



**December 8, 2015
Education Partnership Committee Meeting
Superintendent/Secretary Treasurer Report**

1. Fauquier School Property Update

- 8 community members attended the December 1st meeting with the district held at Fauquier School (Agenda for community meeting attached)
- Strong support expressed by community for the district's process in working towards exclusion from the ALR in order to rezone and subdivide the property with the goal of ensuring the school building remains an asset for the community
- A ROWP (Registered Onsite Wastewater Professional) has begun assessment of the land for septic field layout. This will inform proposed lot lines for ALR application
- We anticipate submission of our application for exclusion from the ALR in January and remain in contact with the RDCK and Director, Paul Peterson

2. Numeracy Focus Continues

- Very positive feedback from our teachers on the district numeracy initiative
- Carole Fullerton, the consultant hired to work alongside our educators has a strong focus on improving problem-solving, critical and creative thinking in math, and integrates math into real world problem-based learning
- Next sessions with Carole working in classrooms with teachers are scheduled for January 7/8, February 11/12, March 10/11 and April 14/15

3. Maureen Dockendorf and Jan Unwin return to SD 10 – February 22-24

- Superintendent of the Early Years, Maureen Dockendorf, and Superintendent of Graduation and Transitions, Jan Unwin, return to SD 10 to work with parents, staff and the Board in working with the Redesigned or Renewed Curriculum
- Jan and Maureen will launch a session on Tuesday, February 23rd with all teachers, EAs, and school and district leaders, highlighting developments in the new curriculum and assessment initiatives. The rest of the day teachers, support staff and school and district leaders will meet in cross-district primary, intermediate and secondary teams.
- Parent meeting focusing on the new curriculum will most likely scheduled for evening of February 22nd and a presentation to the Board of Education by Jan and Maureen on the new curriculum and assessment will occur on the evening of February 23rd

4. Renewed Curriculum Support Plan and Educational Transformation Committee

- Our Educational Transformation Committee met again on December 3, 2015 and determined, based on input from all partner groups, that SD 10's 10 hours of additional New Curriculum Support will take place on two full days (rather than part days), with time in between those dates for teacher reflection and exploration of the curriculum
- Dates chosen as full days for New Curriculum Support integrate with Maureen and Jan's visit (Tuesday, Feb 23rd), and also Tuesday, April 19th which follows a school-based Pro-D day
- Input at the Ed Transformation Committee was identified the importance of regular,

- ongoing opportunities to work on preparing for the new curriculum
- As a result, at each school, two previously scheduled staff meetings between Feb 23 and April 19th will be dedicated as time for teachers to work together, discuss and plan using the new curriculum
- Time at the April 18th school-based Pro-D day will also yield opportunities for staff to work on the new curriculum, assessment practices and how they inform school planning and School Growth Plans

5. Code Create Session at UBC-O as part of an international Hour of Code event

- 4 students from NSS and 2 students from Lucerne, are very lucky to be 6 of the 100 students from across the Interior participating in one of four events across BC
- Students will learn hands on computer coding skills with over 20 volunteer coding mentors at UBC-O's Innovative Learning Centre
- The Hour of Code is an international grassroots event exposing students to global computer science and digital literacy awareness
- Tens of millions of students across the world will participate on January 23rd

6. Trustee By-Elections

- There are now two trustee vacancies on the Board of Education – one in the Central Zone (Nakusp area) and one in the Eastern Zone (New Denver area)
- By-election for Central Zone will take place Saturday, January 16th – two candidates have handed in nomination papers at present and nominations remain open till December 11th
- Trustee Rayn Butt has also resigned from the Board of Education – that by-election will take place February 20th and nomination packages can be submitted to the Chief Elections Officer from January 5th to January 15th, 2016

7. Solar Energy Challenge!

- Students and classrooms across the district will be invited to participate in the SD 10 Solar Energy Monitoring Challenge starting in the New Year
- Students can access the graphs and data digitally connected to the solar grid panels
- They can integrate their math, science and social responsibility skills while tracking the solar systems at both schools to see daily, weekly and monthly offsets earned and power generated back into the grid
- Comparison of this data, of climate data for the area, and of the district's BC Hydro energy bills will be made available to interested students
- Culminating presentations to the Education Partnership Committee of the Board in June will be made by all classes involved
- Students can examine renewable energy systems, make recommendations to the Board on next steps in energy savings, investigate the costs and benefits of solar energy dependent on the amount of kw solar panels installed
- Connections with provincial, national and international scientists, engineers and renewable energy experts will be a part of the criteria for the challenge