



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

September 12, 2017, 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 September 12, 2017 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 June 13, 2017 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 June 13, 2017.

1.5 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

1.5.1 Trustee Remuneration Update

1.6 Receiving of Delegations/Presentations

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS/TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

2.1 Advocacy/Education Committee

No meeting in June.

2.2 Policy Committee

No meeting in June.

2.3 Student Service Committee

No meeting in June.

2.4 Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee

No meeting in June.

2.5 BCSTA /Provincial Council

BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting October 27-28, 2017 Vancouver

2.6 Communications/Media Committee

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

2.7 Mt. Baker / Key City Theatre Replacement Committee

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

2.8 Legacy of Learning

M/S to accept the Legacy of Learning report.

2.9 Trustee Reports

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3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

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M/S that the September Superintendent's Report to the Board of Education be accepted as presented.

4. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

5. NEW BUSINESS

6. TRUSTEE BOUQUETS

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

KBB AGM September 15-17, 2017

Ministry of Ed-BCSTA Partner Liaison Meeting October 25, 2017

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BCPSEA Symposium November 2-3, 2017

Trustee Academy 2017 November 23-25, 2017

8. QUESTION PERIOD

9. ADJOURNMENT

M/S that the September 12, 2017 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**

Date: June 13, 2017, 3:00 p.m.

Location: Elkford Secondary School

Present:

Chairperson Lento
Trustee Ayling
Trustee Bellina
Trustee Blumhagen
Trustee Brown
Trustee Helgesen
Trustee Johns
Trustee McPhee – Left meeting at 3:28 p.m.
Trustee Whalen
Superintendent of Schools, L. Hauptman
Secretary Treasurer, R. Norum
Director of Instruction/Student Learning, D. Casault
Director of Instruction/Human Resources, B. Reimer
District Principal/Student Services, D. Verbeurgt
Director of Student Learning/Aboriginal Education, J. Tichauer
Recorder, Sandy Gronlund

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

1.1 Call to Order

Chairperson Lento acknowledged that we are on the traditional lands of the Ktunaxa people and called the June 13, 2017 regular public meeting of the Board of Education to order at 2:49 p.m.

1.2 Consideration and Approval of Agenda

Addition: **5.3 Trust Remuneration**

MOTION-R-17-94

M/S that the agenda for the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of June 13, 2017 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

1.3 Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the Public meeting of the Board of Education of May 15, 2017.

MOTION-R-17-95

M/S that the minutes of the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of May 15, 2017 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

1.4 Receipt of Records of Closed Meetings

MOTION-R-17-96

M/S to accept the closed records of the in-camera meeting of the Board of Education of May 15, 2017.

CARRIED

1.5 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Nil

1.6 Receiving of Delegations/Presentations

1.6.1 Growth Plan - Elkford Secondary School

Superintendent Hauptman introduced Principal Bolander and Vice Principal Hay who presented the Growth Plan for Elkford Secondary School.

Principal Bolander and Vice Principal Hay shared ways the school is implementing informed learning.

- Inquiry process
- What is a good inquiry?
- Focus – Inquiry Model
- Canada 150 project
- Mind Mapping
- Engaging all level of learners in the classroom
- Pacific learning standards

Looking forward to their school trip to Elk Valley Pass June 25-27, 2017.

1.6.2 Growth Plan - Rocky Mountain Elementary School

Superintendent Hauptman introduced the Principal and Vice Principal of Rocky Mountain Elementary, Laura-Lee Phillips and James Lund along with School Councillor Dayna Haig.

The new goal below was discussed along with the successes and challenges in achieving this goal.

Our goal at RMES is to increase student engagement, understanding, and learning by using the process of inquiry as a learning, teaching and problem solving strategy. We will implement this approach as we design our lessons and support the learning of every child in our classrooms by creating learning environments that cultivate curiosity and grow young people as confident, capable and creative inquirers. Through the use of an inquiry approach we intend to improve the engagement and interest of students in their learning, allow for personal, relevant and deep connections, and understanding to occur, and increase the academic, social and communication skills and overall life chances for every learner.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS/TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

2.1 Advocacy/Education Committee

Co-chair Trustee Whalen reviewed the minutes of the May 29, 2017 meeting of the Advocacy/Education Committee.

MOTION-R-17-97

M/S that the Board change the time of the Advocacy/Education Committee meeting to 9:30 am starting in September.

CARRIED

MOTION-R-17-98

M/S that the Board write a letter to Premier Christy Clark, the Ministers of Finance, Education and Health re: the federal government transfer of \$655 million over 10 years and request that additional monies be invested in schools to assist students struggling with mental health issues.

CARRIED

MOTION-R-17-99

M/S that the Board send a thank you letter to SD42 thanking their Board for writing to Honourable Minister Philpott re: youth mental health funding for provinces and outline our Board's planned next steps to continue advocacy of this issue.

CARRIED

MOTION-R-17-100

M/S that the Board write a letter to the Premier Christy Clark, the Minister of Education and Deputy Minister Bing supporting SD23's letter re: BCPSEA

CARRIED

MOTION-R-17-101

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 May 29, 2017 meeting of the Policy Committee.

MOTION-R-17-102

M/S that the Board approve Policy 3.24 –International Students.

CARRIED

MOTION-R-17-103

M/S that the Board approve Policy 2.2 –BC School Act –Section 177.

CARRIED

MOTION-R-17-104

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

CARRIED

2.3 Student Services Committee

Co-chair Trustee McPhee reviewed the minutes of the May 29, 2017 meeting of the Policy Committee.

MOTION-R-17-105

M/S that the Board accept the report of the Student Services Committee.

CARRIED

2.4 Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee

Co-chair Trustee Johns reviewed the minutes of the May 29, 2017 meeting of the Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee.

MOTION-R-17-106

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

CARRIED

2.5 BCSTA /Provincial Council

Nil

2.6 Communications/Media Committee

Trustee Ayling reported the following letters for distribution:

- Request for additional Provincial Funding for Child and Youth Mental Health Services.
- Support for SD42 letter to Hon. Minister Philpott re: Youth Mental Health and Funding for Provinces.
- Support for SD 23's letter re: March 2017 Approval of Memorandum of Agreement.

MOTION-R-17-107

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

CARRIED

2.7 Mt. Baker / Key City Theatre Replacement Committee

Trustee Johns reminded the Board of the Key City Theatre Wine and Cheese Reception on June 15th.

Partners meeting June 22nd at 1:00 p.m. at the Board Office.

MOTION-R-17-108

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

CARRIED

2.8 Legacy of Learning

Trustee Johns reported there is a new display in the Board Office.

MOTION-R-17-109

M/S to accept the Legacy of Learning report.

CARRIED

2.9 Trustee Reports

Trustees reported on their activities for the month.

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

Superintendent Hauptman's report of June 2017 included:
(this report is attached to the Public Board meeting Agenda at www.sd5.bc.ca)

- Superintendent's Activities
 - Mr. Tichauer and Superintendent Hauptman judged the Dogwood District Authority Scholarships and Community Bursaries
 - New Administration Positions
 - Mount Baker Robotics Team competed in Skills Canada Nationals – Silver medal
 - Fernie Secondary School Rainbow Crosswalk
 - Sparwood Secondary's Legacy Project
- Finance/Operations Updates
 - Finalizing 17/18 budget process
 - Preparing our submission for Exempt staff compensation
 - Lease agreement review for Fernie and Sparwood properties
 - Joint Use agreement review Fernie
 - Overseeing Capital projects
 - Preparing for annual audit in July and August
- Update from Director of Instruction/Student Learning
 - Collaborative Inquiry Sharing
 - Early Childhood Education
- Update from Director of Instruction/Safety/Aboriginal Education
 - Skills Training
 - Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement Signing June 21st
 - Partnerships with College of the Rockies
 - Grant for Shop Equipment
- Update from District Principal/Student Services
 - Funding received
 - Mandt System Training
- Update from Director of Instruction/Human Resources
 - Staffing process under way
 - Second round of teacher postings are out
 - The hope is to complete third and fourth round teacher postings by July 8th
 - New Teacher orientation session will be August 28th at the Board office

MOTION-R-17-110

M/S that the June 2017 Superintendent's Report to the Board of Education be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 17/18 Annual Budget Final Reading

Secretary Treasurer distributed a copy of the 17/18 Annual Budget and asked for the third and final reading.

MOTION-R-17-111

M/S that Third reading* of the Annual Budget Bylaw 2017/18 in the amount of \$69,346,553 be carried.

CARRIED

5.2 18/19 Capital Budget

Secretary Treasurer distributed and reviewed the amendments made to the draft 18/19 Capital Budget.

MOTION-R-17-112

M/S that the Board approve the 2018/19 five -year capital plan.

CARRIED

5.3 TRUSTEE REMUNERATION

MOTION-R-17-113

M/S that the Board refer the matter of Trustee compensation remuneration to a committee of stakeholders comprised of the three union presidents, DPAC chair and two members of the Principal Vice Principal Association and to report back at the September Board meeting.

CARRIED

6. TRUSTEE BOUQUETS

Trustee Whalen – to Diane Casualt and her team at the Collaborative Sharing Fair
Trustee Blumhagen – to Elkford Secondary School for having us, and public in attendance, congrats to grads and retirements and to District Staff for traveling to Elkford.

Trustee Brown – to Christina Smith for her dedication as CFTA Co-Chair

Trustee Bellina – the meeting setup, Diane Casualt and her team at the Collaborative Sharing Fair

Trustee Johns – congratulations to the 34 SD 5 retirees. It was a great celebration.

Thank you to Brent and his team Heather, Melanie and Bridget in organizing the celebration and Trustee Bellina for her speech. Thanks to Janice, Lori, Gail, Kristen, Olive for helping with the Collaborative Sharing Fair.

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

8. QUESTION PERIOD

Mr. Tichauer clarified the changes of the Section 177 Policy for the Rocky Mountain PAC President.

Chairperson Lento congratulated Christina Smith, CFTA Co-Chair in moving back to teaching next year.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION-R-17-114

M/S that the June 13, 2017 regular public meeting of the Board of Education adjourn at 4:23 p.m.

CARRIED

10. LATE ITEMS

Frank Lento, Chairperson

Rob Norum, Secretary Treasurer

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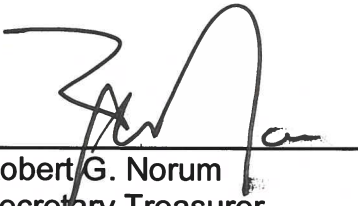
1.4. RECEIPT OF RECORDS OF CLOSED MEETINGS

In-camera Meeting June 12, 2017

- Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee report
 - Exempt Compensation
 - Budget Update
 - Capital Plan
 - Leased Property
 - MOU Discussion

- BCPSEA Representative Report

- Superintendent's Report
 - Administration Ratification



Robert G. Norum
Secretary Treasurer

Trustee Report for June 2017

Trustee Bellina

- June 7th - Short listing meeting for Principal FJMES
- BCPSEA Regional Meeting (Cranbrook Board Office)
- June 8th - SD5 Retirement dinner (delivered greetings from the Board of Education)
- June 12th - Interview for Principal FJMES
- PAC Meeting FJMES
- June 13th - Board of Education Meeting - Elkford Secondary School
- June 19th - Student Awards - Sparwood Secondary School
- June 20th - Balloon Launch - Sparwood Secondary School
- June 29th - Elkford Graduation - representing Trustee Helgeson

Trustee Report: Jacqueline Blumhagen

January – July 2017

January

- 3rd – Trustee Working session in Cranbrook
- 10th – PAC Meeting
- 17th – Board Meeting in Jaffray
- 30th – Committee meetings

February

- 6th-7th SNOW DAYS
- 8th – Trustee Meeting
- 21st – PAC Meeting
- 27th – Committee Meetings

March

- 7th – PAC
- 14th – Board Meeting in Fernie
- 15th – Attended the Alumni Basketball Game in Jaffray
- Spring Break, No Committee meetings

April

- 4th – PAC Meeting
- 11th – Board Meeting in Cranbrook
- 18th – Cranbrook office, short lists
- 20th – 23rd – BCSTA AGM in Vancouver, BC
- 24th – Committee Meetings

May

- 2nd – PAC meeting
- 4th – Cranbrook office, short lists
- 11th – VP interviews in Cranbrook
- 12th – Attended the Annual Kikomun Run that Jaffray hosts
- 25th – Attended the Spring Drama Production in Jaffray
- 29th – Committee meetings

June

- 5th – Attended school swim day
- No PAC meeting this month
- 7th – BCPSEA meeting in Cranbrook
- 8th – I witnessed the Jaffray School STAGED fire drill that included the Volunteer Fire Department and First Responders in action with a scenario that was step up. I also attended the SD5 Retirement dinner at St. Eugene. (2 retirees from Jaffray)
- 12th – Attended school swim day.
- 13th – Board Meeting in Elkford with confidential trustee only meeting.
- 14th – Attended school talent show
- 16th – Attended District Track Meet in Fernie.
- 21st – Attended the Tobacco Plains Signing of the LEA in Grasmere.
- 22nd -- Attended the Preschool Year End Party.
- 23rd – Attended the Field trip to Fort Steele with the school children.
- No Committee meetings this month.
- 28th – Attended the Elementary and Secondary Awards Ceremonies.
- 29th – Last Day of School. Walked the school grounds Thanking and giving Best of Summer Wishes to the staff and volunteers for all their work and efforts that made the year great!!

July

- 6th- 9th – CSBA Congress in Whistler, BC

The Thursday evening opening keynote speaker was Yong Zhao which was titled “Perils or Promises: Education in the Age of Smart Machines.” A couple of books that were mentioned which I think would be interesting to read are “Multiple Intelligences” by Howard Gardner and “Authentic Happiness” by Martin E.P. Seligman. We were then led to the Squamish Lil’wat Cultural Center with a special drum ceremony through a path in the forest. A very interesting center with a cool little gift shop.

Friday morning opened with a plenary called “Trends, Trust, and Trusteeship in Turbulent Times: Leading Impactful Innovation in Education,” presented by David Albury.

I attended two sessions, the first was titled “Getting Serious about Culture” presented by Dean Shareski. He was a very good presenter and he has also wrote a book called “Embracing a Culture of Joy.” One of his quotes, “Culture isn’t just one aspect of the game, it is the game!” There was one question that every teacher should ask themselves “Do I want to be a student in my own classroom?” He talked a lot about student well-being and how very important it is. He noted a few books during his presentation: Six Word Memoirs, The Last Lecture, The Culture of Yes, Everything I need to know I learned in Kindergarten, Rest: Doing More with Less by various authors and his other book “Different Schools for a Different World.”

The second session that I attended was titled “British Columbia Education System Transformation: Early Years, K-12 and Beyond,” by Maureen Dockendorf and Jan Unwin. Changing results for young children has something coming out this fall. Nine school districts in BC are involved. “Students deserve our best work based on everything we know about learning and the future.”

The last plenary for Friday was “Minding the ‘Public’ in Public Education” presented by David King. He also referenced a few books during his talk: *The Courage to Teach*, *All I Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, *First Democracy*, *Creating Citizens: Political Education and Liberal Democracy*. I found his presentation very good, he spoke about public education, community and democracy, and trusteeship. Two of his key points about understanding education was “All education is about relationships, and is essentially subjective,” and “Public education exists for the community as well as for the child.” The characteristics of public education:

- Accessible, without pre-condition of any kind, with the intention of being inclusive.
- Celebrates diversity in the context of democracy.
- A deliberate and therefore messy model of a civil democratic community.
- Accessibility is both a right and responsibility and inclusion is an aspiration for both students and governors (citizens.)

He spoke about trusteeship and here are a few points:

- Political jurisdiction
- Education exists for community and students.
- Boards have trustees to increase quality of life for citizens.
- Make good decisions close to the grassroots.
- Public education is too important to be left to educators, it is politics and what we want for our children. Mandate from our communities, sets a clear picture.
- District work is to prepare the students for the world of work.
- Get local politics right before provincial or federal.
- We will lose public schools if we lose trusteeship. The end result will be like the USA and get state schools.
- Decentralize for survival in times of turmoil.
- Innovation doesn't come from the center, it comes from the margins.
- To have a better impact, worry more about the local community and let the light reflect. The Minister will be blinded.
- No change will happen unless you change the culture of the local supports.

To top off the conference the final speaker was Mohamed Fahmy who spoke about “Media in the Age of Terror: How the War on Terror became a War on Journalism.” He tells his story about being captured and falsely accused of being a member of the Muslim Brotherhood although he was a Canadian journalist. He wrote a book called “The Marriot Cell: An Epic Journey from Cairo’s Scorpion Prison to Freedom.” He now works with civil groups in Canada in the hopes of introducing a bill to parliament to ensure a law that obligates the Canadian Government to intervene when one of its own is jailed abroad.

The cross Canada check was very interesting to watch and listen to including the topics about the USA. The BCSTA will have a new handbook out this summer of 2017 and will be a topic covered at the November academy. Gordon Swan did a good job representing BC. We are invited to attend the next CSBA Congress in Halifax, NS on July 4-7th, 2018. We have also been invited to San Francisco in April 2018 for the National School Board Association by Tom Gentzel.

Have a great year everyone!

SOUTHEAST KOOTENAY

School District 5 Superintendent's News

September, 2017

*Welcome Back to the 2017/2018
School Year!*



Superintendent's Activities

Welcome to the 2017 – 2018 school year!!! As I get older the years seem to be flying by at a faster and faster rate – I would bet I am not alone in that sentiment.

This year will be a particularly exciting time for us as we open our schools with more teachers and some extra classes as a result of the Supreme Court decision about class size and composition. Consequently, we were able to add in an additional 23 FTE (full time equivalent) teachers in a variety of areas. We were fortunate to be able to start our posting and filling process early last spring so were able to fill most of the positions. But, as it happens every year, we had a few summer retirements, resignations and leave requests that have resulted in some last minute openings that impacted positions into September. This continues to keep our HR department very busy as they work to ensure final placements for both teaching and support staff personnel.

Our maintenance department, under the able eye of Joe Tank, managed to create

classroom spaces where needed and office space for displaced itinerant or school-based staff across the district. That meant for a particularly busy summer on top of all the other regularly scheduled projects. A huge thank you to all of them.

However, not even the most careful planning can ensure smooth sailing. Our three extra portables (two for Isabella Dicken Elementary School in Fernie and one for Highlands Elementary School in Cranbrook) were ordered in the early spring to be delivered and installed in July. That date was postponed by the company until late August and then the week before delivery, they informed us again that they were unable to meet the deadlines until later in September. They cited the huge demand of portables from across the districts (particularly the larger districts) and then the lack of transportation and crews for the set-up. We immediately worked with the affected schools to create some temporary alternate plans for the classes. Thank you to the flexibility of our

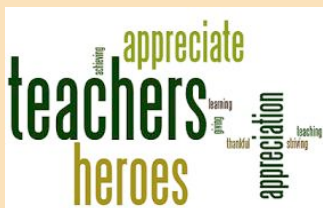
teachers and administrators to find ways to make this issue that was beyond our control, work for our students.

Meanwhile, we will continue the exciting work on implementing the renewed curriculum from K – 9 and the Graduation Years Curriculum from Grades 10 – 12. Stay tuned for more updates and showcases of the excellent work that is happening.

But throughout the changes, one thing remains constant in all of our schools – we continue to make sure our schools are safe, welcoming and caring spaces where every student's (no matter their age) gifts and passions are nurtured and encouraged. Every student needs an opportunity to shine and our schools will make this their priority.

New Teacher and Teachers-Teaching-On-Call Orientation Day

Once again we offered, along with our CFTA Co-Presidents, a full day of activities, training, and information with our new employees. It was a very full day with information about the goals of the recently signed Third Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement; the BC Curriculum and Competencies and our local supports; Health and Safety Requirements; Human Resources information and training; Professional Development opportunities; policy information; Expectations for the Teacher and the TTOC; the Role of the CFTA; Learning Services info; Literacy Supports and Resources and finally, the day concluded with a tour of the District Re-source Centre. A busy day indeed!



P/VP Meetings

On August 23 and 24th, we met with the Principals and Vice-Principals and the District Management Team. This year we have a large number of new administrators. Joe Pierre started off our day with a traditional Ktunaxa blessing and reinforced for us the importance of the work we are doing to ensure Aboriginal Ways of Learning and Understanding are at the heart of the work we are doing with our renewed curriculum. As always, information necessary for a successful school start was a large part of the agenda including the latest information from the new Minister of Education Rob Fleming and Deputy Minister Scott Macdonald. Thursday was devoted to walking through the process and then building criteria for the Performance Evaluation cycle. We also welcomed our new administrators: Lois Ehman, Thomas Skelton, Janet Kujit, Kate Russell, Maggie Lindsay-Tadey, Pam Drydale, Chris Catherall and Judi Poole.

Pro-D for New Administrators

Once again the district was able to support sending a number of new administrators to the BCPVPA sponsored, week-long Short Course held every summer at UBC. This year Maggie Lindsay-Tadey and Kate Russell attended Short Course. Thank you to our Board for continuing to support this very valuable in-service for our administrators.



District Professional Development Day - September 22

We are very pleased to announce that our first Curriculum Non-Instructional Day on September 22nd will feature renowned speaker Stan Kozak. His keynote session entitled "Opportunities and Challenges of Transformative Learning" will look at providing tools that will help our educators differentiate between conventional teaching and transformative learning and when to apply each. He will also weave in a strong focus on integrating Aboriginal Perspective as well as Place-Conscious Learning. We will be using the same format as last year presenting first in the Elk Valley at Fernie Secondary School and in the afternoon for Cranbrook at Parkland Middle School. The rest of the day will be for staffs to connect on their ongoing curriculum work.



Telus Backpacks - Kits for Kids

Telus Ambassadors, once again, have provided School District 5 with well over 300 backpacks filled with supplies for students at all of our schools! Thank you for your generosity!



Terry Fox Foundation

We recently received a letter from the Terry Fox Foundation thanking our district for the incredible effort and dedication that we have shown in raising funds through the annual Terry Fox Run every September. They recognize that the decision to host a Terry Fox Run is at the discretion of each school but they hope we continue to encourage all schools to participate. A summary report was also included showing that last year our schools donated a whopping **\$16,450.44** and a total fundraising to date of **\$262,375.27!** Wow. It is our hope that our schools will continue supporting this very worthwhile cause begun by a Canadian Hero. This year, Terry Fox Day is being celebrated on Sunday, September 17, 2017.



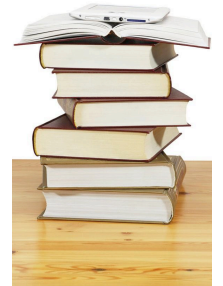
Education Update

Ministry of Education



BC Curriculum Comparison Guide The Ministry is pleased to provide the final [BC Curriculum Comparison Guide](#), available in four booklets, which compares the old curriculum to the new drafts.

- Math and Science (revised)
- Arts Education and Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies (new)
- Career Education, Physical Health Education, and Second Languages (new)
- Core French, English Language Arts, Français langue première, Français langue seconde - immersion, and Social Studies



The [BC Curriculum Comparison Guide](#) provides the directions and decisions on the set of courses within each subject area in Grades 10-12. The guide is intended to support school counsellors, school administrators, educators and district staff as the Ministry prepares to implement the new curriculum. The guide is also intended to help post-secondary institutions understand the changes to curriculum.

Changes to Adult Basic Education Programs

As announced on August 8, 2017 by Premier Horgan, government is eliminating tuition fees on Adult Basic Education (ABE) and English Language Learning (ELL).

This announcement reflects the restoration of policy that was in effect prior to May 2015, that allowed for all adult learners, both graduated and non-graduated, to access tuition-free ABE.

The new policy takes effect September 1, 2017 and applies to both the K-12 and post-secondary systems, in order to provide the greatest amount of access and individual choice.

The restoration of ABE provides opportunities for all British Columbians looking to upgrade their skills, transition into post-secondary, and prosper in the workforce.

Education by the numbers --The following facts provide a snapshot of British Columbia's education system. Check it out below:

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017EDUC0095-001489>.

NEWS FROM SCHOOLS

The following students took home the Southeast Kootenay SD5 2016/2017 Top Student Awards:

Elkford Secondary School – **Dana Barclay**

Sparwood Secondary School – **Nikita Paskiewich**

Fernie Secondary School – **Fynley Kuijt**

Mt. Baker Secondary – **Daniel Denegri**

Congratulations to all students and good luck in your future endeavors!!



Yvonne Prest, Teacher from Sparwood Secondary School will participate in the twentieth British Columbia Teachers' Institute on Parliamentary Democracy in Victoria from October 17-21, 2017! Thanks Yvonne for promoting an awareness of the Legislature and its relevance in the lives of our students!!



Two Isabella Dicken Elementary students have won the Rick Hansen 2017 Provincial Student Difference Maker Award for their efforts organizing and fund raising for two 'Buddy Benches' that were placed on the school's **playground** last fall. **Helen Lazar** and Avery **Sikkes** were presented the award by SD5 Superintendent Lynn Hauptman and IDES Principal Dawn Voysey at a recent awards ceremony.



A total of 74 International Students will be attending Southeast Kootenay schools for the 2017/2018 school year as follows:

Mount Baker Secondary School - 44

Parkland/Laurie Middle Schools - 10

Fernie Secondary School - 16

Sparwood Secondary School - 4

Welcome to all students!!

Important Dates for Trustees:

KBB AGM September 15-17, 2017

BCPSEA Symposium November 2-3, 2017

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NEWS FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER, DIRECTORS, DISTRICT PRINCIPALS

Update from the Secretary-Treasurer:

Completion of the Annual Audit is always the main focus during the summer. This year things went very well and I would like to thank the Accounting staff, especially Darlene Soper and John Paul, for attending to the daily questions and request for documents from the Auditors. The Auditors will be reporting to the Board on September 12th. Classroom renovations, portable additions and equipment orders are a high priority for our Operations department as well as the many summer Maintenance Projects completed by our Maintenance crew, a list of projects is attached to this report.

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audit



We continue to implement the purchasing cards to our system slowly to make sure proper accounting rules are followed.

Update from the Director of Student Learning and Aboriginal Education

New Graduation Program

We have shared with our schools new information that we have received on the Graduation program. The new Graduation program will go 'full steam ahead' for implementation next school year. There are some excellent documents the Ministry has made available, such as Curriculum comparison guides and individual Course descriptions, that are enabling the system to move forward in anticipation of implementing these exciting changes.

Aboriginal Education

We have had a very productive start to the school year already! Our Aboriginal Education Coordinator, Joe Pierre, and I were able to present to all Southeast Kootenay new employees the new Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement and give a brief overview of the goals and objectives of the agreement.

As well, Joe and I were able to do a similar presentation to all of our school leaders at the Leadership team meetings. Joe and I will be following up with a meeting of school leaders from each of our schools on the 14th of September to go over the new Agreement in detail.

Update from the Director of Human Resources:

The following principal/vice principal changes have occurred effective August 1, 2017:

Laura-Lee Phillips – Principal @ RMES
Thomas Skelton – Vice-Principal @ RMES
Kate Russell – Vice-Principal @ ESS
Lois Ehman – Principal @ FJMES
Erin Hay – Vice-Principal @ SSS
Carlene Lochrie – Vice-Principal @ JEJSS
Maggie Lindsay-Tadey – Vice-Principal @ LMS
Judi Poole – Principal @ PES
Pamela Drydale – Vice-Principal @ GTES
Jill Carley – Vice-Principal @ AWES
Chris Catherall – Vice-Principal @ HES
Mike Kelly - Vice-Principal @ FSS
Janet Kuijt - Vice-Principal @ IDES

155+ teacher postings have been posted and filled since the first round of postings began in early April. CUPE postings (Education Assistants) continue to be ongoing based on school needs and budget allocations. We will be assessing school needs in the first few days of school to determine the required supports for students.

All elementary EAs within the District have had their day extended 15 minutes as a result of SSEAC (Support Staff Education and Adjustment Committee). The money to support this increase has been provided through the Learning Improvement Fund.

Partnerships with COTR

We have been very pleased to have agreed with the COTR to help fund the Transition Coordinator position for another year. Brian Conrad will continue in this vital role which coordinates Southeast Kootenay students' participation in everything from Project Heavy Duty, to Ace-It, to Student for a Day, to Yes to It, to Trades Sampler courses to enrollment in regular College courses. Great to have Brian back!

Grant for shop equipment

The invoices have started to roll in and we are well on our way to spending over \$100,000 of grant monies. Exciting times!

Update from the Director of Student Learning and Innovation

Early Learning

In addition to supporting the Ready, Set, Learn events in each of our elementary schools, we supported many Early Learning initiatives this year:

- Elk Valley Early Learning Fair and the Magic school bus
- Early Years - K Transition Meetings (Cranbrook and Fernie)
- Collaboration Mtg. with Kindergarten Teachers and Preschool Teachers
- Kindergarten Orientation (TTOC release, supplies and snacks for our elementary schools)
- Fernie Early Years "Hub" development
- Early Years - Kindergarten EDI learning and sharing day
- Mom and Me Program support in the community of Elkford
- Toddler park in Sparwood extension to focus on Physical Literacy
- Satellite "Start Strong" Program in Jaffray
- Field Trip to Fort Steele for StrongStart families
- Equipment/supplies purchased for all four StrongStart Programs
- Development of the AWES StrongStart library

Place-based Education: Making School More Like a Farmer's Market

David Sobel October 26

School Board Office (B1/B2) 4:00 - 6:00 pm



The landscape of schooling has begun to look like the sprawl of America. Generic textbooks designed for the big markets of California and Texas provide the same homogenized, unhealthy diet as all those fast food places on the strip. Educational biodiversity falls prey to the bulldozers of standardization. What is nearby has become parochial and insignificant. Place-based education is a response to the alienation of schools from community, and the decoupling of schools from historic sites, local landscapes, and farms. Instead, we need schools organized around the principles of the farmers' market, drawing on the resources and variety of the local community.

Audience: All Staff K-12 (Limit of 60 seats)

Email Janice Paetz (janice.paetz@sd5.bc.ca) to register. (First come - First served)

Regional Early Learning Committee *Kootenay Boundary*

Early Years to Kindergarten Transition Session

October 27, Creston, BC

10:45 am - 12:00 pm

Audience: Kindergarten Teachers, StrongStart Facilitators & EarlyYearsCommunity (District & Community Team pre-selected)

check out the new Director's News at:

<http://pub.lucidpress.com/DirectorsReport-Sept17/>

NEWS FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER, DIRECTORS, DISTRICT PRINCIPALS

Update from the District Principal Transformative Learning:




A big thank you to the technology department for all their hard work over the summer. We appreciate all of our ipads and laptops being re-configured and all the other tasks that were completed to get our district ready for the 2017-18 school year.

Our Helping teachers of Transformative Learning, Ryan and Kim, will continue to support teachers and students throughout our district with Computational Thinking and coding. We have developed a strategic plan to build capacity and reach as many teachers as possible.

HR certainly has been busy hiring staff over the last few months. September will be a busy month for training all the new clerical staff, teachers and administrators on our Student Information System, My Education BC.



In addition to Stan Kozak presenting at our District Wide Professional Development day, he is also providing an Inquiry Workshop on Saturday September 23, 2017.

A one day professional inquiry	Location: Aboriginal Gathering Place COTR Campus
<i>Making Authentic Inquiry Work!</i>	Date and Time: Saturday, September 23, 2017 10 am - 4 pm
Exploring transformative pedagogies	Cost: \$20
	Please bring a bagged lunch.
	Space is Limited! Register by Sept. 15 to: jennifer.roberts@sd5.bc.ca

Update from the District Principal Student Services and Health Promoting Schools:

As occurs most years, we have several new students with diverse learning and support needs arriving at our Southeast Kootenay schools. We have temporarily placed an increased level of support at schools to accommodate for the uncertainty of actual students requiring support. The reconciliation of students needing support and the level of support is a daily ongoing process. We will adjust year-long support staffing as needed. As for district level student support services, we have realized some changes to our staff. We welcome Kerri Barclay as the Vision Resources Teacher, Sarah Pazuik as the Hearing Resource Teacher, and Kristal Bodaly as a new Speech-Language Pathologist for the district. We also welcome Barbara Kaufmann to the new position of Health Promoting Schools Coordinator and Megan Stasuik to the new position of District Behavioral Specialist (working primarily in Steeples Elementary to start out the fall and winter period).

September is Breakfast for Learning month. In each school there is a small group of adults that greet students and provide breakfast for those whom do not have access to food in their own homes or who have missed breakfast that morning. This breakfast initiative and other food programs are supported through Community LINK funding, the Salvation Army, and donations from individuals and community services groups. Some schools also qualify for funding from Breakfast Club of Canada and The Children's Breakfast Club. All together these programs ensure students who need the food are ready for learning each day.

