



Media Release Highlights of May 12, 2015 Board Meeting

“Shed is Lyfe”

Charles Hays Secondary School teacher Doug Brown and students Chase Woelders and Josh Reneiro described the building of a shed as part of the school shop program, nicknamed “Shed is Lyfe”. The first shed has been completed and sold, and a second shed is under construction. Chase and Josh described the confidence they have acquired in their ability to build and the benefits of learning to work as a team.

In 2015/16 the program will continue as an Introduction to Trades course, where additional skills like wiring and plumbing will be added. This program will benefit from a \$40,000 grant from the Ministry of Education for the tools and materials needed.

“It is great to see our students learning very practical skills that they will be able to use the rest of their lives,” said Board Chair Tina Last. “The Board of Education is grateful to the Ministry of Education for their grant which will encourage more of our students to explore the building trades as a lifelong career.”

Kanata Property for Sale

At the meeting of the Board of Education on May 12, 2015 confirmation was provided that the Kanata property has been listed for sale. Victor Prystay of Royal LePage is the listing agent. The listed price for the property is \$975,000. The Board was advised that approval from the Ministry of Education for the sale of the property has been received, which will reduce the time needed to conclude the sale to the successful bidder.

Parking Concerns

The Board of Education acknowledged that many of the district’s schools see significant congestion in school parking lots and on neighbouring streets, particularly when students are picked up after school. As solutions to these issues are considered, parents and guardians are asked to be watchful for students, respectful of neighbours and considerate to one another.



Policy Committee Work

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

Role of the Board Policy
Role of the Trustee and Trustee Code of Conduct Policy
Board Communication Policy

3 policies were approved by the Board of Education to replace existing policies:

Occupational Health & Safety Policy
Making Policy and Regulations Policy
Records Management Program Policy

Any and all feedback on draft policies from the Board's partner groups is welcomed, in order that approved policies will meet the needs of the district's students and employees.

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