



School District No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap)

BOARD SYNOPSIS

~ Highlights of the September 17, 2019 School District No. 83 Board Meeting

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Remembering teacher

Board Chairperson Marianne VanBuskirk took a moment at the beginning of the meeting to honour Jodie Wentworth, a teacher at Hillcrest Elementary who died suddenly on the weekend. "She was very well loved and this is a huge loss to our district." On behalf of the Board, VanBuskirk expressed condolences to Jodie's family and friends, her students, and to everyone who worked with her.

School start-up

Superintendent Peter Jory reported to the Board that school start-up went quite well. He thanked all those who prepared the schools and classrooms for the re-opening of school. He noted that staffing is also going quite well, with the district needing a couple of specialist teachers. Enrolment is up at the elementary schools and the sense is that secondary schools will be close to projections. Overall numbers may be up when it comes time report to the Ministry of Education on September 30. The district's funding is based on the enrolment count.

[School by school enrolment here](#)

Auditor report on Financial Statements

Murray Smith of KPMG was at the Board meeting to report SD83 received a clean audit on the 2018-19 financial statements from auditor KPMG. After Smith's presentation, the Board gave approval to the 2018-19 Annual Financial Statements, as presented. The finalized statements, along with an additional discussion and analysis report will soon be [posted on the district's website](#).

AEDs in Schools

Secretary-Treasurer Alanna Cameron reported the district now has automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) at all five district secondary schools as well as North Shuswap Elementary. AEDs are portable devices that deliver an electric shock through the chest to the heart to treat sudden cardiovascular arrest (SCA). Recently, Rosemary Foster

and Andy Foster have each donated an AED to a school in memory of their grandson Jeremy Stoelting, who passed away suddenly last year. They have chosen to donate these to Carlin Elementary Middle and Shuswap Middle schools. These devices are installed and staff are being trained.

Work Plan and meeting schedule

The Board of Education gave approval to its [board meeting schedule](#), [work plan](#) and [administrative calendar](#) for 2019-20. These documents set out the known work of the Board and meeting dates for the entire year.

Superintendent's Report

SD83 Superintendent of Schools/CEO Peter Jory provided the Board with an overview of progress specific to the District Strategic Plan and ongoing related projects. The Board of Education received the report as presented.



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Long Range Facilities Plan

Secretary-Treasurer Alanna Cameron reported that data has now been collected for SD83's Long Range Facilities Plan. She outlined a draft timeline with a draft plan coming to the Board for approval in October. Public consultation will be held in areas of the district which may be affected by any potential change. The goal is to have the long range facilities plan adopted early in 2020.



Field Trip Requests

The Board gave approval in principle to Eagle River Secondary for a trip to Europe in Spring 2020. It also approved in principle the long-running SD83 exchange trip to Inashiki, Japan, in March 2020. The Eagle River Secondary trip, sponsored by teacher Kyla Hadden, will focus on history and culture with students traveling to the Netherlands, Belgium, France and England. Pam Chudiak and Dan Derosa are organizing the exchange to Japan. Students will spend a week immersed in Japanese culture and also have the opportunity to visit Shirahama Youth Nature House, Nikko Toshogu and Nikko Edomura.

Policy Approved

The Board gave first readings to policies on [Policy Development](#), [Monitoring Board Performance](#), [Budget Monitoring and Reporting](#), [Inquiries and Concerns](#), [Parent Advisory Councils](#), [Volunteers in Schools](#), and [Corporate Advertising and Sponsorship](#). Second and final reading was given to [Policy 140 Delegation of Authority](#), and [Policy 137 Roles and Responsibilities of the Vice-Chairperson](#). The Board also received information on the [protocol for responding to sexualized behaviour in schools](#), which is being finalized. Please click on the title of the policy to read more details.

[Dates to Remember](#)

Friday, September 20 ~ Non-Instructional Day (school-based)

Tuesday, October 8 ~ Kindergarten/Early French Immersion/Outdoor Learning registration

Monday, Oct. 14 ~ Thanksgiving (School Holiday)

Tuesday, October 15 - Board of Education Meeting at 6 p.m. at the DESC

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