



World Class Learning in a Rural Environment

September 12, 2017
Superintendent/Secretary Treasurer Report
*Presented at the Education Partnership Committee,
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| My Education BC: Student Enrollment Numbers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| As of: | Sept 12-17 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Grade: | Gr.K | Gr.1 | Gr.2 | Gr.3 | Gr.4 | Gr.5 | Gr.6 | Gr.7 | Gr.8 | Gr.9 | Gr.10 | Gr.11 | Gr.12 | TOTALS |
| BAS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| DL | 1 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 35 |
| EES | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 4 | 4 | | | | | | 22 |
| LESS | 10 | 6 | 4 | 12 | 6 | 13 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 0 | 87 |
| NES | 10 | 16 | 24 | 20 | 20 | 25 | 23 | 16 | | | | | | 154 |
| NSS | | | | | | | | | 32 | 28 | 26 | 23 | 29 | 138 |
| TOTAL Per Grade | 22 | 30 | 30 | 35 | 29 | 49 | 37 | 29 | 37 | 33 | 38 | 31 | 36 | |
| District Total | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 436 |

1. Enrollment notes –

- We are very close to our enrollment projections from June 2017 which were: 141 at NSS; 149 at NES; 88 at Lucerne; 22 at EES; 27 at DL, and 4.375 (equal to 14 students) at BAS for a total of 431 FTE
As of Sept 12th, 2017:
- Burton Academy School enrolment is 14 students or 5.25 FTE
- While enrolment at EES, Lucerne, DL and NES is as projected or stable, NSS enrollment is down due to projected students moving or transferring to other schools

2. Welcome to a New School Year and Welcome to SD 10!

- A number of new employees join us this year, or current employees in new roles. Please welcome:
 - EES
 - Brent Cook - Vice-Principal/Intermediate teacher
 - Tracey Wallis – Intermediate Gr 4-7 teacher (back to EES)
 - Keith Greenhalf – .1 Elementary Counsellor (reassigned from NES LRT)
 - NES
 - Mike Hibberson – Principal (new to NES)
 - Sean Johnston – Grade 5
 - Jenna Arnold – Grade 2 (new position)
 - Stella Oosterhoff – PE teacher
 - Anne Marie Paul – Education Assistant, new to NES
 - Megan Martin – Teacher Librarian
 - Keith Greenhalf – .4 Elementary Counsellor (reassigned from LRT)
 - NSS
 - Robin Stille – French and Drama
 - Luke Stace – Math, Science and Leadership
 - Jarrett Bass – PE and Athletic Director
 - Lucerne
 - Nicholas Graves – Principal (new to LESS)
 - Robert Babic – Technology/Shop and Visual Arts

- Richelle Johnston - .1 Elementary and .1 Secondary counselling (.1 reassigned from teaching)
 - Maintenance
 - Riley Gerber, Carpenter
 - Custodial Staff
 - Tracey Fetters, Lucerne Regular Position; NES/Board Office Temporary position
 - Christina Hilbourne, NSS Regular position
 - Tina Simpson, LESS Temporary position
 - As per the collective agreement, seven new teachers will participate in the New Teacher Orientation taking place October 2nd, 2017 with ALTA, Board Chair, Superintendent and Director of Learning
 - District elementary counselling position has been redesigned to be school-based to better meet the needs of the school communities
 - Many thanks to Richelle Johnston at Lucerne and Keith Greenhalf at NES for taking on the .7 FTE that had been assigned to counselling! We are so grateful for their leadership and commitment...
 - Superintendent Taylor is working with BCPSEA to access Rural and Remote Workforce Sustainability Funding to support these two new school counsellors in professional learning
- 3. Eastern Zone Bus Route Changes**
- This year, the bus route to Lucerne is picking up students from Hills to Enterprise Creek as more families are living in the southern reaches of the district again
 - Due to some challenges around length of ride, the route has recently been altered to allow less time on the bus for the Red Mountain/Enterprise Creek students
 - Parents on both the Hills/Rosebery and southern end of the route are happy with the changes
- 4. Classroom Enhancement Fund – Supreme Court of Canada decision**
- In mid-May, the District submitted an application to the Ministry of Education for CEF funding to provide additional teachers to restore class size and composition as per the Supreme Court Decision.
 - Unfortunately, the Ministry only awarded SD 10 funding for a .6 FTE teacher librarian and overhead costs; actual funding will be determined through the submission in October based on payroll costs
 - No further CEF funding was allowed, as it was determined that the district did not have specific class size and composition language that was part of the Collective Agreement in 2003
 - We are therefore one of the few districts in BC who received no funding for additional classroom teachers and who will receive less funding than in the previous LIF funding model
- 5. Fauquier School Property Update**
- The Agricultural Land Commission has submitted their final review and denied the requested exclusion from the Agricultural Land Reserve, while approving subdivision of the Fauquier School land into a smaller sized lot
 - Susan Brenna-Smith, our Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, is working with the RDCK on lot size variance, and the District has begun the subdivision process
 - The plan remains for the Fauquier School building to remain as an asset for the community of Fauquier, and for the District to sell the remaining parcel of land
- 6. Curriculum Support Day – September 25th, 2017**
- Overview to Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Student Learning Changes**
- This September, Kindergarten to Grade 9 students are immersed in the second year of the implementation of the redesigned BC curriculum, while in Grade 10-12, the first year of official “exploration” of the curriculum takes place
 - Along with new curriculum, BC has also redesigned provincial assessments: a redesigned FSA for Grades 4 and 7 will be in place in November this year, while a new graduation years Numeracy assessment is slated to be in place January 2018

- Similarly, the Ministry of Education in the revised Interim Reporting Order has allowed schools and districts to move towards more timely, regular, and helpful feedback and reporting on student learning. Approaches such as using e-portfolios including Fresh Grade, student-led conferences, and regular communication with parents about their children's learning, as well as the flexibility to have no letter grades K-9 till the final reporting period in June – all these changes are big transformations in our educational system, each based on sound educational research
 - As a result, two years ago, the Ministry put in place additional days in the school calendar for Curriculum Support
- Our plan for supporting the new curriculum, assessment and reporting**
- Based on feedback from the Educational Transformation Committee at the May 30th meeting, when members sought input from their school staffs in the spring of 2017, the following areas are highlighted areas of professional learning in our upcoming Curriculum Support Day:
 - **Coding** – our two Coding Lead teachers, Scott Kipkie and Keith Greenhalf will offer a two hour break out session on integrating coding – with and without computers – in the curriculum
 - **Fresh Grade** – both an introductory session for teaching beginning to use this ePortfolio software to report on student learning, and an advanced session will be offered by the folks at Fresh Grade
 - **Grade K-9 curriculum** learning, networking and sharing sessions
 - **Grade 10-12 curriculum** learning, networking and sharing sessions for secondary teachers
 - **Success for all students** with Shelley Moore
 - **Overview and Ministry Update on curriculum, assessment and communicating student learning**
- 7. Design Thinking: Making a Difference in the World district film now released**
- Our cross-district project integrating *Design Thinking: Making a Difference in the World* into classrooms across SD 10, and featuring residencies with 13 local artists, tradespeople, crafters and builders is now complete!
 - A short documentary film documents this Design Thinking Initiative and can be seen at <http://sd10.bc.ca/video> and on our SD 10 YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WVkXlv8pECg&feature=youtu.be>
 - Thanks to all the students, and the many talented local artists and tradespeople for sharing their passions with our young people, and to Sheena Delong for her artful coordination.
 - Our children and youth learned critical and creative thinking skills and created everything from inspiring sculptures to mouth-watering pasta! We hope to continue the design thinking foundations going forward as this is a key part of the new K-12 Applied Skills and Design Technology curriculum
- 8. Kootenay Boundary Environmental Education Initiative**
- The six school districts in the Kootenay-Boundary region (SD 5, 6, 8, 10, 20, 51) have been working for the past two years on shared goals around environmental education
 - With support from the Columbia Basin Trust, Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network and the Vancouver Foundation, the KBEE <http://kbee.ca> has held two Leadership Clinics in Environmental Education, birthed and nurtured Take Me Outside Day and Week Challenges, and now, produced a series of short films sharing the amazing environmental education taking place in all six school districts connecting EE to the redesigned curriculum
 - The [Kootenay Boundary Environmental Education Network](#) is coordinated by the KB Chapter of the BC School Superintendents' Association, with members, Lorna Newman and Terry Taylor, both on the KBEE Steering Committee
 - In SD 10, our local teachers have recently founded an EE Local Specialist Association under the leadership of teachers Katrina Sumrall (Lucerne), and Erika Momeyer (EES) with the aim of furthering our EE work in the district
 - Our Environmental Education Leadership Clinic in May 2016 created a powerful vision statement for the district which we are working towards:
 - To become a Green district that regularly practices innovative place-conscious outdoor learning, embodies ecological and sustainability principles in all classrooms, schools and district operations,

incorporates First Peoples Principles of Learning in outdoor experience, and improves student self-regulation and health through outdoor experiences.

9. Local Teacher Selected to Attend World Environment Congress in Vancouver

- Erika Momeyer was selected to be the Kootenay representative for the World Environment Congress held in Vancouver September 9-12th
- This international conference features environmental gurus including Dr. David Suzuki and Dr. Wade Davis from Canada, and researchers from around the world
- Erika continues to be recognized for her groundbreaking leadership in environmental education – Bravo, Erika!

10. Burton Academy School Outdoor Education Class purchases canoes and gear for district

- Teacher Dorian Boswell and the Burton Outdoor Education and Entrepreneurship Academy program have recently purchased \$17,000 of 8 brand new canoes, paddles and gear for use by all students in the school district, all safely stored in the \$10,000 BAS canoe trailer purchased two years ago
- Over the years, the Outdoor Ed Academy has conducted a very successful small business selling and marketing their fishing flashers and EZ Lighter fire starter kits
- They wanted to give back to the schools and community, and so under the leadership of their teacher, Mr. Boswell, this talented group of students have bought complete gear and paddling equipment for use by classes across the district
- Dorian is in process of arranging for Canoe Instructor training for any teachers wanting to take their learners out on the water in the new canoes
- Kudos to the Outdoor Ed Academy and their innovative teacher leader and champion, Dorian Boswell for making a difference for the learning of so many others!

11. Enrolment Audit Appeal

- The district has received an August 16th letter from the Ministry of Education indicating that over \$41,000 will be “reclaimed” as a result of the January 2017 audit
- Variances in 1701 claims for 4 credit vs 2 credit courses and Work Experience reporting were cited
- Given that under Funding Protection no additional funds were received, and a range of other factors, the Superintendent is appealing this decision

12. WKTEP Consortium – in situ and teacher candidates in SD 10

- Four West Kootenay districts belong to the UBC-WKTEP Consortium, a Committee of Superintendents, the WKTEP Program Coordinators, Academic Advisor, and the Dean and Assistant Dean of UBC’s Faculty of Education
- This year, WKTEP has doubled its enrolment, with 55 new teacher candidates just beginning their year of teacher education at the UBC-Nelson campus and across the four Consortium districts
- As a way to get more exposure to rural teaching and also contribute to rural districts, the student teachers will begin their second year of a three-session “In Situ Learning” series
- This year, 15 SD 10 teachers have volunteered to host a small team of WKTEP teachers in their classrooms for three consecutive weeks
- In their in situ sessions, WKTEPers will do some initial observation and teach short activities as part of the annual Class Review Process, and assist in the fall Reading Assessments for grades K-9
- This work follows up on the recommendations of our 2016 Student Services review report to conduct class reviews, helps our teachers, and also assists the district with teacher recruitment
- Many thanks for the warm welcome to our teacher candidate colleagues from WKTEP!
- There is a keen interest in the WKTEP Consortium to place teacher candidates in schools across SD 10, enhancing the professional learning of early career and experienced teachers alike

13. Superintendent Invited to be on UBC External Advisory Board to the Dean of Education

- SD 10 Superintendent Terry Taylor has been asked to join the External Advisory Board to the Dean of Education at UBC
- Dean Blye Frank requested Ms. Taylor join the Board based on her contribution over the years to the West Kootenay Teacher Education Program Consortium of the 4 West Kootenay school districts and her leadership in working with Professor Emeritus Linda Farr Darling (Farr Darling and Taylor, *Becoming a History Education Teacher*, 2014, University of Toronto Press and Farr Darling and Taylor, *Handbook of Canadian research in initial teacher education*, 2015, Canadian Association for Teacher Education) and with current UBC-WKTEP Academic Advisor, Dr. Leyton Schnellert

14. Early Learning Transitions Conference – October 27, 2017

- We have received \$4,000 in funding to support TOC and travel costs for Kindergarten, pre-school and Strong Start to attend an innovative Early Years Transitions conference to be held in Creston
- Though in small-is-amazing SD 10, it is common practice that Kindergarten teachers work closely with Strong Start and pre-school educators, this is not the case across the province
- Maureen Dockendorf, Superintendent of the Early Years, and cross-appointed to the Ministry of Education and Office of the Early Years at MCFD is hosting the event
- This is an incredible opportunity to learn from other early learning educators in the province and to bring together our team
- David Sobel, the “guru” on Place-Conscious Learning, will also be doing a session at the Early Years conference on how this pedagogical framework situates in early learning