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- BCSTA Headlines: Daily News for School Trustees (January 9-13)

2020:R-003 MOVED: Trustee Mann, SECONDED: Trustee Stiglitz
AND RESOLVED:
"TO receive and file the correspondence."

REPORT OF THE CLOSED MEETING:

Chairperson Fehr reported on the discussion of two labour items.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

a. School Reports

Trustee Stiglitz reported that the Captain Meares' Christmas Concert and PAC Stocking Raffle were both very successful, with an extra private donation this year to provide a Christmas stocking to all of the students at the concert. The Winter Break is now over and everyone is getting back to business as usual! Wednesday Night Music starts this week and students are practicing sets at Sally's Restaurant. Missoula Theatre will arrive on February 22nd to provide a week of music and theatre instruction for students. .

Trustee Mann reported that the Christmas Concert at Ray Watkins Elementary School was a great success and everyone is back, fresh from their break. Ray Watkins is hosting Korean International students both day and night, until the end of February. Last Friday, the 6th Annual Arcade Cardboard Challenges took place. Basketball team practices and the D&D Club have also started and will continue for the next few months. Ray Watkins will be welcoming Roger Keeping from Scientists in Schools for three days in late January, and three student teachers from the University of Victoria will be joining the staff on February 3rd and will stay until April.

Chairperson Fehr reported that Gold River Secondary School is hosting a new group of International students. The second round of student choice options takes place on Fridays which builds communication and team skills for students. Student mental health is generally good. The Girls' and Boys' Basketball is continuing and the GRSS wrestlers are competing in January and February with a prediction that three will participate in the Provincials! Report cards are published in February, with parent/teacher interviews to follow. The next PAC meeting is scheduled for February 6th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Nil.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Appointments to Board Committees for 2020

- **Budget Committee** – Board of Education, Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer, Associate Director of Human Resources
- **CUPE Labour Management Committee** – Trustee Fehr, Trustee Mann (Alternate), Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer, Associate Director of Human Resources
- **CUPE Negotiating Committee** – Trustee Fehr, Trustee Man (Alternate), Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer, Associate Director of Human Resources, District Principal

- **District Earthquake Safety Committee** – Trustee Stiglitz, Trustee Smith (Alternate), Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer, Associate Director of Human Resources, District Principal
- **District Mission and Goals Committee** – ad hoc
- **District Occupational Health and Safety Committee** – Trustee Stiglitz, Trustee Mann (Alternate) Associate Director of Human Resources, District Principal
- **District Policy Review Committee** – Board of Education, Superintendent/ Secretary-Treasurer, Associate Director of Human Resources
- **First Nations Education Liaison Committee** – Trustee Smith, Trustee Stiglitz (Alternate), Superintendent/ Secretary-Treasurer, Associate Director of Human Resources
- **Grievance Committee** – Area Trustee, Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer, Associate Director of Human Resources
- **Joint Rental Accommodations Committee** – Trustee Smith Trustee Hanson (Alternate), District Principal, Associate Director of Human Resources
- **Scholarship Committee** – Trustee Mann, Trustee Fehr (Alternate) Superintendent/ Secretary-Treasurer, District Principal
- **VIWTU Negotiating Committee** – Trustee Fehr, Trustee Mann (Alternate), Superintendent/ Secretary-Treasurer, Associate Director of Human Resources, District Principal
- **Working Relations Committee** – Trustee Fehr, Trustee Mann (Alternate), Superintendent/ Secretary-Treasurer, Associate Director of Human Resources, District Principal

The BC Public School Employers' Association Representative and Alternate will be Trustee Stiglitz and Trustee Fehr. The BC School Trustees Association Provincial Councillor and Alternate will be Trustee Fehr and Trustee Hanson.

b. **Spring Community Consultation Meetings**

The Spring meetings will focus on gathering feedback on the District's draft mission, vision and values. Tentative dates:

- Gold River – Monday, February 24 – School Board Office – 7-8:30 pm;
- Kyuquot – to be announced;
- Nanaimo – Tuesday, February 18 – Nisaika Kum'tuks Learning Centre – 4-5:30 pm;
- Tahsis – Monday, February 24 – Captain Meares Elementary Secondary School – 4-5:30 pm
- Zeballos – Tuesday, February 25 – Zeballos Elementary Secondary School – 4-5:30 pm

c. **Request for Funding Support**

Although acknowledging the Legion's financial support for students in School District 84, the Board denied the request from the BC/Yukon Command Legion for funding support in order to designate School District funds to students' education.

SUPERINTENDENT/SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT:

a. **District Update**

The staff and students have returned from their Winter Break and are now back to their very busy school schedules. A special welcome to the new group of Korean students who will be in Gold River until the end of February.

b. **Enrollment Report**

The District enrollment has decreased slightly to 526 students.

c. Finance Warrants

As at December 31, six months or 50% of the 2019/20 fiscal year and four months or 40% of the school calendar year has elapsed. The budget amounts in this report are the 2019/20 preliminary budget amounts based upon the Spring 2019 estimated enrollment for 2019/20.

At this time, the year-to-date revenue and expenses are trending as predicted in comparison to the budget for the School District.

At the end of June 2019, the District had an operating surplus of \$1,003,741 (L/Y\$1,036,442) of which \$504,000 was allocated for use in the current year leaving an unrestricted surplus of \$500,000. The District is currently using approximately \$700,000 to balance the budget, however, it likely will not all be required by year-end

To the end of December 2019, the District received \$2,568,907 (2017-\$2,308,002) in Ministry of Education operating grants. This is 41% (L/Y 45%) of the total grants to be received. To the end of December 2018, the District received \$1,588,444 for the Local Education Agreement (2018-\$1,384,488, 2017-\$1,480,000).

Operating expenses last year were 57.7% of budget. Currently, the variance is 57.7% of budget so the District is right on track with spending.

TRUSTEE INQUIRIES:

Nil.

PRESS AND PUBLIC INQUIRIES:

Nil.

NOTICE OF MEETING:

The next public meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, February 10, 2020, at 4 pm, at the School Board Office in Gold River. The public is invited to attend. Any requests for additions to the agenda should be forwarded to the School Board Office two weeks prior to the meeting. Board meeting minutes are posted on the District's website at <http://www.sd84.bc.ca/board-meetings-school-district-84>.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 4:25 pm:

2020:R-004 MOVED: Trustee Mann, SECONDED: Trustee Stiglitz
AND RESOLVED:
"TO adjourn."