



# EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE SCHOOL DISTRICT 10 (Arrow Lakes)

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## MINUTES

School Board Office

Date: Tuesday November 20, 2018  
6:00pm

### PRESENT:

**MEMBERS:** L. Brekke, R. Farrell, M. Teindl, D. Simon, C. Dixon, M. Hibberson (ALELA), R. Bardati (ALTA), S. Olson and B. Friedenberger (NSS Students), H. Jordan and C. Farrell (Lucerne Students)

**STAFF:** T. Taylor, M. Grenier

**REGRETS:** L. Newman

**OTHER:**

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

Board Chair M. Teindl called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Acknowledgement of Territory

### 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Moved by R. Bardati, seconded by R. Farrell that the agenda be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

### 3. PRESENTATIONS:

Nil

### 4. REPORTS:

a) ALTA (R. Bardati)

- October 19, 2018 Provincial Pro D Day, offering in SD10 was CPR training
- November 9, 2018 District Pro D Day, Visible Learning for Literacy
- January 21, 2018 Shared Pro D Day, Mental Health and Well Being focus
- ALTA is currently developing a Website and the EPC will be updated when the website is complete and is available
- Nelson Street Survival Guide Resources – A program that provides information related to survival resources available in the community was shared
- Proportional representation – voting deadline is November 30, 2018

- b) CUPE, Local 2450  
No report
- c) DPAC  
No report
- d) ALELA (M. Hibberson)
  - Report attached
- e) STUDENTS

**Nakusp Students**

- As of Nov 16 – The Wolves (school house team) have two point lead
- Team logos are being designed by house teams
- Annual Remembrance Day ceremony was hosted on November 8 which included a Veterans luncheon
- 92 students and staff dressed up for Halloween!
- Students wish to extend a big thanks to volunteer coaches for the fall sports teams
- Winter sports practices have started
- Still looking for coaches for basketball and ski/board
- Winter dance and 12 days of Christmas celebrations are in the planning stages

**Lucerne Students**

- Celebrated world kindness day on November 13, 2018
- Halloween dance was very successful
- Remembrance Day Ceremony was hosted and students were invited to participate in the parade
- Swimming lessons for elementary students has started

**5. SUPERINTENDENT/SECRETARY-TREASURER UPDATE: (T. Taylor):**

- a) Superintendent Report presented in detail (report attached)

**6. POLICY MATTERS:**

Nil

**7. OTHER:**

Nil

**8. Recommendations to Regular Meeting:**

Nil

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 pm.

## **ALELA EPC Report November 20, 2018**

### **Lucerne Elementary Secondary School**

- We held the following this past month
  - Post-Secondary Day on Oct.16
  - We have had five swimming days so far, with two more to go
  - Hosted a rural pre-med info session from Selkirk College
  - Our k to 6 Literacy Fair was hosted on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>
  - We had a great Halloween Celebration and visited the residents of the New Denver Hospice pavilion
  - Our Remembrance Day Assembly was held on Wednesday Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> due to swimming and the Pro-d Day
  - The grade 5/6 class visited Kaslo to play Volleyball and learn more about the school there
  - A talent show was organized by Katrina Sumrall to support Alfie, a former student with bone cancer who recently had his leg amputated; over \$1000 was sent to him as well as a copy of the video
- We have one WKTEP student at our school this year, working mainly with Gary Parkstrom
- Last week was report card week in the high school during which students worked with their teachers to co-create their report cards. This was a great success and will culminate in student led conferences on Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>
- Thanks to the efforts of the PAC and New Denver's Healthy Community Society, the breakfast program has begun, and our first breakfast fed over a quarter of our school
- Our Winter concert will be held on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>
- Scott Kipkie and Kristin Kipkie have begun to run an after school off season winter training program for students, Wednesday for K to 8
- Wednesday Jared Strand is running homework club in the FLC
- We have sausage and sauerkraut makers coming to work with students in various grades
- On the November 13<sup>th</sup> our grade 10 to 12 students participated in the Graduation Literacy Assessment Field Test
- Our music program is going extremely well; our music production class is one of our students' favourite, and the boom sticks we have purchased are booming away almost every day

## **Nakusp Elementary School**

- NES continues along its busy way with many activities both curricular and extracurricular.
- FSA's are complete, we will have some results to share with the Board soon
- This month our school wide writing focus is Narrative writing – please visit the school and look for evidence of learning on our walls and shared during assemblies
- Term 1 reports, for those few teachers using this format for reporting, will be sent home on December 14th
- Thrive after 3 programs continue to run, offering a variety of opportunities for students after school
- Nancy Greene ski club dryland training is held Mondays after school and Karate is back on Tuesdays
- Phil McMechan will be coaching grade 6/7 basketball starting Wednesday November 21
- Seamus O'Connor will be coaching our grade 3-5's basketball starting in the new year
- NACF representative Karen Hamling will be joining us for our December 3<sup>rd</sup> Assembly to receive thanks for NACF donation to support PAC's hot lunch program.
- Mike Hibberson will be jailed as part of NACF's jail and bail fundraiser, stop by the NES office to make a donation so that hopefully Mike will be allowed out
- Students and teachers are busy preparing for the NES winter concert on Tuesday December 18<sup>th</sup>

## **Nakusp Secondary School**

- Grade 10 and 11 students participated in the Graduation Literacy Assessment Field Test on November 12 and 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Students and teachers also provided feedback to the Ministry regarding the assessment
- Sexual Health Presentations, provided by Teresa Weatherhead, have occurred for all grades in late October
  - Teresa visited each grade twice during the week, and by all reports, the presentations were well received by the students
  - A special thanks to the NSS PAC for supporting these presentations
- Term 1 Report Cards were sent home on Friday, November 19, 2018
- Grads of 2019 have been busy fundraising for their banquet and ceremony
  - Their current fundraiser is a raffle with three prizes (two loads of fire wood and some gift cards from NAPA)
- Winter sports practices have begun – still struggling to find coaches for both the Sr Boys Basketball Team and the Snowboard Team
- Sinixt Book Tour Workshops, organized by Sheena Delong, take place on Wednesday, Nov 21 for Grade 9 – 12 students

## **Edgewood Elementary School**

- We have been paired up with a school in Rawdon, Quebec for an exchange. All travel expenses between the communities will be paid for by the Experiences Canada organization. We will go to Rawdon for one week and they will come visit us. Mrs. Leitch's grade 7 class from NES will be joining us on this journey
- The AERIE is set up and the students are really loving the space
- Mr. Johnston and the intermediates have been toying with sourdough... look for the EES specials soon!
- Ms. Momeyer and her class learned about public amenities by taking the bus into Nakusp and visiting the public library

## **Burton Elementary School**

- With all of the STEAM success we are setting up a Tech space in the classroom and a travelling STEAM room on "la cart"
- Ms. Wallis and her community explorers ventured to the Burton City Cidery to see how a local small business harvests their own apples for production



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**November 20, 2018**

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

**1. Welcome to our New Board of Education!**

- We are excited to welcome our new Board of Education who were sworn in this afternoon as trustees of the Board of Education for SD 10!
- We will be well served for the next four years by all five trustees who comprise the new Board:
  - Danyea Simon, Southern Zone trustee
  - Melissa Teindl, Central Zone trustee
  - Rhonda Farrell, Eastern Zone trustee
  - Christine Dixon-Grout, Trustee-at-large
  - Lora Lee Brekke, Trustee-at-large
- Sometimes the role of the Board is confusing to understand. Though Boards are central to our school districts, the Board's role is governance, rather than operational. One metaphor that the BCSTA has used is that the "Board sets the track, but does not play with the trains".
- The Board works as a corporate Board and their job is to set policy, monitor progress on the District Strategic Plan, provide financial oversight, ensure student success, and advocate for the school district and K-12 public education – a very big job, and a very important one!
- Trustees will attend a New Trustee Orientation session on Thursday this week, engage in the BC School Trustee's New Trustee Academy November 29 - December 1, attend BCPSEA New Trustee sessions January 24-25, and regional BCSTA Learning Forums April 11-12
- Many thanks to the previous Board of Education who has served the district and our learners so very well over the years! We wish you the very best, and are grateful for your leadership!

**2. November Enrollment notes – Marginal Enrollment Increases!**

- Current enrolment at our schools is up again slightly this month with five more students registering in our schools since October 2018 – growing rather than declining enrollment!
- We have also gathered Early Learning data from our Strong Start Centres which currently indicate that Kindergarten enrollment for next year is projected at 8 learners in New Denver, 21 at NES, 2 at EES and 7 at BES – solid enrollment stability and slight growth for the 2019-20 school year
- Below is the monthly enrolment chart by school and grade:

**My Education BC: Student Enrollment Numbers**

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	Oct	Dif
ALDL	2	2	6	1	3	3	4	3	1	2	0	5	8	40	37	3
BES	3	3	4	2										12	12	0
EES	1	1	1	1	1	0	6	2						13	13	0
LESS	8	8	7	3	11	6	12	8	7	4	7	5	5	91	88	3
NES	25	12	16	26	22	21	27	24						173	174	-1
NSS									21	32	28	20	23	124	124	0
<b>TOTAL Per Grade</b>	39	26	34	33	37	30	49	37	29	38	35	30	36			
<b>District Total</b>														453	448	5
Notes:	Grade not applicable to school															

### 3. Experiences Canada Exchange for Edgewood and Nakusp Elementary students

- Excellent news! Our intermediate Grade 6/7s at EES and Grade 7s at NES have been selected for an Experiences Canada exchange with a school in Rawdon, Quebec, north of Montreal
- Teachers Sean Johnston, Leslie Leitch, and WKTEP teacher candidate, Alison Bloom will be chaperoning the SD 10 students' visit to la belle province in February, with the Quebec students coming out west in late May; planning has already begun for this terrific exchange opportunity!
- All expenses are covered by the exchange program with the exception of \$100 in registration per student and local exchange costs; the district will help support and schools will fundraise
- Many thanks to Vice Principal, Brent Cook, for his tenacity and leadership in applying to the program and supporting our students in a wonderful exchange of culture, history and learning!

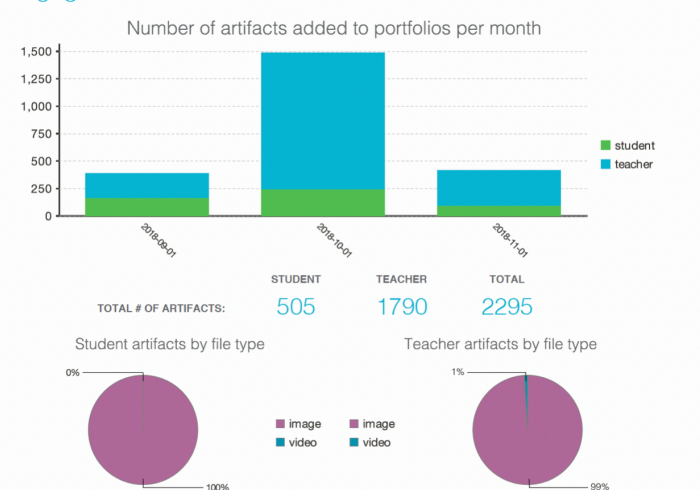
### 4. Further NGN Upgrade in Summer 2019

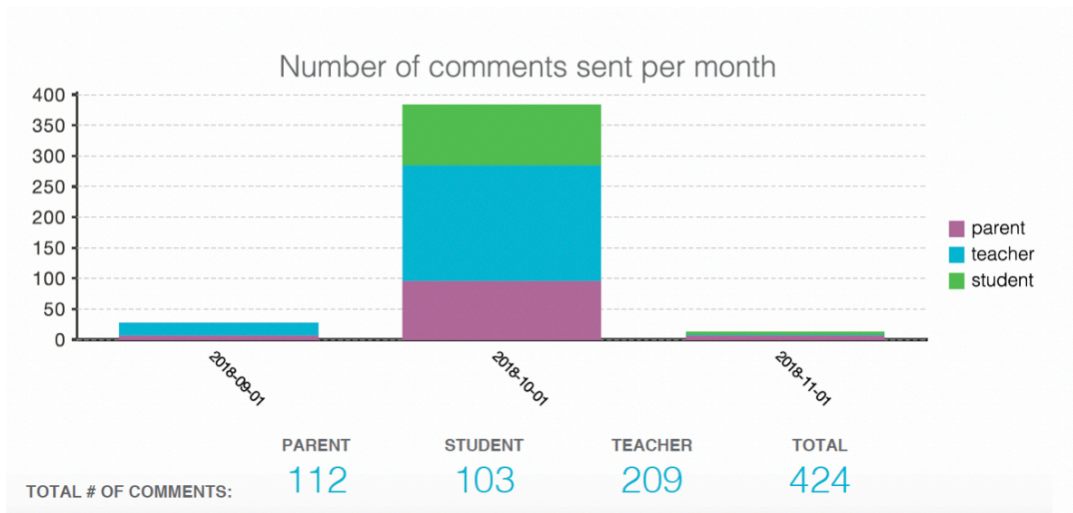
- Upgrades to the district's New Generation Network Internet infrastructure has been scheduled by the Ministry this summer
- This will result in improved security, better stability, and variable speeds (slower Internet when not in use and faster when in use)
- Most costs to upgrade the servers and other hardware will be covered by the Ministry – the last mandated upgrade three years ago was mostly at district cost, so we are happy for the support!

### 5. Ministry of Education K-9 Reporting Pilot Update

- As one of our four "Points of Progress" in the school year approaches, the traditional ways of communicating student learning are looking quite different in SD 10 and the 13 other pilot school districts than traditional report cards.
- These changes align with research that shows that student success increases when they are more deeply engaged in assessing their own learning and setting and monitoring their own goals for learning
- At Lucerne in Grade 7-12, students have been actively gathering evidence of their work, self-assessing and setting learning goals and then co-writing their own report cards along with their teachers. Principal Nick Graves is really pleased with the honesty, depth and quality of the students' communication and self-reflection.
- At NES and EES, Fresh Grade continues to be a solid foundation for regular, ongoing communication with parents about their children's learning. Teachers use this digital portfolio platform in ways customized to fit their class. They share student work, gather parent feedback about their child's learning, and have students self-assess their progress in learning.
- Below are some of the Engagement data from Nakusp Elementary since September:

#### Engagement





What is evident in our Fresh Grade engagement data in the schools using the platform across the district, is that the digital portfolio is allowing for regular, more frequent and ongoing feedback on students' learning. Seeing the high numbers of both parents and students commenting on student learning also shows that parents and students are engaged in learning along with teachers. Research shows that this kind of student and parent engagement in learning improves student success.

## 6. Graduation Literacy Assessment Pilot at NSS and Lucerne

- Students at both secondary schools in Grades 10 and 11 participated in a pilot of the new Graduation Literacy Assessment last week along with many other schools across BC
- The Ministry is piloting this new assessment of literacy, as come 2019, there will be new numeracy and literacy performance-based assessments for Grades 10-12 students required for graduation
- Specifications on the new GLA can be found on the Ministry of Education website: [https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/sites/curriculum.gov.bc.ca/files/pdf/Graduation\\_Literacy\\_Specs\\_Spring\\_2018.pdf](https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/sites/curriculum.gov.bc.ca/files/pdf/Graduation_Literacy_Specs_Spring_2018.pdf)
- Our teachers and principals report that generally students enjoyed participating in the assessment and that they received excellent feedback online on how to improve their literacy skills after completing the assessment.
- Both the literacy and numeracy assessments are not connected with specific courses (as the previous provincial exams) but rather assess these foundational skills across many disciplines as is common in the real world.

## 7. Regional Early Learning meeting – November 5<sup>th</sup> in Creston

- Director of Learning, Lorna Newman, along with preschool teachers, Strong Start Coordinators and Kindergarten teachers from across the district attended a regional session on Early Learning transitions
- The Ministry of Children and Family as well as the Ministry of Education are coordinating resources to better support transitions between child care and preschool, StrongStarts, and Kindergarten as research indicates that students are more successful in K-12 as a result
- A revised draft Early Learning Framework draft for 0-8 year olds has been developed and was shared at the regional conference: [https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/early-learning/teach/earlylearning/draft\\_early\\_learning\\_framework\\_2018.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/early-learning/teach/earlylearning/draft_early_learning_framework_2018.pdf)
- Key elements in the new framework include the aims to “contribute toward reconciliation through implicitly and explicitly honouring indigenous authorities; connect with BC Curriculum and Core



competencies; articulate a vision of inclusion, use Pedagogical Narration as a process for reflecting on knowledge and understanding of childhood”

- The framework is also expanded to age 8 or Grade 3, whereas the 2008 framework was 0-5 years

#### 8. Lucerne teacher honoured with CBEEN Environmental Education Award of Excellence

- Intermediate teacher Katrina Sumrall from New Denver’s Lucerne School was in the spotlight again on October 19<sup>th</sup> when she was presented with an Environmental Education Award for her relentless pursuit of environmental education for our school district’s children



Read more about Katrina’s award at <http://cbeen.ca/local-educators-take-home-awards-at-national-conference/>

*Edgewood Elementary teacher, Erika Momeyer, 2016 recipient of the CBEEN EE Award of Excellence, presented her Lucerne School colleague, Katrina Sumrall, with the prestigious award*

#### 9. Kootenay Boundary Environmental Education initiative wins national award at EECOM

- On October 20<sup>th</sup> on the traditional territory of the Ktunaxa nation at St.Eugene’s, our six regional East and West Kootenay/Boundary school districts were honoured with the *Outstanding Organization for Environmental Education Award* by the Canadian Network for Environmental Education Network and Communication
- Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents and Directors of Learning from SD 5, 6, 8, 10, 20 and 51 collaborate as the KBEE or Kootenay Boundary Environmental Education Network to support environmental education across the region
- Coordinated by the amazing Duncan Whittick from CBEEN, and supported by the Columbia Basin Trust, the KBEE has worked for the past three years, and
  - Supported 7500 students (almost half of the classrooms in the region) in the Take Me Outside for Learning Challenge where students and their teachers go outside for learning at least once per week through the school year
  - Supported regional Environmental Education Leadership Clinics, and teacher-led EE Provincial Specialist Associations across all school districts in the Kootenay Boundary region
  - Created a website <http://kbee.ca> featuring short films, an online Inspiration Handbook, and other learning materials to inspire environmental learning
- Our KBEE network is now embarking on researching the impact of environmental education on student learning and well-being

#### 10. Columbia Basin Plays \$20,000 grant funding awarded

- With many thanks to the efforts of Mike Hibberson, NES/BES/EES Principal and Lorna Newman Director of Learning, the district has successfully been approved for a \$20,000 Basin Plays grant
- Aimed to improve physical literacy, mental health and well-being through increasing opportunities for our learners to learn to walk, hike, dance, swim, ski, snowshoe, canoe, rock climb, boulder, and play golf, the funding will provide professional development for teachers and rich outdoor learning experiences for our learners!