



School District No. 5
From the Office of the Superintendent

To: Trustees
From: Lynn Hauptman
Date: April 8, 2014
Re: Monthly Report to the Board

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 2014-2015 school year.

Learning Improvement Funds have been increased this year by 25% to \$795,136. This funding will be utilized in consultation and collaboration with schools and the Cranbrook/Fernie Teachers Association through conversations and recommendations on how to best meet the needs of students and reduce teacher workload.

ERASE Student Advisory and Student Voice

Nineteen BC students have been selected for the Provincial ERASE Student Advisory and will advise the Minister of Education and the Premier on bullying and other student safety issues, and will lead work on areas that they identify. Three interested students applied to be a part of this provincial committee. One student was too young and the other two students were not chosen. However, we salute their initiative.

The Student Advisory will have adult subject matter experts available to advise and guide them. The first area to explore will be on social media, and specifically provincial guidelines to help

use it ethically and responsibly. The Student Advisory group will be seeking input from all districts so our DSAC will still have an opportunity to be involved.

Meanwhile, 5 students attended the Provincial Student Voice Conference held April 4 & 5 in Vancouver. Students from Elkford and Fernie along with Keith Regular, Principal of Elkford Secondary School and Gail Rousseau, Executive Assistant attended the conference. Agenda items included a Question and Answer with the Minister of Education, Financial Literacy, Digital Citizen, A Deeper Understanding, Destination Imagination, Scholarships/Applications, and Life Beyond High School; Stories from the Field. Approximately 300 students participated from around the Province.

BC CASE Meetings

Darcy Verbeurgt, Nadine Steele, Maggie Lindsay-Tadey and I attended this year's BC CASE Meeting in Vancouver. The theme this year was "A Culture of Collective Responsibility". Teams from each district were encouraged to attend.

BC CASE's goal has been to help develop the realization that 'we' need to build a shared understanding of the problems we face, and complementary solutions that help develop great schools, and better outcomes for students.

The theme of this conference is to enhance our Culture of Collective Responsibility in providing the best schooling experience we can for all our children. We work together to enable our students to walk across the Graduation Stage with dignity and plan for the future. Our team's work is to help develop a shared understanding of the learning continuum, and as a system maximize our efforts to effect positive change.

International Choral Federation and Cranbrook School Choirs

On Saturday, April 12th, 2014 the International Choral Federation (ICF) will be performing two concerts in Cranbrook at the Alliance Church at 2:30 and 7:00 pm. The exciting news is that the local "guest choir" will be our very own student choirs from Cranbrook schools. ICF is made up of choirs from Leavenworth, Yakima, and Wenatchee in Washington, and Naramata, Trail and the Bisset Singers from Cranbrook, BC. The ICF concerts moves to each community every year and it is up to the local community to choose a feature guest. The Bisset Singers felt that this would be a fabulous opportunity for our students to perform with an adult mass choir and they have been most appreciative of the music teachers and administrators' support of this endeavor. The International Choral Festival has real potential to be a special memory in the students' lives.

SD5 Sports Teams

The 2013-2014 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. Congratulations to all of our student athletes!

Finance/Operations Updates:

- Funding announcement from the Ministry of Education
- Meeting with staff following spring break
- Preparing Budget materials for Board review

Update from the Director of Instruction/Human Resources

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 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 continue to advertise for TTOC positions on going and 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 District Principal of Student Services

Along with several alternate education staff and principals from SD5, Darcy Verbeurgt attended the Alternate Education Conference in Vancouver. They came back with affirmations that we are doing many things right in our programs. We also picked up a couple of ideas to work on.

Darcy also attended a POPEI (Provincial Outreach Program – Early Intervention) directors meeting in February. In its infancy, we are expecting a great network of sharing to develop across the province to improve early intervention in the Primary years.

Several planning meetings, website development and spring break occupied much of March. Darcy will be attending a mental health promotion and prevention meeting in Fernie, as well as a collaborative session focusing on the improvement of mental illness services in the East Kootenys. The Regional Science Fair is on April 11 and 12 at the College of the Rockies.

Important Dates for Trustees:

Minister Fassbender's visit – April 22
Committee Meetings – April 28 – Cranbrook
BCSTA AGM – April 24-27

School District 5 Enrolment - April, 2014

School	Student Funded FTE Feb.01.14	Student FTE Apr.8.14	Difference
Amy Woodland Elementary	247	252	5
Elkford Elem/Secondary	162.75	161.25	-1.5
Fernie Secondary	295	295	0
Frank J. Mitchell Elementary	344	346	2
Gordon Terrace Elementary	282	282	0
Highlands Elementary	241	244	3
Isabella Dicken Elementary	349	350	1
Jaffray Elem. Junior Secondary	169	169	0
Kootenay Discovery School	32.12	10	(22)
Kootenay Educational Services	59	64.25	5.25
Kootenay Orchards Elementary	229	227	(2)
Laurie Middle	302	299	-3
Mount Baker Secondary	862.25	857	(5)
Parkland Middle	467.76	470.75	2.99
Pinewood Elementary	113	113	0
Rocky Mountain Elementary	233	236	3
Sparwood Secondary	249.62	247.125	(2)
Steeples Elementary	142	136	-6
T.M. Roberts Elementary	357	354	(3)
Total District	5136.5	5113	-23