



SCHOOL DISTRICT 5

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New School Year Introduces Vice Principal Positions to Elkford School Community

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For the first time in School District 5 (SD5) history, both Rocky Mountain Elementary School (RMES) and Elkford Secondary School (ESS) have added vice-principals to their school staff rosters.

According to SD5 Board chair, Frank Lento, the Board unanimously agreed to post for the position of vice-principal (VP) for both Elkford schools.

“The Board took a look at the dynamics of each school, their roles within the community and how the schools are being impacted by changes in both education delivery and technology. We came to the conclusion that both schools would benefit from the additional administrative support of a vice-principal.”

Both James Lund, new VP for RMES, and Erin Hay, new VP for ESS were hired over the summer.

Born and raised in Cranbrook, BC, Lund received his Bachelor of Education from the University of Victoria and has been teaching in SD5 at Sparwood Secondary School (SSS) since his graduation in 2007. Always generous with his time, Lund supervised lunchtime woodwork, fly tying and robotics clubs at SSS. He was also co-organizer of the school’s *Growing Innovation in Rural Sites of Learning* grant in 2011.

“I’m a very hands-on type of guy with a passion for technological innovation and inquiry-based learning. I’d really like to create an inquiry-based, technology education program at Rocky Mountain Elementary School.”

Hay, also a Cranbrook native, received her Bachelor of Arts in 1996 and her Bachelor of Education in 1997, both from the University of British Columbia. An educator for seventeen years, Hay brings a wealth of knowledge to her position, having worked as a classroom teacher, district support teacher and most recently as the School District 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin) Learning Communities Coordinator.

“I’m excited to be moving back to the East Kootenay, and for my family and I to become a part of the close-knit community of Elkford, ” says Hay. “I look forward to joining SD5, to working collaboratively with the students, staff and parents of Elkford Secondary School and with the community of Elkford.”

For information on enrolling at Rocky Mountain Elementary or Elkford Secondary School please visit the SD5 website at sd5.bc.ca or contact the school directly.

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