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 **SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73
(KAMLOOPS-THOMPSON)**
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BOARD NOTES

April 23, 2018

EDUCATION TOPIC

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM — The Board heard details of the District's Leadership Development Program (LDP), which provides professional leadership and management training for District teachers. The program runs in cooperation with TRU. Graduates from the program often go on to serve as vice-principals and principals as well as senior District leaders. Dr. Tory Hansford, the TRU professor leading the LDP training, told trustees that this program is a provincial model that well serves the future management needs of SD 73.

PUBLIC INQUIRIES, PETITIONS AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

CAREER EDUCATION — District Principal Sheryl Lindquist told the Board about various programs and initiatives in SD 73 designed to help students discover their passions and interests, including through innovative programs such as Maker Days and Inspire events. The Board was also told about the success of SD 73's Trades and Transition program, which was recently honoured by the provincial ITA for the work the program does in helping students find career pathways in trades.

REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

RURAL SCHOOL PROPOSAL REPORT — The Board received a report detailing the results of an extensive consultation effort in the communities of Barriere, Chase and Clearwater examining a proposal whether to move Grade 7s from the elementary school to the secondary school to provide enhanced educational opportunities for students. Independent decisions were made in each community:

- For Barriere, trustees voted to proceed with the proposal starting in September 2018.
- For Chase, trustees voted to proceed with the proposal starting in September 2018.
- For Clearwater, trustees voted not to proceed with the proposal; Grade 7s will remain in the elementary school.

WESTMOUNT TRAFFIC UPDATE — The Board was told about traffic measures to be implemented in cooperation with the City of Kamloops at Westmount Elementary School designed to provide a safer student experience. Westmount has long suffered traffic problems as a result of increasing student population, more traffic and its location at the end of a short cul-de-sac adjacent to a busy arterial road (Westside Road). Measures include a new traffic light, enhanced safety supervision, an improved drop-off lane and safety improvements at a nearby bus stop. The improvements will be in place by September 2018.

STUDENT BOARD TERMS OF REFERENCE — The Board approved the creation of a Student Advisory Board that will provide trustees with an opportunity to access student input and student voice on operational and educational considerations. The Student Advisory Board will operate in a similar fashion as the Student City Council recently approved and created by the City of Kamloops.

SCHOOL CALENDAR AMENDMENTS 2018-2019 — The Board approved amendments to the school calendar for the next school year. The changes reflect the official BC change of February Family Day statutory holiday as well as the addition of a non-instructional day to facilitate curriculum implementation. The amended calendar can be found on the District website at www.sd73.bc.ca.

SCHOOL FEES SCHEDULE 2018-2019 — The Board approved a schedule of fees for secondary fees for the 2018-2019 school year. The schedule reflects slight increases in some courses as a result of increased costs of materials and resources. The full schedule of fees can be found in the public agenda.

VAVENBY ELEMENTARY CONFIGURATION 2018-2019 — Trustees approved a recommendation to include Grade 4 students in the student body at Vavenby Elementary School, a move that will bolster the school's population bringing the total number of students at the school to 10. There are currently eight students in the school.

REPORTS FROM SECRETARY-TREASURER

2018-2019 BUDGET — Trustees were provided a summary of the 2018-2019 district operating budget, which has been finalized at \$174,190,481. The Board approved the budget after three readings of the budget bylaw.

CAPITAL PLAN BYLAW — Trustees approved the 2018-2019 capital plan as provided by the provincial government. The total amount of capital funding provided to the District is \$1,428,445, to allow for the purchase of four school buses and to install two new dust collection systems at Westsyde and Sa-Hali secondary schools. District planners were also instructed to provide a project definition report for the proposed expansion at Valleyview Secondary School, a \$22-million project. The report is the first step on the path to a formal funding commitment from government for the renovation and expansion.

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