
Board Report November 13, 2019

As Chairperson, I am pleased to report on the work of the Board of Education since our last report in October.

Meeting of Board Chairs

On October 17th, the Board Chairs had the opportunity to come together through the BCSTA and share information and delve into current issues for school districts. The agenda also included sessions on child and youth advocacy, social media and the initial planning for the framework for enhanced student learning.

Ministry of Education Partner Liaison Meeting

On October 18th, I had the pleasure of attending, along with our Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer, the Minister of Education and BCSTA's 5th Annual Partner Liaison Meeting. The agenda was a full day and included a presentation by Minister of Education Rob Fleming and a number of in-service sessions on topics such as: Improving Student Outcomes, Framework for Enhancing Student Learning, Strategic Planning Foundations and the Funding Model Review.

BCPSEA Representative Council Meeting

Representatives of the Board of Trustees and senior staff attended a full day BCPSEA Representative Council Meeting on November 8th. The purpose and focus of the meeting was on BCPSEA and BCTF bargaining. Topics included; Context and Background on bargaining, The Legal Impact of the Restoration of Class Size and Composition and a review of the recently released Mediator's Report. The Board of Education remains committed to the parties reaching a negotiated settlement as soon as possible.

Unveiling of Welcome Pole and Plaque at Salish Secondary

Yesterday, the Board was pleased to host the unveiling of the beautifully carved Coast Salish Welcome Post at the entrance of Salish Secondary School. This was an opportunity to bring the school community together with our community partners and appreciate the Coast Salish artwork and culture that is evident within the school. Salish Secondary opened its doors in September 2018 and the Board was also pleased to recognize the plaque installed in the entrance commemorating the opening.

Board Liaison meeting with MLAs

Earlier this evening, the Board met with our Surrey MLAs and Ministers to discuss and collaborate on local topics that affect our schools and community ranging from enrolment, childcare, capital projects and the funding model review.

The Board and the Community

This week, trustees attended various Remembrance Day ceremonies in our local communities. The ceremonies are important, solemn events that the trustees take very seriously and I know each one of us was honoured to participate and represent the district.

Staff Retirement Recognition

November also marks the time when trustees recognize the hard work and lengthy service of many of our staff who retired this past year. Trustees, Executive and our educational partners wished farewell to over 150 staff from throughout the district as they move onto their next chapter.

Awards

Finally, my fellow trustees and I would like to congratulate our colleague Trustee McNally on recently receiving two awards in the categories of “Above and Beyond Award” and “2019 Leader of the Year” at the Surrey Now-Leader’s 17th Annual Community Leader Awards. We echo the sentiment of the awards and know first-hand of Trustee McNally’s dedication to the school district and the community. Trustee McNally, congratulations!

Thank you and that concludes the Board Report.