

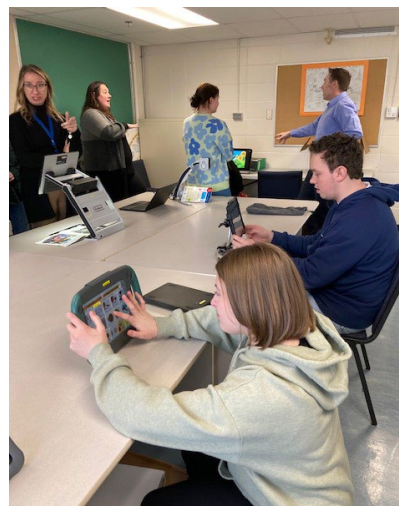
## Successes – February 15, 2023 Board Meeting

### SIDES

- SIDES has been chosen by the Ministry of Education & Child Care as one of the 18 Provincial Online Learning Schools (POLs). SIDES will now be able to continue offering outstanding online programming for Kindergarten to Grade 12 school-age and adult students across British Columbia to upgrade or add courses leading to graduation.

### ILC

- Four new cohorts of Career Programs started last week at ILC! New cohorts of STAC (Skills Trades Apprenticeship Carpentry), EACS (Education Assistant Community Support), TEx (Trade Exploration) and the Hairstylist program.



## North Saanich

- CFX Radio gave North Saanich a “big” shout out for their donation to Santa’s Anonymous with proceeds from the Candy Cane Cafe.
- North Saanich had the privilege of having the Indigenous Support Liaison Gina Horne and members of her family share their family welcome song with the learning community at the weekly Monday Morning Assembly. They welcomed everyone into the gym by singing and using their traditional hand drums. HÍSWĪE to Gina for organizing this learning opportunity.
- The Grade 8's attended the dress rehearsal of the Parkland Musical Theatre production of “Kiss Me, Kate”. It was a fantastic way to enjoy an afternoon of music, singing and acting and also wonderful to see so many of our North Saanich alumni exceling both on stage and behind the scenes. Thank-you to Christine Irving for inviting us to this fantastic event and to Mr. Newlove and Mr. Earnshaw for their collaboration to ensure our Grade 8 students continue to have these meaningful transition opportunities.

## Cordova Bay

- Over the past month we have had many experiences and opportunities both in and outside of our classrooms. Some are unique to this time of year and others are monthly traditions, however, all are connected to the District Strategic Plan and our school year-long theme of Caring:
  - A bagpiper performed for students for Robbie Burns Day at lunch followed by Highland Dancers performing and teaching all of the students Highland dancing.
  - For two days all students were invited to spend time with Metis Elders led by Jo-Ina. She shared Metis stories, culture, brought in artifacts, and the volunteers led every child in the creation of a beaded craft they took home.
  - Carnaval was celebrated with themed days, activities in the gym (including Beaver Tails from Sidney Bakery) and a school wide outdoor ice sculpture creation. The special events are supported by in-class learning of songs and traditions in French classes.
  - Family Read In is a monthly tradition where families are invited in one morning a month to read with children in their classrooms, hallways and library. This event is attended by over 200 family members every month.