



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

April 14, 2015, 3:30 a.m.  
Board Office

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**1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

**1.1 Call to Order**

**1.2 Consideration and Approval of Agenda**

M/S that the agenda for the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of [date] 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 [date] 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 [date].

**1.5 Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

**1.5.1 Calendar Approval**

**1.6 Receiving of Delegations/Presentations**

**1.6.1 Physical Literacy Project with Steeples and COTR - David Martin and Sandy Lavery**

**2. COMMITTEE REPORTS/TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

**2.1 Advocacy/Education Committee**

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

**2.2 Policy Committee**

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

<b>2.3</b>	<b>Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee</b>	
	M/S that the Board accept the report of the Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee.	
<b>2.4</b>	<b>Student Services Committee</b>	
	M/S that the Board accept the report of the Student Services Committee.	
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	M/S to accept the report of the Communications/Media Committee.	
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	M/S to accept the report of the Mt. Baker Secondary School Building Replacement Committee.	
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	M/S to accept the Legacy of Learning report.	
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<b>8.</b>	<b>QUESTION PERIOD</b>	

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

M/S that the [date] 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 10, 2015, 3:30 p.m.  
Fernie Secondary School**

Present: Chairperson Lento  
Trustee Ayling  
Trustee Bellina  
Trustee Blumhagen  
Trustee Brown  
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 Instruction/Student Learning, D. Casault  
Director of Student Learning and Aboriginal Education, J. Tichauer  
District Principal/Student Services, D. Verbeurgt  
Recorder, Corinne Burns

**1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

**1.1. Call to Order**

Chairperson Lento called the March 10, 2015 regular public meeting of the Board of Education to order at 3:42 p.m.

**1.2. Consideration and Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION R- 15-47**

M/S that the agenda for the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of March 10, 2015 be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**1.3. Approval of the Minutes**

Minutes of the Public meeting of the Board of Education of February 10, 2015.

**MOTION R- 15-48**

M/S that the minutes of the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of February 10, 2015 be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

#### 1.4. Receipt of Records of Closed Meetings

##### **MOTION R- 15-49**

M/S to accept the closed records of the in-camera meeting of the Board of Education of February 10, 2015.

**CARRIED**

#### 1.5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Nil

#### 1.6. Receiving of Delegations/Presentations

##### **1.6.1. Jodie Parker, Dawn Voysey, Nicole Neufeld - Ready Set Learn**

Ms. Casault introduced Ms. Voysey, Ms. Neufeld and Ms. Parker from IDES and Strong Start. Ms. Parker provided a verbal presentation to the Board on Strong Start which included the following key points:

- The program works closely with Ready Set Learn initiative.
- The program provides support to parents and children before they enter the school system.
- This program works well for Kindergarten readiness.
- Older students participate with younger children.

Discussion included:

- Program runs in Jaffray once a month.
- How do we get funding so this program is in all our communities?
- Parents from communities that do not have Strong Start are encouraged to come to communities that do and participate.

Chairperson Lento thanked the ladies for their enthusiasm and for making the program a success.

##### **1.6.2. Budget Presentation - Erika Rieve-Palmer & Leena Wright**

Mrs. Wright presented to the Board their request that the 2015/16 school calendar return back to 5 day week instruction. The key points were:

- Daycare for students  
There is not sufficient daycare available for families that would only require one day per week nor can parents afford daycare.
- Academic achievement  
There is a research paper from the US that suggests academic achievement is less for those students that have less school days in session.
- Students break time - lunch hour  
With shortened lunch hours it is difficult for students to eat their lunch in the time that is allotted.

Discussion included:

- The request is not for another altered calendar but to return to the former standard calendar eliminating the red days.

Chairperson Lento thanked the ladies for presenting and advised the Trustees would take their request into consideration.

## 2. COMMITTEE REPORTS/TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

### 2.1. Advocacy/Education Committee

Co-chair Trustee Blumhagen reviewed the minutes of the February 23, 2015 meeting of the Advocacy/Education Committee.

#### **MOTION R- 15 - 50**

M/S that the Board write a follow-up letter to the Minister of Finance with a copy to the usual stakeholders requesting a progress update on Recommendations 22-36 from the Report on the Budget 2015 Consultations from the Select Standing Committee.

**CARRIED**

#### **MOTION R- 15 - 51**

M/S that the Board write a letter to the Minister of Education with a copy to the usual Stakeholders regarding the exempt staff compensation freeze, as a matter of morale.

**CARRIED**

#### **MOTION R- 15 - 52**

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

**CARRIED**

### 2.2. Policy Committee

Co-chair Trustee Brown reviewed the minutes of the February 23, 2015 meeting of the Policy Committee.

#### **MOTION R- 15 - 53**

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

**CARRIED**

### 2.3. Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee

Co-chair Trustee Bellina reviewed the minutes of the February 23, 2015 meeting of the Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee.

It was noted that the following motion was approved in the in-camera meeting:  
*M/S that the Board approve Secretary Treasurer Norum to proceed with an agreement with the City of Cranbrook to split the cost 50/50 for a flashing pedestrian sign that will be installed at MBSS. Total cost will be approximately \$5400.00.*

#### **MOTION R- 15 - 54**

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

**CARRIED**

**2.4. Communications/Media Committee**

Trustee Ayling reported that all letters will now be sent out to all Boards.

Discussion included:

- Letters that are sent out need to be tracked for responses.
- All letters are placed on the web page.

**MOTION R- 15 - 55**

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

**CARRIED**

**2.5. Mt. Baker Secondary School Building Replacement Committee**

Trustee Johns reminded Trustees that he now chairs the Key City Theatre Board meetings. He is pursuing ways to promote the Key City Theatre. He advised all Key City Theatre posters show SD5 as a supporter.

**MOTION R- 15 - 56**

M/S to accept the report of the Mt. Baker Secondary School Building Replacement Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2.6. Legacy of Learning**

Trustee Johns reported there is 2 new photo panels in Board Room 1.

**MOTION R- 15 - 57**

M/S to accept the Legacy of Learning report.

**CARRIED**

**2.7. Trustee Reports**

Trustees reported on their activities for the month.

**3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD**

Superintendent Hauptman's report of March 10, 2015 included:

Superintendent's Activities

- Budget meetings
- School visits
- School Calendar

Superintendent Hauptman reported she has had the opportunity to witness the Strong Start program in action when she has been out visiting schools. April is Science Fair month and there is always a need for judges if you have time to spare.

Finance/Operations Updates

Mr. Norum reported that the Budget meetings with the PVP's went well.

He has also been working on:

- Licensing for Dog Park
- School Calendar

Update from Director of Instruction/Student Learning

Ms. Casault reported she has been meeting with those involved in Ready Set Learn and Strong Start. The programs are full and they continue to have conversations with the

Ministry about how to better serve isolated communities. We have been informed that there are no new strong starts at this time.

Update from Director of Instruction/Safety/Aboriginal Education

Mr. Tichauer reported they are gathering people together to help build the athletic report. Mr. Tichauer reported he completed a report for the Ministry on how to better disperse the Ministry of Education's scholarship monies.

He has also been involved with:

Aboriginal Perspectives and Worldviews in the Classroom

PVP Meeting

Skills Canada

Update from District Principal/Student Services

Mr. Verbeurgt reported that he has attended the Response to Instruction and Intervention workshop and the SET - BC workshops.

Mr. Verbeurgt reported that a team of 6 staff members from BC Children's hospital visited Cranbrook to talk about children with eating disorders.

Update from Director of Instruction/Human Resources

Mr. Reimer reported advertising for TTOC's, Educational Assistants and Clerical staff for next year is ongoing. Post and fill will soon be done electronically.

Important Dates for Trustees:

Science Fair - COTR - April 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>

BCSTA AGM April 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>

PARTY Program - April 8, 15, 22, 29

Fernie Hospital 8:45 am - 3:15 pm

Retirement Dinner - June 11, 2015, St Eugene

Graduations:

MBSS June 25 - 5pm

FSS June 26 - 2pm

SSS May 30 - 6pm

ESS June 25 - 1pm

Enrolment Report

Discussion included:

- A presentation on what the new grad requirements may look like will be made at the April Board meeting.
- Trustees would like to see a copy of the report Mr. Tichauer sent to the Ministry regarding scholarships.
- More school control was asked for in regards to scholarships.
- Cranbrook Library is researching the possibility of a library on wheels for isolated communities.
- Important to advocate for our Strong Start program.

**MOTION R- 15 - 58**

M/S that the March 10, 2015 Superintendent's Report to the Board of Education be accepted as presented.



**CARRIED**

**4. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Chairperson Lento requested the Boards approval to explore blueprints for the replacement of IDES and FJMES.

**MOTION R- 15 - 59**

M/S that Chairperson Lento explore a blueprint and business plan for the replacement of FJ Mitchell and Isabella Dickens elementary schools.

**CARRIED**

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**5.1. Business Arising from Delegations**

Nil

**5.2. Calendar 2015/16**

**MOTION R- 15 - 60**

M/S that the Board approve the distribution of a draft calendar to our stakeholder groups for input and feedback.

**CARRIED**

**6. TRUSTEE BOUQUETS**

Trustees thanks Fernie Secondary School for the tour and a great lunch. Trustee Johns and Ayling were thanked for their work with the Key City Theatre.

**7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE**

**8. QUESTION PERIOD**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION R- 15 - 61**

M/S that the March 10, 2015 regular public meeting of the Board of Education adjourn at 5:34 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**10. LATE ITEMS**

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Frank Lento, Chairperson

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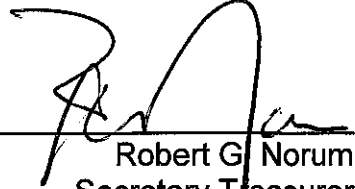
Rob Norum, Secretary Treasurer



#### 1.4. RECEIPT OF RECORDS OF CLOSED MEETINGS

##### **In-camera Meeting April 14, 2015**

- Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee report
  - Budget
  - Off Leash Dog Use Area
- BCPSEA Representative Report
  - Society Act
- Superintendent's Report
  - Staffing Report



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Robert G. Norum  
Secretary Treasurer

**Communications Committee Report**

**Sent Media release(s)/Letters:**

- Letter to Education and Finance Ministers re: Exempt Staff Wage Freeze
- Letter to Finance Minister re: follow up on 2015 Select Standing Cmtee

**Media release(s)/Letters for distribution:**

- None

**Media Releases/Letters in the works:**

- None

**Published/Media-Related Activities:**

- None

## **Trustee Ayling's Report**

Chamber luncheon – Mar 11

DPAC –Mar 11

KCTS mtg –Mar 19

Welcoming & Inclusive Communities workshop (Humanities Network) –Mar 30

AW PAC –Mar 30

CDTA exec mtg –April 1

MBSS PAC (for Chris Johns) –April 7

RSA day –Apr 13

## Trustee Bellina's Report

March 10th - Board Meeting Fernie

March 12th - Sparwood Early Years Committee Meeting

April 7th - FJMES PAC Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015 AT 9:00 AM

## **Board Meeting in Fernie Secondary**

We had a great tour of Fernie Secondary School. It was interesting to hear of the number of opportunities that teachers were making available for student during the lunch hour. We were serenaded by the Guitar Class, entertained by the Grade 8 Drama/English Class, given a quick introduction to the production of the Fernie Secondary Yearbook and an opportunity to speak with some students who were rebuilding a motor in the Metal Shop.

My thanks again to the staff for taking the time to share the valuable learning experiences they create daily for the students of FSS.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015 AT 8:00 PM

## **Metis Kitchen Party**

Through a generous grant from the Metis Nation of British Columbia (MNBC) a number of Kitchen Parties have been held in SD5/6. The Kitchen Party is a reflection back to earlier times of settlement in Canada. For lack of iPhones and WiFi, entertainment often involved a gathering, a potluck meal and music generated in any means available. It was a time to share culture and an opportunity to meet new people.

Amy Cross has been the contractor for the MNBC grants for the last few years. Fortunately when she moved back to Cranbrook, she brought a wealth of experience and connections made during similar work in Medicine Hat and throughout Alberta. She always finds something new to offer students to peak their interest and understanding of Metis culture and the contribution of the Aboriginal People of Canada.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2015 AT 9:48 AM

## **Start of the Spring Break**

This is also the start of preparations for the Restorative Practices Workshop that Deb and I will be doing for SD6 and the schools in Golden.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2015 AT 9:51 AM

## **Restorative Practices Workshop - Golden**

Restorative Practices as applied to education is a philosophy that will build a positive school culture based on the celebration of our differences and that understanding is a product of our curiosity. The workshop went very well. As an opening round we had each individual identify a virtue that they let was very important to them in the day's work. "Respect" seemed to be one of the common threads. It came as not surprise to us that the staff demonstrated respect for what we had to share and during the group sharing sessions.

I hope that the folks in Golden have success with their new skills and we are more than willing to work with them in the future on further implementation of Restorative Practices.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2015 AT 9:00 AM

## **Preparation for the Humanity Network Workshop**

Busy household again this weekend as Amy and Deb prepare for the workshop on Monday for the Humanity Network. My skills, limited as they may be, are usually directed toward fixing glitches with technology.

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MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2015 AT 9:00 PM

I attended the Humanity Network Workshop on behalf of School District 5 and Cranbrook and District Restorative Justice Society.

Joe Pierre and Deb lead us through the "Blanket Exercise" in the morning. The presentation provides background on the impact that colonization of North America has had on Aboriginal people. The exercise also illustrates why issues associated with Treaty and Land Claims are more than just questions of ownership and resource management.

"Sometimes seeing familiar faces in a meeting may mean that you are in good company."

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**School District No. 5**  
**From the Office of the Superintendent**

To: Trustees  
From: Lynn Hauptman  
Date: April 14, 2015  
Re: Monthly Report to the Board

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**Purpose of this Report:**

As the Board's Chief Executive Officer, the Superintendent of Schools is accountable for the day-to-day operations of the school district and for ensuring that the Board is aware of how the school district is doing in all areas of its operations.

**Superintendent's Activities**

**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 2015-2016 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. Our total LIF grant is \$1,008,915 and the EF fund portion is \$807,132. Because of the late start to the school year, all the EF funds were not spent so we were able to do a second round of consultations with our schools and the CFTA and new postings have gone out to increase services for the remainder of the school year. We will soon be starting the Spring Process of the LIF/EF funds for the 2015/2016 school year!

**Student Voice/District Student Advisory Committee Spring Meeting**

On March 6, I had the pleasure of spending the day with students from our Student Voice and District Student Advisory Committee. During the morning, the Student Voice student leaders McKinley Richards, Karlie Sundstrom, Michele Gamache, Taylor Wurmlinger, Nikita Paskiewich and Cynthia Kielpinski led the remainder of the group through 5 questions brought back from the October Student Voice Session in Vancouver for students to give input. Some of the topics included "Things to Know after you graduate high school", and "What do you think we could do as a school system to ensure that transition from K-12 to wherever you want



to go could teach you these things?" Other discussion topics include the Graduation Program, what works well in public education and what needs improvement. The afternoon's activities were focused on the District Student Advisory Committee wherein the students connected through various leadership activities and decided upon their school goals for the rest of the year.

### **Results of our Thoughtexchange Survey Now Available**

As you are aware, in the late fall of 2014, our school community took part in a Thoughtexchange virtual community engagement process and we are pleased to report that 1265 participants accepted our invitations. We collected more than 43,000 prioritized stars placed on the almost 2,400 thoughts shared by our parents, employees and community members.

I invite you to dive into our results using a website created especially for the Southeast Kootenay School District. You'll learn more about the overall process and have the opportunity to explore our results from a school, community, and district-wide perspective. Click the link below and enjoy!

<http://sd5.thoughtexchange.info/>

This link is also available on both our district and school websites. Thank you for your interest and participation! We hope this gives you a great opportunity to better understand the various needs of our community.

### **SD5 Sports Teams**

The 2014-2015 school year has been another successful year for our teams. A considerable number of staff members and community volunteers continue to support our students in their athletic pursuits and I extend sincere appreciation for the time and expertise which is dedicated to enable our students to learn and grow from this involvement. A highlight was hosting the BC Senior Girls' Volleyball Championships at Mount Baker Secondary School this past fall. Congratulations to all of our student athletes!

### **Party Program Sponsored Youth Conference "Journal of Happiness"**

On May 20 and 21 there will be an East Kootenay Party Program Youth Convention held at the College of the Rockies for all Grade 8 and 10s in School District 5 & 6. Students will take part in Breakout Sessions about "Reaching out and Connecting", "Relating to Relationships", "Awakening Your Happiness", "Play to Your Potential" etc., and listen to Keynote Speaker "Retro Bill" who is a motivational speaker/actor/director and artist for grades K-12.

## **Parkland Middle School Wins a Book Club Set of "Random Acts"**

On Wednesday, February 11, 2015, Penguin Canada held a contest on Facebook asking for their followers to suggest a school in their community that they felt should receive a book club set of RANDOM ACTS, the newest children's novel from Valerie Sherrard. Parkland Middle School was nominated and was one of 4 schools across the country to receive these books for their anonymous random acts of kindness!!

## **Highlands Elementary School Wins \$500**

Highlands Elementary School is receiving \$500 from Western Financial Group which will go towards helping to bring in a guest speaker for next school year for Anti-bullying. Highlands Elementary School participated in "Pink the Rink Night" at the Kootenay Ice hockey game in March and this gave them the option to apply for funding from Western Financial Group. The application had to include an excerpt on anti-bullying initiatives at the school for next year.

Finally, I am looking forward to attending the BCSTA Conference and AGM later this week in Vancouver with our trustees.

## **Finance/Operations Updates:**

- Review of funding announcement for 15/16
- Review Administrative Savings requirement
- Complete budget building process
- Meeting with Management team re projected shortfall
- Prepare Budget review for April 14 Board meeting

## **Update from the Director of Instruction/Human Resources**

We are in the process of moving towards an electronic application process for teacher postings. The CFTA presidents, with selected teacher representatives, will be working through a test pilot of the new system within SRB. Once it can be determined that the system is ready for implementation, we will be looking forward to this 21<sup>st</sup> century improvement for post and fill for the 2015-2106 school year.

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 latter 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, Industrial Education and Counselling will be given special consideration.

## **Update from the Director of Student Learning and Innovation**

### **Early Learning Fair – April 21**

The Cranbrook Early Years Fair is being held April 21 from 9 am-noon at Steeples Elementary School. As in past years, there is no fee and the goal is to increase the awareness of families as to what Cranbrook has to offer the young children of our community.

## **Update from the Director of Student Learning and Aboriginal Education**

### **Aboriginal Education**

We are excited to have partnered with ?aq'am (St Mary's Band) and ?aqamnik school to set up a cohort of ?aq'am students K-12 through the Ministry of Education's Sharepoint system. This is an important partnership for both the Band and the school district, as we look to set up a long term tracking system of how ?aq'am students are doing, both in and out of our system.

### **Skills Training**

SD5 students are once again off to Vancouver after winning Skills Canada regional competitions! MBSS Robotics and Dual Credit students in Welding and Carpentry will be travelling to the lower mainland to compete at the provincial level.

Once again, we have been successful in securing ITA funding for our Yes 2 It Grade 9 Skills training day. This year, the date is April 9<sup>th</sup>, and over 40 SD5 students will be participating.

### **Secondary Graduation**

We have been able to work with the Ministry of Education to more accurately present our six year completion rates. By being able to exclude our non-resident students (i.e., International students), we have been able to calculate our completion rate six percent higher than originally posted. As well, we have provided our middle and secondary schools with lists of students that the Ministry lists as unsuccessful and have asked them to determine whether or not these students were successful in another jurisdiction. We are confident that we will see more of our students have graduated out of province or out of country.

Also on the graduation front, we have the opportunity to be one of the districts involved in giving feedback to revamp the provincial scholarship program. The meeting will focus on aligning the governments' scholarship funding to the Education Plan in a fair and equitable way.

## **Update from the District Principal of Student Services**

Darcy Verbeurgt attended a Kootenay-Boundary regional meeting of the BC Council of Administrators in Special Education. The regional members discussed the IEP format for My

Education BC. They also discussed revisions to the Ministry of Education Special Education Policies, Procedures and Practices Manual. A meeting with Student Services Teachers and Coordinators will be held to discuss possible revisions.

On April 1<sup>st</sup>, SET-BC and SD5 co-hosted a morning webinar introducing Adrienne Geer's Reading Power. An afternoon session focused around differentiating instruction for reading. One example, the Clicker6 software, was examined to help students learn words and sentence phrases in a hands-on, picture, symbol and spoken support modes.

The East Kootenay Regional Science Fair occurred on April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. There are ninety-seven projects for the competitive fair on Friday and fifty-two projects for the non-competitive fair on Saturday. Results will be given in a verbal report at the Board Meeting.

**Important Dates for Trustees:**

Committee Meetings – April 27  
BCSTA AGM – April 16 – 18 (Vancouver)  
Minister Visit - May 8

School District 5 Enrolment - April, 2015

School	Student Funded FTE Sept. 30.14	Student Funded FTE Apr 1.15	Difference
Amy Woodland Elementary	251	249	(2)
Elkford Elem/Secondary	175.625	165.5	(10)
Fernie Secondary	286	277.625	(8)
Frank J. Mitchell Elementary	347	348	1
Gordon Terrace Elementary	265	272	7
Highlands Elementary	259	258	(1)
Isabella Dicken Elementary	380	380	0
Jaffray Elem. Junior Secondary	167	167	0
Kootenay Discovery School	24.875	11.625	(13)
Kootenay Educational Services	69.75	73.75	4
Kootenay Orchards Elementary	238	235	(3)
Laurie Middle	298.5	298	(1)
Mount Baker Secondary	863.625	810.375	(53)
Parkland Middle	448	454	6
Pinewood Elementary	116	113	(3)
Rocky Mountain Elementary	217	224	7
Sparwood Secondary	267	259.125	(8)
Steeples Elementary	151	146	(5)
T.M. Roberts Elementary	353	355	2
<b>Total District</b>	<b>5177.38</b>	<b>5097</b>	<b>-80.375</b>

**From:** Heather McKenzie-Beck [<mailto:HM McKenzieBeck@BCSTA.ORG>] **On Behalf Of** BCSTA  
**Sent:** March-31-15 5:10 PM  
**To:** Trustees  
**Cc:** Superintendents; Secretary Treasurers; EA - All; BCSTA All Staff  
**Subject:** BCSTA regional conference calls

Dear trustees,

As previously announced, BCSTA will be facilitating a set of regional conference calls that will take place prior to the Ministry of Education’s Regional Innovation Forums that are happening across the province. The calls will be up to 60 minutes long, and are intended to help Boards and district staff prepare for their regional. The meetings will be based on the following questions which will form the basis for Board/Ministry discussion at the regional meetings:

- What competencies (e.g. thinking, collaboration, communication) will be most valued in your sector and your community?
- Students need more access to hands-on learning opportunities. How could your sector or company provide these opportunities for students?
- What commitment are you willing to make to create deeper partnerships between community members and the school district?

BCSTA regional conference calls will take place:

Thompson Okanagan branch	April 7, 2015 at 11:00 am
Metro and Fraser Valley branches	April 20, 2015 at 10:00 am
Northern Interior and North West branches	April 27, 2015 at 10:00 am
South Coast and VISTA branches	May 5, 2015 at 11:00 am
Kootenay Boundary branch	June 1, 2015 at 10:00 am

Please note: The conference call Branch groupings match the geographic areas of the Ministry of Education regional meetings as closely as possible. Should the Ministry schedule for regional meetings be changed for any reason, BCSTA may correspondingly adjust the conference call schedule as needed.

CALL NUMBER      PASSCODE  
**1-866-428-1156**      **657974#**

COMMANDS

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- \*7      to decrease conference volume
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In our efforts to reduce background noise, we ask that you please remember to mute your phone while you are listening. Press \*6 again to unmute and speak.

For your records, the Ministry of Education meetings will take place on the following dates:

Kelowna	April 10, 2015
Surrey	April 24, 2015
Prince George	May 1, 2015
Fort St. John	May 8, 2015
Cranbrook	June 5, 2015

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#### Clarification of BCSTA regional conference calls with Trustees

When the MOE first announced their regional Innovation meetings (including very limited space available at the initial Wosk Center event), BCSTA received from a number of requests for Trustees to share current innovation initiatives and direction amongst themselves. The request focused in particular on the needs of new trustees who didn't know much if anything about the work already being done in their district and others nearby.

The upcoming BCSTA conference calls are intended to address that request.

#### Details:

- These are BCSTA calls (not MOE calls) and are intended as a sharing opportunity for Trustees  
(Sups and S-Ts were copied as a FYI but you are welcome on the call as you see fit)
- Each call is intended for the Boards invited to attend the MOE Regional Meeting later that same week
- We do not see a need for any materials etc. to be prepared for the calls. This is intended to be an informal Trustee sharing of examples and current work.  
Certainly nothing that would be in addition to preparation being done for the regional meetings themselves
- The focus is intended to be positive in nature and supportive of our combined efforts to support the Ed Plan and innovation initiatives

Apologies for any confusion the invitation may have caused. The topic of Trustee conference calls in this regard was previously chatted about on Trustee calls with our Board, etc. but the information and intent may not have reached you.

Please call me directly at any time if you have further questions or concerns.

Mike

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