have imposed on these communities due to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Trustees provided highlights of their activities since the start of the new school year.