



Report from the Annual Board Meeting and Education Committee Meeting

December 6, 2017

TOPICS:

Annual Board Meeting
International Student Travel

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING – The Board of Education held its Annual Board meeting selecting the Board Chair and committee chairs for the coming school year.

- Board Chair – Steve Rae
- Board Vice-Chair – Stephanie Higginson
- Business Committee Chair – Scott Kimler
- Business Committee Vice-Chair – Jeff Solomon
- Education Committee Chair – Natasha Bob
- Education Committee Vice-Chair – Bill Robinson
- B.C. School Trustees Association Provincial Councillor Representative – Natasha Bob
- B.C. School Trustees Association Provincial Councillor Alternate Representative – Jamie Brennan

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TRAVEL – At the Education Committee meeting, Superintendent Designate, Tim Davie, indicated that a previous Board motion placing a two – year moratorium on international field trips expires on August 31, 2018.

The Committee recommends that as of August 31, 2018, the Board let the August 31, 2016 motion expire allowing field trips outside of North America, provided the following guidelines are met:

- Guidelines and timelines as noted in [Administrative Procedure 333 – Field Trips](#) be strictly adhered to in all instances.
- Out of Province / International Educational Travel Field Trips must have a curricular focus, recognizing that curricular field trips are defined as those that are directly related to the curricular offerings of school and, such trips would usually involve an entire class (or school specific curricular program or District Program). (AP 333 – Field Trips, p 2)
- The Principal, as Educational Leader, and Assistant Superintendent must be informed and involved throughout all approval processes.
- The Superintendent/CEO or designate shall have final decision regarding approval of out-of-province/International field trips.

- All funds and records for out-of-province/international field trips must be processed through the school.
- Parents and organizers must be informed up front that out-of-province/international field trips are subject to cancellation, at the discretion of the Superintendent/CEO or designate, based on factors that may affect the safety or well-being of trip participants. i.e. Travel Advisory or Security Alerts.

Staff will create a form customized to identify risks, approvals, insurance, contract cancellation language and other key areas that should be considered by staff in reviewing applications.

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