



World Class Learning in a Rural Environment

June 12, 2018
Superintendent/Secretary Treasurer Report
*Presented at the Education Partnership Committee,
 and Regular Meeting of the Board of Education*

1. June Enrollment notes

- Total September 30th, 2017, 1701 Head Count enrollment was 435.47 FTE students, a decline of 7 FTE enrollment since September 2016
- June's FTE count is 425 (down 10.47 FTE since September 2017)

Grade:	Gr.K	Gr. 1	Gr. 2	Gr. 3	Gr. 4	Gr. 5	Gr. 6	Gr. 7	Gr. 8	Gr. 9	Gr.1 0	Gr.1 1	Gr.1 2	TOTAL S	May	Dif
BAS														0		
DL	3	4	1	3	2	5	1	1	2	1	7	5	9	44	45	-1
EES	1	3	1	1	0	8	4	3						21	21	0
LESS	9	5	3	11	4	10	9	7	5	5	7	5	0	80	84	-4
NES	9	15	25	18	19	25	23	19						153	151	2
NSS									30	29	22	19	27	127	126	1
TOTAL Per Grade	22	27	30	33	25	48	37	30	37	35	36	29	36			
District Total														425	427	-2

2. 2018-19 Enrollment Projections (by Headcount)

- NSS – 123
 - NES - 153
 - Lucerne – 91
 - EES – 15
 - BES – 13
 - ALDL – 40 (includes home based and Grade 10-12 course-based learners)
- Total: 435 students**
- This represents stable head count enrollment from September 2017, due primarily to increased enrollment at Lucerne Elementary Secondary and Burton Elementary, which has offset projected enrollment reductions at Edgewood Elementary School and Nakusp Secondary School. Nakusp Elementary School enrollment remains stable for next year. Of course, changes often occur by the fall!

3. New Graduation Program Implementation Guide

- As presented at the June 12, 2018 Education Partnership Committee meeting, the Ministry has created a new Graduation Implementation Guide to support integration of the new grad program: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/kindergarten-to-grade-12/support/graduation/graduation-implementation-guide.pdf>

- The Grade 10 curriculum is in place for the 2018-19 School Year and Grade 11-12 will be implemented in 2019-20

4. \$90,000 Playground Grant Approved

- The District has been successful in attaining a \$90,000 Playground Grant to replace playground equipment at Lucerne Elementary Secondary School
- We had submitted an application for the two schools in the district identified by our playground facility consultant, but across the province most districts were approved for only one project
- A meeting to gather parent, student and community input will be held on Monday, June 25 at the Lucerne School Library from 6:30 – 7:30 pm

5. Red Mountain Bus Route

- Last spring, the Board approved adding school bus service to the south end of Red Mountain Road to serve students in that area. At the time, it was expressed by parents that there would be regular ridership of 10+ students per day
- At a meeting held May 17th at Lucerne with Red Mountain bus parents it was discussed that on most days only 3 or 4 students rode the bus due to a range of reasons from parents driving students due to weather conditions, parent work schedules, or extra-curricular activities
- It was anticipated that ridership for the coming school year would not likely increase
- The Principal, Manager of Transportation, and Superintendent communicated to parents that adding the Red Mountain route had resulted in bus route changes for all students and increased costs to the district that were taken on based on more significant ridership on the bus route
- 2017-18 costs include 5 additional bus driver hours, extra fuel charges, and before and after school supervision costs
- As a result of low ridership and the costs involved to provide the additional service, bus service will extend only as far as Silverton for the 2018-19 school year

6. Climbing Wall Update

- Dorian Boswell's Grade 10-12 Outdoor Education class presented at a public meeting held Tuesday, May 29th at 7 pm
- Students did an excellent job of organizing the agenda and thoughtfully responding to questions from the public, both at the formal meeting and in the NSS Gym with discussion centred on the proposed climbing wall and bouldering wall construction
- The students reached out to community members and staff present at the meeting to form a non-profit society who could provide the needed liability insurance coverage for members of the community to access the proposed climbing wall
- A number of interested community members have come forward to begin formation of a society
- A Village staff member present at the meeting, proposed that Village Council could potentially be approached to act as an umbrella organization for liability once a climbing society was created

7. Burton Elementary School – Update

- Tracey Wallis has been hired as the teacher at Burton Elementary School whilst a support staff posting for Library Clerk, School Secretary and Custodian has been released with hiring soon
- Enrollment has now climbed to 13 students as a new family moves to Burton this summer with primary students and a new family has moved to Fauquier
- Two Burton Academy students who live in the community of Burton and Fauquier are interested in working with the K-3 class on Mondays as Outdoor Education mentors and student leaders, earning secondary course credentials as they serve their community and follow their passions and interests
- Coordination with the Burton Community Learning Centre to revise the partnership agreement now the school is reopening is underway with meetings held in May and scheduled in June 27, 2018
- Likewise, coordination between the classroom teacher, principal and vice principal and the Burton Strong Start coordinator is taking place

8. Solar Energy Installation Project – May 7-11

- Seven students worked alongside our solar engineer, electrician and district carpenters to install solar panels on the roofs of Nakusp Elementary and Nakusp Secondary Schools
- Students received certificates in Solar Energy Technologies and Fall Safety and had a great time installing solar grid systems on both school roofs
- Elementary students at NES learned from the solar engineer about solar energies using small solar powered cars!
- We look forward to our students learning more about their schools' solar energy production via display monitors in both schools connected to the solar grids

9. Fauquier School Property Update

- Our plan to subdivide this property continues to progress as the survey is now completed and has been submitted to Ministry of Transportation
- The geotechnical survey stage one was completed a few weeks ago and the final geotechnical assessment will be done in the next few weeks bringing us closer to the goal

10. 2018 NSS Graduation

- In all, 28 students graduated from the halls of Nakusp Secondary School this year with the graduation banquet held on Friday, June 8th and the ceremonies at the Arena on Saturday, June 9th
- Congratulations to all the graduates on their accomplishments in reaching this very significant milestone
- Thanks also to the many community organizations and individuals who donate to the NSS Scholarship Society to help our young people with post-secondary costs after graduation!
- Finally, many thanks to our teachers and support staff, principals and vice-principals, who throughout the years of these grads' lives, have nurtured, inspired, and supported their education!!!

11. NOII/AESN Final Celebration

- 24 of our teachers gathered for a Final Celebration and sharing of their collaborative professional inquiry projects at the NES Gym on Monday, June 11th
- Throughout the school year, teachers focused their efforts on improving student learning in a wide range of areas from early literacy and numeracy to socio-emotional learning
- Many thanks to Lorna Newman, Director of Learning, for her leadership of this year's NOII/AESN work, and to the talented teachers and their principals and vice principals who engaged in this vibrant professional learning focused on making a difference for our learners!