

BOARD NOTES
DECEMBER 11, 2019 BOARD MEETING
SUZUKI CHARTER SCHOOL SOCIETY

The following items were highlights at the December Board meeting. Full minutes will be available online after the minutes are approved at the January 2020 meeting.

1. ANNUAL EDUCATION PLAN

The Annual Education Plan (2019 – 2020) and Annual Results Report (2018 – 2019) were approved by the Board. These reports document the steady growth forward in the school in all goals identified and also define the priorities and goals for the 2019 – 2020 school year. They are available on the school website.

2. PRE SCHOOL PROGRAM

A decision was made to continue the pre school program for the coming year with an increase in fees to \$125.00 per month to ensure that the program is self funding.

3. BUDGET SCENARIOS

The Board explored multiple budget scenarios to address the recent government cutbacks to school grants. A shortfall of \$250,000.00 this operating year will be addressed by a reduction in funding to all areas of school operation and utilizing of funds from the school operating surplus. Reductions of \$119,000.00 were approved and transfer of \$131,000.00 from the surplus fund were approved to meet the mid year grant reductions announced by government in mid October. At this time no reductions in student programs or faculty lay offs are planned. When the government announces the budget framework for the 2020 – 2021 year the Board will address various approaches to meet funding shortfalls. The Board is expecting an announcement of the revised budget framework sometime in March.

4. KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS 2020 – 2021

Feedback from the pilot full day, part time kindergarten has been positive and some suggestions for improvement will inform improvements for the programs next year. The school will operate two full day part time programs (three days per week). The morning only program will not operate in the coming year.

5. JUNIOR HIGH PROGRAM

The Board affirmed commitment to expanding the school to include grade 7 in the 2020 – 2021 school term provided a minimum registration of 28 students are received by Jan. 17, 2020. A minimum number is required to ensure the program is adequately funded.

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