



School District No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap) **BOARD SYNOPSIS**

~ Highlights of the January 21, 2020 School District No. 83 Board Meeting ~

Best wishes: Board Chair Amanda Krebs and Superintendent Peter Jory extended their best wishes for a full recovery to colleague, NOSTA president Christina Mcdermott, who fell suddenly ill over the Winter Break. "Our thoughts are with Christina and her family as she begins this journey back to good health," said Jory.

Grade 8 added at South Canoe: After a presentation by Assistant Superintendent Carl Cooper, the Board approved the transition of South Canoe Elementary to a kindergarten to grade 8 school for September 2020. This enables the grade 7 students currently at the school to stay in the program until they transition to high school.

Parkview Reports & Tour: Parkview parents are being invited to meet with Jory and other school district staff to tour Parkview and review the work that has been done to remediate the odour problems at the school. The district is also investigating the possibility of inviting the air quality consultant to the tour. A date is currently being determined. At the Board meeting, Secretary-Treasurer Alanna Cameron provided the Board with the reports from the tests done at Parkview, including the air quality report and summary.

Greenway Project at SAS and SMS: Trustees supported in principle the idea presented by Sutra Brett of the Shuswap Trail Alliance for a proposed greenway project at both Salmon Arm Secondary Sullivan and Jackson and Shuswap Middle School. The plan is to upgrade trails, which are currently being used by students and public and to make them more accessible. If the project proceeds it would be a joint venture between the Trail Alliance, the City of Salmon Arm, and SD83. [View proposal here.](#)



Health and Wellness Plan: The Board of Education approved the Wellness Plan, as presented by Director of Instruction (Inclusive Education) Carol-Ann Leidloff. [View plan here.](#)

2019-20 Amended Annual Budget: The Board gave three reading and adopted the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for \$87,919,630 as presented. View [briefing note](#), [amended budget bylaw](#), and [2019-2020 budget changes](#).

Alternate Education Review: The Alternate Education Review report and the recommendations were received by the Board and will be considered during upcoming budget discussions. View [Alt Ed Review Report](#).

Healthy Schools Update: Leidloff also presented information about the Healthy Schools Program and the coordinator position (.5 FTE), which is partially funded by Interior Health. Leidloff mentioned one of the Healthy Schools activities, which is a presentation to parents and the community about "Vaping - What to know, What to look for, and How to support a conversation with your children about the dangers of vaping". View outline of [Healthy Schools Program](#) and poster on [Vaping Awareness Sessions](#).

Terms of Reference for Board Committees: The Board of Education adopted the revised terms of Reference for its standing committees of Policy, Labour Relations, Education Directions, Facilities & Finance/Audit, Partner Group and Committee of the Whole.

Announcements: Superintendent of Schools/CEO Peter Jory gave trustees an update on the Long Range Facilities Plan sessions which are being held for district parents, staff and local government. He also updated trustees on the move to MyEd B.C., the student data management system, which took place over the winter break. He noted the conversion has been an enormous amount of work and the team has done a good job in converting the data over. In news at district schools, Jory mentioned the awesome reviews that A.L. Fortune's production of Shrek received. He noted that A.L. Fortune will also be host to the professional cook training program (starts end of January) and the Gateway to Trades sampler program (September 2020). He reminded trustees about the very popular annual Larch Hills Pirate Loppet, slated for January 31, at which Assistant Superintendent Carl Cooper will have the honour of being the official race starter.

Inashiki Exchange Program: As per policy, Trustee Marty Gibbons gave notice that he would be bringing forward a motion to the February Board of Education meeting to rescind a prior motion passed by the Board in October, which stated that the Inashiki Exchange would have to be self-funded. In December, the Board reconsidered and passed a motion to send the question of funding for the Inashiki Exchange to the budget committee.

Strategic Maintenance Plan: Secretary-Treasurer Alanna Cameron updated the Board on the development of the strategic maintenance plan for the district. An SD83 Strategic Maintenance Plan Working Group (including tradesmen from each specialty) has been established and an 11 step development plan has been drafted. The plan will be presented to the Board in May, in time for the preparation of the five year capital plan submission to the Ministry in June.

Livestream Board Meetings: The Board passed a motion for staff to investigate the feasibility and cost of livestreaming the SD83 Board of Education meetings.

Internal Controls: Cameron outlined the accountability practices and procedures that govern district expense approvals.

Climate Action Belief Statement: The Board discussed the proposed climate action belief statement and provided some input. The belief statement will go to the Board's Partner Committee for further input before coming back to the Board.

Policy: The Board gave first reading to policies on Spectator Code of Conduct, and second and final reading to the policy on the Provision of Menstrual Products to

Students.

Dates to Remember

Monday, February 3 - Non-instructional Day (school-based)

Monday, February 17 - Family Day (Stat holiday)

Tuesday, February 18 - Regular Board meeting at 6 p.m. at PVSS in Armstrong

Friday, March 13 - Last Day before Spring Vacation (March 16-27)

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