



**February 23, 2016
Regular Board Meeting
Superintendent/Secretary Treasurer Report**

1. February 19th Professional Learning – Weaving Aboriginal Ways of Knowing into the Curriculum

- Toni Appleby from Nelson, facilitated a very successful Aboriginal Education learning event for staff on Friday, February 19th
- Many thanks to our Aboriginal Support teachers – Shane Douglas, Ryan Willman and Kristin Kipkie for their leadership in facilitating workshops during the day, and to Heather Dennill, Director of Learning for her hard work in creating such rich professional learning
- A new Ministry of Education resource, Aboriginal WorldViews and Perspectives provides teachers with ways to integrate indigenous learning into their classrooms as is required in the renewed curriculum: https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/abed/awp_moving_forward.pdf

2. 2016-17 Budget Consultation Process

- It's budget time! Our third annual consultation process has begun with meetings for both staff and parent input held already at two schools: Lucerne and Edgewood
- On March 2, district, along with trustees, school principals and vice-principals meet with staff (3:30 – 4:30 pm) and parents (5:00 – 6:00 pm) at Nakusp Secondary, and on March 3, at Nakusp Elementary School during the same time periods
- Input from these meetings will be shared at the first of three Finance Committee meetings: Tuesday, March 8th
- Our District Finance Committee, comprised of educational partners (parents, CUPE, ALTA, P/VPs,) along with trustees and the senior leadership team also meets April 12 and April 26
- The final budget for 2016-17 will be in place by early May 2016

3. Robo Games in Nelson – February 20th

- An enthusiastic team of students led by Lucerne teachers, Signy Fredrickson and Scott Kipkie have just returned from competing in a Robo Games tournament in Nelson
- Integrating Math and Science, students built small robots using Arduino kits, Arduino software, and used computer coding and electronics skills to build and strategize their robots for the Obstacle Course, Robot Soccer, Special Trick Competition and more
- Many thanks to GLOWS and the Kootenay Association for Science and Technology for their support of hands on learning across the Kootenays and their outreach to rural districts – this year the teams did not have to travel for weekly sessions as in past years, the learning was posted online and Brad Pommen from the Nelson Tech Club travelled to each school participating in the competition and learning - <http://www.robogames.ca>

4. Curriculum Support Planning Day – February 23rd, 2016

- Superintendent of Graduation and Transitions, Jan Unwin, and Superintendent of Early Years, Maureen Dockendorf, along with SD 10 district and school leaders, are excited about the day they have spent working alongside the talented teachers of SD 10

- Teachers examined the new curriculum in a range of ways, planned and explored project-based learning and thematic ways to integrate curricular areas; dug into the scope and sequence of current vs the renewed curriculum to better understand the changes; and also began to collaboratively plan units and lessons
- All in all – a very fine day of professional learning!

5. Public Meeting on the Renewed Curriculum – Tuesday, February 23rd

- Parents, staff and the public are welcome to join the Board of Education at their Regular meeting February 23rd
- Highlights of the renewed curriculum and changes in assessment will be reviewed by Superintendent of Graduation and Transitions, Jan Unwin, and Superintendent of the Early Years, Maureen Dockendorf

6. March 7th and 8th visit from Amelia Peterson, Harvard Ph.D student

- Amelia Peterson, a Harvard Ph.D. student visits SD 10 on March 7th and 8th to check out innovative practices and pedagogy in the district
- She will join the *Collaborating to Engage All Learners* team along with Dr. Leyton Schnellert, our C2EAL team of 11 teachers from across the district, and the Superintendent at Edgewood School for a Learning Round in Biz Tupper and Anita Vibe's Grade 3-7 class
- Amelia will also join the District Leadership team after school on March 7th and on March 8th, work with the district Educational Transformation Committee

7. UBC Masters degree in Curriculum and Leadership degree at UBC-Nelson campus

- Over 40 educators attended an information session and focus group at the new UBC outreach campus in Nelson on February 10th
- Regional superintendents gave input to UBC on district leadership needs and along with the focus group attendees, are helping shape this new Masters degree
- Five SD 10 teachers have indicated an initial interest in this Kootenay Masters degree program which will likely commence either in September 2016 or January 2017
- <http://edcp.educ.ubc.ca/programs/masters-degrees>

8. Nakusp Secondary Examines New Ways to Organize for Learning

- A team of seven from NSS recently journeyed to four schools in the Okanagan and Shuswap with the aim of researching diverse ways to better organize for student learning
- School principal and vice-principal, the Learning Resource teacher, Aboriginal Education Support teacher and three other secondary teachers participated in the three day trip
- Each of these small secondary schools face declining enrollment and have come up with a range of solutions to continue to offer choice and options for their students
- More cross-curricular learning, enhanced choices for students and more self-directed learning using the Facilitated Learning Centre are all ideas observed by the team as potential directions for transformation at NSS
- On Monday night this week, Principal Natasha Miles presented the team's findings to NSS's PAC meeting – next steps are to involve parents and students in conversations and perhaps in future school visits