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 **SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73
(KAMLOOPS-THOMPSON)**
1383 9th Avenue
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BOARD NOTES

February 19, 2018

CONSENT AGENDA

- Policy Committee Highlights
- Education Committee of the Whole Highlights

Details of the consent agenda can be found in the public agenda.

EDUCATION TOPIC

PRESENTATION TO PRINCIPAL KENT BREWER — Principal Kent Brewer was recognized by the Board following his recent award as one of Canada's Outstanding Principals. The award came from The Learning Partnership, a national not-for-profit organization that works for the improvement of public education in Canada. Kent is the principal of the Twin Rivers Education Centre, which provides alternative education services for adults and teens who need different ways to access education.

SECONDARY ATHLETIC COUNCIL — Sa-Hali Secondary School Principal Sean Lamoureux, chair of the Secondary Athletic Council, told the Board about the value of athletics in schools, noting sports touches a huge portion of the secondary school population across the District. Student Sydney Gould, a Grade 8 student athlete, told the Board she chose Sa-Hali Secondary because of the success of the school's sport programs and the quality of the coaches. Sports helped her to make new friends, learn how to work with others and overcome adversity. Athletics are so important and have the ability to impact the live of students in positive way, she said.

REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

SAFER SCHOOLS TASK FORCE — Supt. Alison Sidow told the trustees about an initiative being launched to explore the difficult but important subject of sexual misconduct, violence and harassment in District schools. Recent events have led her to look closely at District policies and protocols. The *Superintendent's Task Force on School Safety* will look at policies and protocols governing the investigation and handling of these issues with the goal of ensuring the District's policies serve all parties, especially those who make complaints to the District. The task force will provide a report to the Superintendent and to the Board by June 30. "We have a duty to protect our children and we have a duty to stand by them, as a community," Sidow told the Board.

WESTMOUNT ELEMENTARY TRAFFIC UPDATE — The Board was told the District is working with the City of Kamloops to explore solutions to the long-standing issue of traffic congestion at Westmount Elementary School and its impact on student safety. A traffic engineer will conduct an independent study of the problem and propose possible solutions.

REPORTS FROM SECRETARY-TREASURER

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL — The District has received several public complaints this year about snow and ice maintenance at schools. The Board was told that this year has proved to be exceptionally difficult for maintenance staff due to the many snowfalls and the frequent freeze-and-thaw cycles. Changes to improve District response to snowfall and ice removal would ultimately require changes to the budget, which could impact educational funding, the Board was told.

AMENDED ANNUAL BUDGET BYLAW 2017-18 — Trustees approved an amended annual budget bylaw that sets out the estimated revenues and expenses for the 2017-18 fiscal year. The total (balanced) budget for this year is \$176,129,253, the Board was told.

NOTICES OF MOTION

- Policy 201.1 Board Committees
- Policy 300.1 School Boundaries and Student Transfer Requests
- Policy 303.1 International Student program
- Policy 1136.1 Travel Expenses, Insurance and Cell Phones
- Policy 1012.1 Smoking and Vaping Free Environment

Details of the notices of motion can be found in the public agenda.

The next public meeting will take place at the School Board Office in Kamloops on March 12th at 7 p.m.