

“In like a Lion out Like a Lamb”, was originally in context to the weather in March. Provincially the cold polar flow and the western flow full of moisture is creating all sorts of difficulties in communities across BC. Our Maintenance and Transportation Departments are to be commended for address water leaks at FSS, gas leaks at ESS and sewer leaks at RMES. In addition, there have been a number of reluctant busses not wanting to leave the warmth of their respective garages. Thanks again for keeping schools open and busses running.

Locally from our Public Meeting on January 16th, 2024

As there were no Committee Meeting held in December due to the short month, January will prove to be busy:

There will be BCSTA - Kootenay Boundary Branch Motion Building workshop held in the near future. The Board under the urging of Bev and Trina have drafted a number of supportive motions for consideration and we look forward to the discussion.

The Traffic Safety Committee has been actively applying for funding in support of improvements to traffic safety in and around schools in the district.

Last night marked the third Public Forum on School Boundaries in the Cranbrook area. Despite the cold, the meeting was reasonably attended and the discussion/presentation were well-received.

Budget!!!

This is the season of determining the budget for next year. There are a number of coordinated events, designed to gather information on enrolment and predict staff allocations for schools and associated supports. There will be opportunities to gather information from unions and the public. The dates of which will be available in future reporting and on the website.

What is CHEQ? Childhood Experience Questionnaire and is a data collection from parents who are registering children in kindergarten and focuses on questions related to children's health, well-being, learning and social outcomes. There are some very interesting and positive highlights from the survey. The complete survey is available on the SD5 website and further questions can be directed toward the school administration.

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