



Media Release

Highlights of April 14, 2015 Board Meeting

District Careers Report

District Careers Coordinator Sèbastien Paquet is in a role funded by the Ministry of Education for one year. Mr. Paquet provided a presentation for the Board of Education that described the work he has been doing this school year to encourage students to explore the trade and career options available to them. This work has included presentations from local employers and hands-on activities that allow students to experience different kinds of work. Mr. Paquet has also been actively building on the relationship between the school district and major employers in the community.

"Mr. Paquet's presentation clearly demonstrated his passion for the work at hand," said Board Chair Tina Last. "On behalf of the Board of Education, I hope the Ministry of Education will continue this funding for another year so that our students continue to receive valuable information about their career options when they complete their public education."

District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC)

At the meeting of the Board of Education on March 10, 2015 approval was given for a grant of \$2,500 to the District Parent Advisory Council. This grant will enable DPAC to continue to offer training and information sessions for the parents and guardians of the district's students.

"The District Parent Advisory Council is one of the district's valued partners," said Board Chair Tina Last. "The Board of Education appreciates the many hours of hard work put in by the parents serving on DPAC, and it is our pleasure to support their work."



City Rezoning

Secretary-Treasurer Cam McIntyre updated the Board of Education on his presentation to City Council in opposition to the proposed rezoning of a property adjacent to the Kanata school property. The Board of Education confirmed their support for the Secretary-Treasurer's presentation to City Council and expressed their concern about the impact of the City's approval of the third reading for the rezoning bylaw. The Board expressed a desire to discuss this issue at a meeting with City Council.

2015-2016 Annual Budget

The Board of Education has adopted the annual budget for 2015/16. The budget can be characterized as a status quo budget, with no significant staffing changes anticipated for September 2015. Administrative savings, as required by the Ministry of Education, are reflected in the budget. Total spending authorized in the budget is \$30,129,983 for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

Policy Committee Work

2 draft policies were approved to be sent out to partner groups for comments:

Making Policy and Regulations Policy
Records Management Program Policy

The Board continues to value the feedback it receives from its partner groups on draft policies, in order to ensure that approved policies will meet the needs of the district's students and employees.

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