



The Board of Education of
School District No.5 (Southeast Kootenay)
AGENDA - REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

April 12, 2016, 3:00 p.m.
Board Office

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1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

1.1 Call to Order

I would like to acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of the Ktunaxa people.

1.2 Consideration and Approval of Agenda

M/S that the agenda for the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of April 12, 2016 be approved as [circulated / amended].

1.3 Approval of the Minutes

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M/S that the minutes of the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of March 8, 2016 be approved as [circulated/amended].

1.4 Receipt of Records of Closed Meetings

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M/S to accept the closed records of the in-camera meeting of the Board of Education of March 8, 2016.

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2.1 Advocacy/Education Committee

There was no Advocacy/Education Committee Meeting in March.

2.2 Policy Committee

There was no Policy Committee Meeting in March.

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	There was no Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee Meeting in March.	
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9. ADJOURNMENT

M/S that the April 12, 2016 regular public meeting of the Board of Education adjourn at [time].

10. LATE ITEMS



**The Board of Education of
School District No.5 (Southeast Kootenay)
MINUTES - REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING**

**March 8, 2016, 3:00 p.m.
Fernie Secondary School**

Present: Chairperson Lento
Trustee Ayling
Trustee Bellina
Trustee Blumhagen
Trustee Helgesen
Trustee Johns
Trustee McPhee
Trustee Whalen
Superintendent of Schools, L. Hauptman
Secretary Treasurer, R. Norum
Director of Instruction/Human Resources, B. Reimer
Director of Student Learning and Aboriginal Education, J. Tichauer
Recorder, Corinne Burns
Recorder, Sandy Gronlund

Regrets Trustee Brown

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

1.1 Call to Order

Chairperson Lento called the March 8, 2016 regular public meeting of the Board of Education to order at 3:21p.m.

1.2 Consideration and Approval of Agenda

Additions: 5.2 Long Form Census

MOTION R-16-27

M/S that the agenda for the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of March 8, 2016 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

1.3 Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the Public meeting of the Board of Education of February 9, 2016.

MOTION R-16-28

M/S that the minutes of the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of February 9, 2016 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

1.4 Receipt of Records of Closed Meetings

MOTION R-16-29

M/S to accept the closed records of the in-camera meeting of the Board of Education of February 9, 2016.

CARRIED

1.5 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Nil

1.6 Receiving of Delegations/Presentations

1.6.1 IDES Growth Plan

Superintendent Hauptman introduced IDES Principal Dawn Voysey and Vice Principal Nicole Neufeld who presented to the Board the IDES Growth Plan Highlights included:

- Goal: to improve all IDES students' achievement in reading, writing, and numeracy.
- Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

Vice Principal Nicole Neufeld presented a 179 Days of Learning Blog. The intention of the Blog is to focus on different activities within the school that promote learning such as:

- sound connections
- literacy stations
- multiplicative thinking

Looking forward to the new curriculum. It is apparent we are already implementing.

Discussion included:

Trustees thanked IDES for the tour today.

Chairperson Lento thank them for a wonderful tour. He mentioned the qualitative things Vice Principal Neufeld is doing with this Blog.

1.6.2 FSS Growth Plan

Superintendent Hauptman introduced Principal Bill Johnson and Vice Principal Linda Christensen from FSS who and presented to the Board the FSS Growth Plan Highlights included:

- Response to intervention (RTI) regarding behavior.
- Attendance problems starting in grade 10.
- Recognize the importance that teachers get the right information.
- School based teams meet at more regular times.
- Working on making school a place students want to be – more clubs.
- Expanded leadership program.
- Implemented mental health workshops. Students that are identified as needing the help. Healthy ways to deal with anxiety. Greater intervention.

Discussion included:

Trustee Bellina liked the sign the students made "Protect this house".

Chairperson Lento thanked Principal Johnson and Vice Principal Christensen for their presentation. Well done!

1.6.3 Budget Presentation

Shelley Balfour and Christina Smith presented to the Board the following nine CFTA Budget recommendations.

- That the Board prepares and adopts a budget that adequately funds the schools in our district, especially in light of the massive curriculum changes in our Province.
- That the Board provides schools with release time for school-based team meetings and IEP meetings.
- That the Board hire a second School Psychologist to further serve the needs of the students in School District 5.
- That the Board provides funding to allow all teachers including TTOCs and part time teachers to attend the Curriculum Implementation days as scheduled.
- That the Board institute some initiatives to TTOCs.
 - Bi-weekly wages
 - Minimum guarantees for callout
 - Guaranteed placement on the recall list
 - Seniority based call out
 - Regular TTOC in-service at the district's expense
- That the Board continues to share the cost with the BCTF of the Living with Balance Program.
- That full-time Educational Assistant support be provided in all Kindergarten classrooms for the month of September.
- That the Board fund an Early Learning teacher
- That the Board fully commit to addressing class composition concerns by:
 - Providing funding to support teachers with more than 3 IEPs in the class
 - Reduce class size limits to at or below the maximums set prior to January 28, 2002.

Mr. Reimer commented that we need something in place to support new teachers as they start their careers. The Mentorship program will do this.

Trustee Helgesen commented that he would like to know costs on some of the items. Mentorship program the board would like to hear more about to find ways to support.

Chairperson Lento asked Mr. Norum to come up with some figures on the cost of some of these recommendations.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS/TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

2.1 Advocacy/Education Committee

Co-chair Trustee Blumhagen reviewed the minutes of the February 22, 2016 meeting of the Advocacy/Education Committee.

MOTION R-16-30

M/S that the Board write a letter to all Boards to forward any responses to letters received from the Ministry of Education through the BCSTA for distribution to all Boards.

CARRIED

MOTION R-16-31

M/S that the Board write a letter to Mike Roberts requesting him to forward any Ministry responses to Board letters to all Boards.

CARRIED

MOTION R-16-32

M/S that the Board send a letter to government expressing our concerns regarding the provincial budget, the report of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services (SSG), the “prosperity fund” and education funding.

CARRIED

MOTION R-16-33

M/S that the Board send a letter to the BCSTA expressing our profound disappointment with the media release regarding the 2016 Provincial Budget and our concerns regarding the BCSTA “media strategic plan”.

CARRIED

MOTION R-16-37

M/S that the Board accept the report of the Advocacy/Education Committee.

CARRIED

2.2 Policy Committee

Co-chair Trustee Ayling reviewed the minutes of the February 22, 2016 meeting of the Policy Committee.

MOTION R-16-38

M/S that the Board accept the report of the Policy Committee.

CARRIED

2.3 Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee

Co-chair Trustee Helgesen reviewed the minutes of the February 22, 2016 meeting of the Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee.

MOTION R-16-39

M/S that the Board accept the report of the Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee.

CARRIED

2.4 BCSTA /Provincial Council

Trustee Bellina reported on BCSTA/Provincial Council she attended

Motions carried:

- Presentation on what performance and financial audits look like

- The BCSTA urged Ministry of Education to invest in the new BC ED plan
- Funding – Block and Holdback
- First Nations Language Curriculum Approval
- Support for Refugees

Motion defeated:

- Support for K-12 Curriculum Revisions

2.5 Communications/Media Committee

Trustee Ayling reported on the Cranbrook Chamber of Commerce Luncheon she attended. She also explained her rationale with the cc's on the letters that will be sent out after the meeting.

MOTION R-16-40

M/S to accept the report of the Communications/Media Committee.

CARRIED

2.6 Mt. Baker / Key City Theatre Replacement Committee

Trustee Johns asked if anyone knows of the exact date that Ryan Spillett will be in Cranbrook. Superintendent Hauptman will be inquiring as to when Minister Bernier will be visiting.

MOTION R- 16-41

M/S to accept the report of the Mt. Baker / Key City Theatre Replacement Committee.

CARRIED

2.7 Legacy of Learning

Trustee Johns reported they are putting together a presentation for the RSA day being held at MBSS on April 11, 2016.

MOTION R- 16-42

M/S to accept the Legacy of Learning report.

CARRIED

2.8 Trustee Reports

Trustees reported on their activities for the month.

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

Superintendent Hauptman's report of March 8, 2016 included:

Superintendent's Activities

- Pink shirt day
- planning for next year
- Science Fair

Superintendent Hauptman reported she met with all schools last week for the budget process. She also reported the Science Fair was a huge success again this year.

Finance/Operations Updates

Mr. Norum reported he met with all the schools last week for the budget process. He welcomed his new Executive Assistant Sandy Gronlund. He is also working on:

- School Budget Sessions
- Budget estimates ready
- Capital Projects

Director of Instruction/Student Learning Update

Ms. Casault's report is attached

Director of Instruction/Safety/Aboriginal Education Update

Mr. Tichauer reported he has been busy working with DSAC. He has also been working on:

- Skills Training Grant
- Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement
- Safe School Coordinator

Director of Instruction/Human Resources Update

Mr. Reimer reported he has been working on the preliminary talks with schools for staffing projections for next year. He has also been working on:

- Mentorship program
- Health and Safety meetings

District Principal/Technology and Transformative Learning Update

- Important Dates for Trustees
BCSTA AGM – April 14th – 17th
BCPSEA Regional Meeting May 18th

Graduations

SSS – June 4
ESS – June 23
FSS – June 24
MBSS – June 24

- Enrolment Report

Discussion included:

Trustee Johns encourages trustees to attend the RSA day on April 11th. There will also be information that day from Jan Unwin regarding the new Graduation Program.

MOTION R-16-43

M/S that the March 8, 2016 Superintendent's Report to the Board of Education be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Lento reminded trustees about in-camera confidentiality.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Business Arising from Delegations

Nil

5.2 Long Form Census

Trustee Ayling reported that the government is returning to the Long Form Census. The Board did a lot of advocacy for this to be returned; she suggested a media release stating how happy the Board is with this decision.

MOTION R-16-44

M/S that the Board of Education send a Media Release stating how happy the Board of Education is with the return of the Long Form Census.

CARRIED

6. TRUSTEE BOUQUETS

Trustee McPhee appreciated the opportunity to attend the Metis kitchen party. Trustees thanked Mr. Norum for his hard work on the Budget meetings. Trustees thanked the IDES for the tour and Kristi for the fabulous lunch. Trustees thanked the principal at MBSS for her work with handling this past week. Trustee Helgesen thanked everyone involved with making the Basketball tournament in Elkford a success when the power was out. Trustees wished all the best to Corinne Burns, Executive Assistance, as she leaves School District 5.

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

8. QUESTION PERIOD

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION R-16-45

M/S that the March 8, 2016 regular public meeting of the Board of Education adjourn at 5:27 p.m.

CARRIED

10. LATE ITEMS

Frank Lento, Chairperson

Rob Norum, Secretary Treasurer



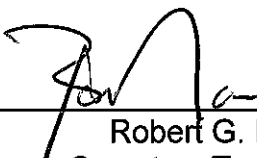
1.4. RECEIPT OF RECORDS OF CLOSED MEETINGS

In-camera Meeting March 8, 2016

- Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee report
 - Exempt Compensation
 - Pinewood School Catchment

- BCPSEA Representative Report

- Superintendent's Report
 - Budget Preparation
 - Curriculum Planning
 - Science Fair



Robert G. Norum
Secretary Treasurer

Trustee Bellina's Report

March 8 th	Board Meeting
March 11-28 th	March Break
April 1 st	Trickster Theatre Frank J. Mitchell Elementary
April 4 th	Board Budget Meeting
April 7 th	Sparwood Secondary School Student Dinner

Trustee Blumhagen's Report

Feb. 2	PAC Meeting
Feb. 9	Board Meeting in Cranbrook
Feb. 22	Committee Meetings
Feb. 23	Interviews for Executive Assistant to Rob
Feb. 26	John Horgan Meeting in Cranbrook
Mar. 2	PAC Meeting
Mar. 4	DSAC and Student Voice in Elkford
Mar. 4	Alumni Basketball game in Jaffray
Mar. 8	Board Meeting in Fernie Secondary, IDES Tour
Apr. 4	Board Working Session 10am-2pm in Cranbrook
Apr. 11	RSA Day Mount Baker
Apr. 12	Board Meeting in Cranbrook

Trustee Brown's Report

February 2016

- 2 Safe Communities Cranbrook Mtg.
- 2 Cranbrook Early Years Mtg
- 3 CDTA mtg.
- 15 Kootenay Orchards PAC Mtg
- 17 Early Childhood Coalition Mtg.
- 18 School District Human Resources Mtg
- 18 Skills Competition COTR
- 22 Committee Meetings SD # 5.
- 24 -26 Provincial Child Care Council

March 2016

- 1 Safe communities Cranbrook Meeting
- 2 CDTA Mtg.
- 2 TM Roberts. PAC Mtg.

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2016 AT 1:02 PM

Trustee Report: Doug McPhee

Events Attended:

February 1, 2016

Gordon Terrace PAC

February 3, 2016

CDTA Executive Meeting

February 9, 2016 9:30 AM

SD5 Executive Meeting

February 9, 2016 11:00 AM

Tour of Kootenay Orchards School

February 9, 2016 1:00 PM

Board Meeting in Cranbrook

February 17th, 2016

Parkland Middle School PAC

February 19, 2016

Hiring Screening Meeting

February 22, 2016

Committee Day

February 23, 2016

Interviews for Executive Secretary

February 26, 2015

Meeting with John Horgan

March 3, 2016

Visit the Student Workshops at COTR

March 4, 2016

Attended the Metis Kitchen Party at the Heritage Inn

March 7, 2016 4:00 PM

Attended the opening ceremonies for the Youth Centre in Cranbrook

March 7, 2016 5:00 PM

Attended the Humanity Network Meeting at the Heritage Inn

March 8, 2016

Board Meeting in Fernie

Comments on a Short Month

February started to show the early signs of spring and with that, the

desire to get things started on all fronts.

The PAC meetings at Gordon Terrace and Parkland were, and are, very informative. It is always interesting to see the preparations in place to address the changes coming with the new curriculum focus. For some it will be an interesting change in practice and for others it will be an affirmation for practice already in place.

In my history with the district, this time of the year was critical for the PAC. Very soon the playing fields will dry enough that thoughts of soccer and baseball will engage the scheduling of already busy families. The attendance to PAC meetings often suffers in the balance, BUT if the planning is in place before the season of green grass starts, things just carry on!

As an aside, we have already been notified by my daughter of potential schedules for horseback lessons, spring soccer, lacrosse and hockey camps for the grandchildren. When I was a child (before recorded history as we know it), this would be the time when we would be putting new tubes in the bicycle tires, replacing the missing spokes and putting 3-in-1 oil on everything that squeaked. The mechanical repairs were a very necessary preparation in advance of chasing trout down Joseph Creek or lazy afternoons spent at the Gyro Pool.

There was a tv ad a years ago with the warning, "It's 10 o'clock, do you know where your children are?" In my childhood in Cranbrook, it was probably the only time that parents actually knew. Times have changed!

This is also the time of the year during which schools determine their enrolment projections for September 2016, the learning needs of the students in that future population and the staffing required to delivery that service. Everything, short of the basic operation of building (cleaning, repairs, utilities) are driven and determined by a formula related to the student enrolment. Getting the enrolment picture and the learning needs of the students as accurate as possible is essential to having the needed resources in place when the doors open. Unfortunately, for this process, humans don't follow the needs of the district. The availability of work and housing often determines where people will ultimately call home, so to coin Robbie Burns, "The best laid schemes o' mice an' men gang aft a-gley." Despite all of our plans, projections, tables, formulas and forms, there is still a healthy measure of guess work and good intentions when it comes to predicting the enrolment for September. Fortunately, adjustments are made throughout the summer to address emergent needs.

School District 5 Enrolment - April 12, 2016

School	Student Funded FTE Oct. 2.15	Student FTE April 4.16	Difference
Amy Woodland Elementary	265	269	4
Elkford Elem/Secondary	187	183	-4
Fernie Secondary	308.3	312	4
Frank J. Mitchell Elementary	342	338	-4
Gordon Terrace Elementary	264	264	0
Highlands Elementary	267	264	-3
Isabella Dicken Elementary	403	406	3
Jaffray Elem. Junior Secondary	176.6	179	2
Kootenay Discovery School	24.5	88	64
Kootenay Educational Services	98.8	112	13
Kootenay Orchards Elementary	232	234	2
Laurie Middle	346.5	336	-11
Mount Baker Secondary	845.6	810	-36
Parkland Middle	458.6	465	6
Pinewood Elementary	109	109	0
Rocky Mountain Elementary	238	237	-1
Sparwood Secondary	255.6	256	0
Steeple Elementary	161	165	4
T.M. Roberts Elementary	367	370	3
Total District	5349.5	5397	48



SD 5 Superintendent's News

Superintendent's Activities

Just before the break, I had the opportunity to attend some events at various schools that included a delightful "Fractured Fairytales" production at Gordon Terrace, a Grade 6 Entrepreneurial Fair at Highlands School and I spent time at Mount Baker hearing the Jazz Band serenade students as they entered the school on the last day before spring break. I also spent some time in the GEM class – Girls' Extreme Makeover and this is not what you may think! These young women are learning some important life skills including building a small structure complete with adjoining walls, tiling, installing plumbing and electricity as well as building some rustic pieces of furniture. I stepped next door into the drafting class where students were heavily engaged designing mazes to be printed on the new 3-D printer! The robotics class has also taken advantage with this new piece of technology. In the first week back I was invited to a Magic Show with Marc Tardiff at TM Roberts and saw a delightful Trickster Theatre production at FJ Mitchell in Sparwood. Our schools are just so interesting and engaging for our students!!



School Organization

During the first week of March, school planning meetings were held with all principals. Considering the best enrolment information we have for each school along with the latest budget announcements from the Ministry of Education, preliminary decisions have been made regarding the staffing needs of each school. Brent Reimer and the Human Resources Department will begin the staffing process shortly so that we ensure the greatest stability possible for our schools in preparation for the 2016-2017 school year.



Learning Improvement Funds/Education Fund

In the fall we followed the consultation process for Learning Improvement Funds/Education Funds as is outlined in the School Act. The Teacher Education Fund (EF) is a component of the Learning Improvement Fund (LIF) and now comprises 80% of the total under the Teacher Education Fund collective agreement provision while the remaining 20% of the LIF fund is designated to support staff. We have recently added a few more blocks at some schools with the remaining EF funds.

Our total new LIF grant is \$1,109,508 and the EF fund portion is \$887,606. We will soon be starting the Spring Process of the LIF/EF funds for the 2016/2017 school year!

Party Program Sponsored Youth Conference "Journal of Happiness"

On May 17, 18, and 19th there will be an East Kootenay Party Program Youth Convention held at the College of the Rockies for all Grade 8, 9 and 10s in School District 5 & 6. Students will take part in Breakout Sessions about Mental Health, Relationships, Drugs, Body Image and More and listen to Keynote Speaker Jordan Axani about the very important topic of Social Media. Check out his website at www.jordanaxani.com. Once again a huge debt of thanks to Al Nutini and other members of the RCMP who spearhead this very important opportunity for our youth!



Student Voice/District Student Advisory Council Spring Meeting

Forty-seven students from across the district, along with Trustees Bellina and Blumhagen, Director of Student Learning, Jason Tichauer and Executive Assistant Gail Rousseau came together in Elkford Secondary School for the annual Student Voice/District Student Advisory Council spring meeting. Thanks to Tami Chechotko for organizing the day at Elkford Secondary School. Topics discussed covered areas around financial literacy (how well high school students are prepared for life after high school) leadership structures in place in schools and general suggestions/recommendations on how to make schools a better place. All of this information will be taken back to the Provincial Student Voice Conference later this month.

The District Student Advisory Council were introduced to the portal where they can now blog, upload pictures, discuss various topics amongst themselves, make notes and store ideas. Mrs. Hay, Vice-Principal of Elkford Secondary School gave a presentation on the new curriculum and asked the students for their opinions/reflection. The students then discussed with other students what DSAC means to them, how DSAC should be structured and how DSAC should move forward for next year. As time ran short, the students were asked to post on the portal leadership activities that have taken place or will take place in their schools as well as an update on their school goals from Blue Lake.



Director of Student Learning and Aboriginal Education:

Aboriginal Education

We are well on our way to producing our new Enhancement Agreement. The Writing Group has been meeting, and is currently making changes to the original draft. Soon, the document will be presented to our various stakeholders for feedback.

As well, our district will be attending the annual Gathering in the lower mainland later this month to promote promising practices in Aboriginal Education in the province.

DSAC/Student Voice

I had the pleasure of helping to facilitate the District Student Advisory Committee meeting in Elkford this past month. This was an exciting opportunity for our student-leaders to give invaluable feedback to our district in terms of what they want to see in their schools and in their school district.

The other part of the day was spent on students reporting out from their Student Voice experiences. What great student leaders we have. A special thanks to Trustees Blumhagen and Bellina for participating as well!

Provincial Scholarships

In response to the new BC Excellence Scholarship, which is awarded to exceptionally well-rounded student leaders, all four of our Secondary Schools have forwarded their nominees to the Ministry of Education. Each school is allowed to nominate one student, and I'm sure each of our high schools had an incredibly difficult time narrowing down their lists!

Safe Schools Coordinator

This past month, I completed Level 1 of the Incident Command System (ICS) training, which is part of the new Emergency Planning Guide for School Districts published by the Ministry of Education last summer. All of our Emergency preparedness documents are now aligned with the Ministry's All-Hazards approach, and we will be in-servicing all of our buildings in the ICS model, starting imminently with the board office.

Update from the Secretary-Treasurer:

April will be a busy time with a review of the funding announcement for 16/17 and a review of the administrative savings requirement. The Finance Department will complete the budget building process and the District Management Team will meet regarding the projected shortfall.

Update from the Director of Student Learning and Innovation:

Just a reminder of the Ready, Set, Learn events happening in our schools this month. Please see our website for a full schedule! <http://www.sd5.bc.ca/programs/EarlyLearningResources/ReadySetLearn/Pages/default.aspx>

Update from the District Principal of Technology and Transformative Learning:

NGN (Next Generation Network)

NGN is the PLNet (Public Learning Network) replacement. The NGN is an initiative from the BC Govt, Telus, IBM and X10 Networks. All BC school districts are getting converted over to NGN.

NGN is well under way with seven sites in SD5 already converted. Once all of our sites are on the NGN we should notice quite an increase in network performance.



DSAC

The students involved in DSAC were given a briefing on the Portal at their face-to face meeting in March. The portal was presented as an option for the students to use as a convenient and reliable way to correspond. We are currently piloting the portal with these students. A main DSAC group has been set up in the portal to provide information to this group as well as a platform for sharing and communicating with each other. A DSAC group for each school also has been set up in the portal for these students to brainstorm and share ideas at the school level as well.

Training

Training in the Portal for SD5 staff is happening on an ongoing basis.

The My Education team continues to train SD5 employees on the system as well as preparing for next year's scheduling and set up.



4H East Kootenay Regional Speeches— Colby Holt, from Parkland Middle School placed first at the 4H East Kootenay Regional Speech competition here in Cranbrook last month. earning him a spot for the second year in a row at the provincial competition in July.

Hannah Boulton from Mt. Baker placed second and Mikayla Adams from Parkland placed third. At the Junior level, Saige Black (SD6 Student) was first, Liam Murdock from TM Roberts Elementary was second and Joe Pelletier from Parkland Middle School was third. MLA, Wayne Stetski, was one of the judges this year.



BCSTA

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BCSTA AGM April 14-17, 2016

Hyatt Regency, Vancouver, BC

Update from the Director of Instruction:

Staffing processes for the coming school year are under way with final budgetary decisions being made in the next few weeks. Any necessary district initiated transfers or layoffs of continuing teaching staff to meet budgetary requirements will occur after final decisions are determined. In addition, continuing teacher initiated transfer requests will be considered prior to the post and fill process for next year's available teaching positions.

CUPE staffing processes will begin in the middle part of May and will continue through the summer as required.

We are advertising for TTOC positions for the next school year. TTOC applicants with specialties in French Immersion, Student Services and Counselling will be given special consideration.

We are continuing to meet with the CFTA around the concept of a new teacher mentorship program. Our next meeting will be soon but no date has been determined at this point. The anticipated start date for this exciting program is September 2016.

Our newly created District Health and Safety Advisory Team continues to make valuable progress and will meet again April 28, 2016. The team is currently spending time developing processes to help schools with their site based Joint Health and Safety Teams.

Update from the District Principal, Student Services:

Science Fair 2016, based on the theme of "The Science of Sport and Health", attracted many students to put together projects on categories such as Concussions, Sport Injury Prevention, Nutrition, Sporting Equipment and even a study on Australopithecus Afarensis (how bone structure can affect the ability to stand upright).

The finalists going to Canada Wide Science Fair in Montreal, May 14-21st are:

- Rory Smith, Effects of Polyphenols on E-coli Bacteria—Grade 9 Laurie Middle School
- Sienna Longo, Growing Pains — Grade 8 The Fernie Academy
- Emma Morgan, Measuring Knee Stress with a Mechanical Model— Grade 9 The Fernie Academy
- Best of the Fair Project was by Rory Smith of Laurie Middle School

One hundred and forty-eight students participated in this year's Science Fair with the highest number of participants coming from The Fernie Academy, Kootenay Orchards, Elkford Secondary and Home Schoolers. Over 400 visitors viewed 128 projects throughout the weekend. It takes a community to run Science Fair every year including the 49 professional science judges, 6 people running the data entry for every project, 10 facilitators that were education students from COTR, the Knights of Columbus who help run the registration process, school district representatives, parents, the College of the Rockies staff, community members and many local businesses. Guest Speakers were well received discussing many topics around our theme. Dr. Dean Kriellaars gave lectures on physical literacy, multi-sport activities, movement preparation and the art and science of the circus. Cory Cameron discussed the hot topic of concussions in youth sport and Rob Niedermayer and Joel Savage talked to students about their own experiences playing professional hockey including injury and preparation.

All of the exhibits presented interesting and fun science information for the students and adults. On Saturday the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC held the very popular bridge building contest presentation. This is where students can build bridges using specific criteria and then see how much pressure they can withstand during demolition.



From: Victor, Darcy L MCF:EX [<mailto:Darcy.Victor@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 9:03 AM
To: Lynn Hauptman
Cc: 'Rita Romeo - EKCCRR Coordinator'
Subject: Cranbrook Poverty Reduction Committee School Board Invitation

Hi Lynn,

I was given your name as the contact for school board representation for committees. The Cranbrook Poverty Reduction Committee (CPRC) has been actively meeting since June 2014 and in October 2015 we joined meetings with the Cranbrook Social Planning Society. CPRC is a sub committee of the Social Planning Society.

We previously had representation from the school board when Patricia Whalen attended meetings through her previous employment. Doug McPhee attended a community meeting 27 August 2015 when MLA Jackie Tegert was in Cranbrook in her role as the poverty liaison to government.

As we work towards the Cranbrook Poverty Reduction Plan it would be beneficial for a representative from the school board to be in attendance at meetings. Please accept this invitation to the next Cranbrook Social Planning Meeting at the Salvation Army 21 March 2016 from 1:00 to 3:00pm. If you require any additional information please let me know. I have attached the February minutes and the March Agenda.

I have copied Rita Romeo, Chair, Cranbrook Social Planning Society in the email s she will be able to address any questions you may have as well.

Looking forward to hearing from you Lynn.

Regards,

Darcy Victor

Family Consultant - **Mon, Tue, Fri. (afternoon) & Thu. (all day)**

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February 24, 2016

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All Superintendents
All Secretary-Treasurers

At the request of the Provincial Health Officer, I am writing to remind all school districts of the importance of ensuring water quality within all schools complies with Water Management Best Practices and the *Drinking Water Protection Act*.

While we have no evidence of children being adversely affected in BC, it is nonetheless important to reduce population lead exposure. The extent to which the potential for lead to enter the water supply varies depending on the type of water (soft water), acidity and length of exposure.

School Districts should work with local health authorities to establish a plan to evaluate water quality especially in schools built before the 1989 revision of the BC Plumbing Code restricting the use of lead and potable water lines, as well as to mitigate any risks identified. The plan should include:

1. Evaluating and prioritizing facilities based on age and water supply.
2. Establishing and carrying out testing of priority facilities.
3. Mitigating risks.
4. Regularly re-sampling to verify effectiveness.
5. Communicating findings.
6. Establishing a long-term management plan.

If elevated lead levels are found, a number of actions can be taken to mitigate risk. The most appropriate actions for your facilities will depend on a number of factors and should be discussed with your local drinking water officer

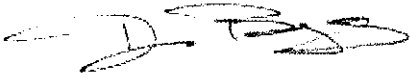
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Should you have questions, I am providing the following Health Authority Contacts:

Fraser Health: 1-604-587-3828 or 1-604-527-4806
Interior Health: 1-866-457-5648
Island Health: 1-866-665-6626
South Island 1-866-665-6626
Central Island 1-866-770-7798
North Island 1-877-887-8835
Northern Health: 1-250-565-2000
Vancouver Coastal
Health: 1-604-675-3900 or 1-604-527-4893

Thank you to your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Dave Byng
Deputy Minister

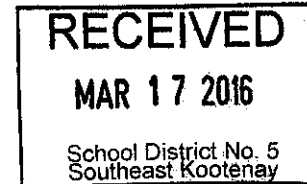


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March 15, 2016

File No. 0540.20

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Lynn Hauptman:

I apologize for this long over-due letter explaining Council's decision regarding the Cranbrook in Motion Committee. At the Regular meeting of Council December 7, 2015, Council considered the need for some of the committees.

Council decided there would be no recruitment for the Cranbrook in Motion Committee for 2016. Many of the items referred to the committee contain technical aspects that require research prior to consideration by the Committee. It is more efficient if correspondence is referred directly to the appropriate department, who will consult with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, the School District, ICBC, RCMP and BC Transit when relevant, and report directly to Council. This will alleviate the current lengthy response times on the issues and complaints received as there is no waiting period for Committee meetings and reporting back to Council.

Members of the public can still submit concerns to Mayor and Council and that correspondence will be dealt with by adding it to a Council Agenda or referring it directly to the appropriate department and/or organization.

On behalf of Council, thank you for the time School Trustees Patricia Whalen and Doug McPhee dedicated to the Committee in 2015; it is very much appreciated. Please share Council's appreciation with both of them.

Sincerely,

Kelly Thorsteinson
Executive Assistant to the Mayor

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