



Media Release
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Highlights of December 9, 2014 Board Meeting

Daily Physical Activity and Teacher Collaboration at École Roosevelt Park Community School

At the December 9, 2014 meeting of the Board of Education, Principal Sheila Wells and Vice-Principal Andrée Michaud described the morning daily physical activity program at École Roosevelt Park Community School. During this time, teachers are able to meet and collaborate on their teaching practice.

Teachers Megan Chow, Michael McDowall and Laura Gerrits described the positive impact of the program on their students' being ready to learn, and expressed their appreciation for the time to meet and collaborate with their colleagues.

"It is wonderful to hear about the enthusiasm of the students in this dance program," said Board Chair Tina Last. "And it is equally wonderful to hear from teachers the value that the collaboration time is bringing to their practice."

Board Elections

The Board of Education held their annual election of officers, with the following results:

Chair	Tina Last
Vice Chair	Janet Beil
BCSTA Provincial Council Member	Judy Carlick-Pearson
BCSTA Provincial Council Alternate	Terri-Lynne Huddlestone
Bargaining Representative Council Member	Terri-Lynne Huddlestone
Bargaining Representative Council Alternate	Louisa Sanchez

Announcement of committee membership and school liaison appointments will be made separately.

Thank You to Outgoing Trustees

Former trustee Barb Gruber was presented with a plaque in recognition of her three years of service as a trustee. Chair Last thanked Mrs. Gruber for her service and wished her well in her ongoing work in the community.

A plaque of recognition for former trustee Marty Bowles will be presented to him by the Board.

Superintendent's Annual Report on Student Achievement

Superintendent Sandra Jones presented her annual report on student achievement. There are a number of areas where student achievement is improving, and in particular the district's Aboriginal students are continuing to move towards, or exceed, Provincial averages for Aboriginal students.

In order to maintain this positive trend, the district will continue its work in early childhood education and will look for new ways to reach out to families in the community. The district has also recognized the need to improve its results in numeracy, and has specialist teacher Carole Fullerton coming to Prince Rupert three times this year to work with teachers on their mathematics instruction practices.

"The Board is pleased to see the continuing improvement in the results for the Aboriginal students in the district," said Board Chair Tina Last. "We look forward to even better results in the years to come."

Proposed Work Camp on Wantage Road

Trustees discussed the Notice of Public Hearing received from the City of Prince Rupert with respect to the proposed work camp on Wantage Road. Concern for the welfare of students, particularly at Prince Rupert Middle School, was raised by the Board.

While the Board understands that the city has already passed the bylaw to rezone the land for the work camp, they directed staff to meet with city officials to discuss the Board's concerns.

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