



Report from the Education Committee
Wednesday, March 1, 2017

TOPICS:

Island ConnectEd
Aboriginal Education
Clay Tree Society – Offer to Purchase
2017-18 Budget - Department Presentations

ISLAND CONNECTED – Patrick Young, Island ConnectEd principal, teachers Louise Massey and Mike Collier, Child Youth and Family Support Worker Sheri Martin, along with students Chase and Hannah, provided an [overview](#) of what learning looks like at the district’s Distributed Learning program.

Mr. Young indicated that more than 1,600 students are cross-enrolled, of those, 473 are registered exclusively in Island ConnectEd.

[Watch the presentation.](#)

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION – Anne Tenning, District Vice-Principal, Aboriginal Education and Acting Assistant Superintendent Laura Tait provided an update on the many accomplishments and opportunities for the district’s Aboriginal students.

Also included was an introduction to the Ministry of Education’s Equity Scan Project. This tool will assist in identifying the strengths and barriers affecting Aboriginal student achievement. The Equity Scan framework will provide a focus at the school district level and is founded on student achievement using four pillars: Policy and Governance, Learning Profile, Learning Environment and the Pedagogical Core.

Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools, along with other select districts, will assist in the development and co-construction of the scanning tool.

[Watch the Presentation.](#)

CLAY TREE - Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools (NLPS) and the Clay Tree Society have come to an agreement, in principle, with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding on the Society’s offer to purchase district property located at 838 Old Victoria Road.

Founded in 1957, the Clay Tree Society is a private, non-profit agency that provides community integration programs for individuals 19 years of age and older. The Society has occupied the space on Old Victoria Road for over 50 years.

As per the NLPS disposal of property procedures, the School District will complete a public consultation process (concludes Tuesday, March 14) before a decision is made by the Board of Education. More information can be found on the district [website](#).

2017-18 BUDGET – The development of the 2017-18 budget continues with the presentation of budget goals from district departments.

- **INFORMATION SYSTEMS** – Steve Sproston, Information Systems Manager, [shared](#) his department’s successes and presented a plan to enhance technology in the district. [Watch the presentation](#).
- **HUMAN RESOURCES** – Tim Davie, Assistant Superintendent, provided a [year-in-review](#) for the district’s human resources department. Moving forward, the department will focus on a number of initiatives which include: the development of a human resources strategic plan; addressing the recent Supreme Court of Canada ruling; and preparation for 2019 collective bargaining. [Watch the presentation](#).
- **MAINTENANCE** – Brian Hackwood, Maintenance Manager, also provided a [year-in-review](#) for the district’s maintenance department. Mr. Hackwood gave examples of completed projects in departments such as carpentry, electrical, mechanical, paint, plumbing and grounds.

The next three years will: address immediate pressures from the 2016-17 budget year; and align data gathering and reporting to better support data-driven decision making. [Watch the presentation](#).

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