



# The Board Bulletin

News from School District No. 74

## February 2, 2021

The Board of Education met via Zoom Webinar on February 2, 2021.



### 2020/21 Amended Annual Budget

The Board of Education approved the 2020/21 Amended Annual Budget in the amount of \$26,078,292. Of the \$21 million in operating revenues, \$19 million or 92% comes through provincial grants. The Board also approved expenditures of \$19.5 million with 78% or \$15.3 million required for salaries and benefits.

The Amended Annual Budget will now be submitted to the Ministry of Education in accordance with the February 28, 2021 deadline.

### Naming of New Lytton K-12 School

As required by Policy No. 9.80 Naming District Facilities, the Board reviewed the three top selected submissions as chosen by the School Naming Committee. The Board chose *Kumsheen ShchEma-meet School* for the new Lytton K-12 School. Kumsheen is the Nlaka'pamuxtsn word for "meeting of two rivers" and ShchEma-meet means "children". The Board expressed their appreciation to the Lytton K-12 Naming Committee and the students, caregivers, staff and community members of the Nlaka'pamux Nation for their interest and participation in the school naming process.

### Ashcroft Early Learning Pilot Program

In partnership with the Ashcroft Early Learning Program Society, School District No. 74 began a pilot project in September 2020 to provide full, part-time, and before and after school child care. The objective was to support children and families and to provide quality care for children in a safe, friendly, happy caring environment with a focus on early learning.

The Ashcroft Early Learning Pilot Program was successful in its application for the Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative (CCFRI) through the Ministry of Children and

Family Development. The CCFRI grant reduces the amount that certain caregivers pay for child care.

### COVID-19 Update

During this school year, there have been times when families have wanted to keep their child(ren) at home for a period of time due to COVID-19. During this time, students and their family are supported in their learning by their classroom teacher. The district plans to keep the transition option open throughout this school year.

Due to the pandemic, additional cleaning time and in some cases, additional driving time for bus transportation is required in order to provide a safe and healthy transportation for students and drivers. An additional twelve (12) staff hours per day are required and this additional cost is supported through the provincial and federal COVID-19 grants.

### Policy

The Board adopted revisions to the following policy:

- Policy 1.60 *Policy Development, Adoption, Review, Revision and Deletion*

Policies can be viewed on the district website.

[Policy Manual](#)

### Upcoming Board Meeting

March 2, 2021 via Zoom Webinar, time 2:00 p.m.

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