



School District No. 51
(Boundary)

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: November 8, 2011

Heather Shilton, Healthy Schools Co-ordinator made a presentation on Active Transportation. Her presentation will be posted on the District web site.

The Board passed a motion to send a letter to BC School Sports regarding the eligibility of students to participate on teams in other schools when their local school does not offer the sport. This is in response to a local student being denied participation on a sports team.

The 2010 - 2011 six-year graduation rate for SD51 is 94.2% and the Aboriginal Student rate is 86.7%. A notice will be circulated to staff, the media and posted on the District web site. The Secretary-Treasurer reported that enrollment is down by 6 students since the start of the school year.

Mr. S. Stewart and Mr. S. Lockhart provided an update to the Board of Education on the re-configuration of the library and fitness room. Topics of discussion included participation rates by gender, acceptance by staff, library book re-allocation, loss of meeting room space, and the types of exercise equipment available.

The Director of Instruction reported on the progress being made on the review of the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement and the Early Years initiative, specifically the Ready, Set, Learn events taking place in the District.

Congratulations to Ms. Ruzicka, Director of Instruction – she has been invited to serve on a Provincial Steering Committee that will be developing Kindergarten Performance Standards.

During the talking break, the group discussed the use of social media as a communication tool for the District. Social media has the ability to “amplify the District’s communication”. It should not be over used. A motion was made to explore the potential of social media as a communication tool for the District.

The following policies were approved and adopted:

- Active Transportation
- The Environment
- 1230 - Long Service Retirement

The following policy and regulations were approved for circulation:

- 3035– Technology – District-Wide Application of Technology
- Regulation 3035R2 – Technology – Personally Owned Electronic Devices
- Regulation 3035R3 –Technology – Social Networking
- Regulation 3035R4 – Technology – Student Acceptable Use

The following regulations were approved for renaming:

- Regulation 3035R1 – Technology – Employee Acceptable Use Guidelines
- Regulation 3035R5 – Technology – Web Page Publishing

The following policy was approved for deletion:

- 4070 - Head Lice Infestation

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the Crossing Guard for the new crosswalk by Hutton school has been keeping track of student use. Last year in the old location 2 – 4 students crossed daily. This year in the new location, the number of students crossing is 20 – 25.

This was the last meeting of the current Board of Education. Thank you to Kris Sabourin for her 3 years of service and to John Malloff for his 29 years of service.

