

February 2023 PAC Notes

Matilda!

Reminder

5 showings of Matilda our District musical in April. Tickets can be purchased on the district website; seating is limited so don't miss out on watching some of our talented students perform!

Budget:

We approved and adopted the amended Budget for 2022-2023 and more detailed account of it can be found on our website. Balanced budget we didn't have to dip into contingency surplus there were no reductions, enrollment is stable which translates to funding. We will be looking for 2 DPAC reps for Budget advisory committee meetings in April and May around the 2023- 2024 budget.

Student Affordability Fund update:

After Districts sent in their Spending reports to the Ministry in January the Ministry of Education has announced that unspent amounts from the fund can be carried forward for the following school year. Director Lamoureux also gave some estimates of numbers of students that were supported by these funds in his briefing note.

Kindergarten enrollment:

543 Kindergarten

646 overall (103 Gr.1-12) (This number has more than doubled in a month)(was 46 last month)

6 months to go so we expect these numbers to increase.

2 extra portables confirmed for CCS

Clean BC assessment grant:

The district had applied for a grant via the Clean BC -Go Electric Fleets Program and we received a grant an assessment of our district and move forward with possible changeover of some of our vehicle fleet.

Volunteers in schools:

The District has created a Volunteer Code of conduct :

Draft AP 490

AP490- Apendix A

Draft AP490 – Appendix B

AP 491

This process had input from senior staff and partner groups including DPAC before implementation and will be effective immediately afterwards.

Open Committee of the Whole:

On Feb 14 Director Collyer Gave us a presentation on the Literacy numeracy assessment. The district is working on developing a collective and systemic approach to instruction and assessment for K-12. Educators across our district are collaborating to co-construct common District framework for both numeracy and literacy. Director Collyer went into depth about how this is being done including a timeline and next steps. All information and presentation can be found on our Comox valley schools website.

Next Open Committee of the Whole: March 7th 4:30pm : International Program/ Environmental Stewardship update

Strategic Plan:

The board and senior staff will be reviewing and making a new strategic plan beginning in April/May and have created a rough work plan. No dates have yet been identified but we will be meeting with the public and other staff as we move through this process.

Board Motion:

The Board unanimously passed that A motion prepared by Trustee Aldinger would be submitted to BCSTA for consideration and will be addressed at our AGM in April. The motion reads:

“That BCSTA advocates for the Ministry of Education and childcare are to provide clear guidance about how to respond to student complaints of peer-to-peer sexual harassment, sexual exploitation and sexual assault.”