



World Class Learning in a Rural Environment

**December 11, 2018**  
**Superintendent/Secretary Treasurer Report**  
*Presented at the Education Partnership Committee,  
 and Regular Meeting of the Board of Education*

**1. Child Care Grant and potential additional child care space at Lucerne School**

- A group of interested parents and child care professionals who are forming a non-profit society met with the Superintendent, Manager of Operations and Lucerne School Principal to discuss community needs for additional child care and potential space at Lucerne School
- The team considered several Ministry grants to provide capital funding for upgrading unused and decommissioned classroom space at Lucerne School in New Denver
- Up to \$1 M in capital grants is available from the New Spaces Childcare fund and we are considering applying for this funding
- As a first step, early childhood educators in New Denver drafted a survey with input from the school and the survey will be sent to parents this week
- The childcare survey will assess child care needs and be distributed to families from Enterprise Creek, Red Mountain, Silverton, New Denver, Rosebery and Hills
- During and after school care were discussed with a tentative plan to provide child care from 8 am to 5 or 6 pm Monday to Friday including Pro-D days and school holiday periods
- Were a non-profit group to approach the district about child care spaces in Nakusp, the district would consider pursuing this option as we know adequate child care is a critical need in our communities

**2. December Enrollment notes – another small enrollment increase**

- Enrolment is up again slightly this month with two more students registering at Edgewood School
- This brings district enrolment up two since October 2018 which saw five more students than September
- Below is the monthly enrolment chart by school and grade:

My Education BC: Student Enrollment Numbers

As of: Dec 5-18

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	Nov	Dif
ALDL	2	2	6	1	3	3	4	3	1	2	0	6	8	41	40	1
BES	3	3	4	2										12	12	0
EES	1	1	1	2	1	0	7	2						15	13	2
LESS	8	8	7	3	11	6	12	8	7	4	7	5	5	91	91	0
NES	25	12	16	26	22	21	27	24						173	173	0
NSS									21	32	28	19	23	123	124	-1
<b>TOTAL Per Grade</b>		39	26	34	34	37	30	50	37	29	38	35	30	36		
<b>District Total</b>														455	453	2

**3. Playground Equipment Ordered with Spring Installation**

- At long last, we have completed the consultation process at Lucerne School with staff, parents and the Slokan Lake Early Learning Society for input on their ideas to replace the two playground structures identified in a 2017 audit
- Equipment should arrive in early spring for installation as soon as the weather cooperates!

**4. M in STEM Pop-Ups**

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- On February 5<sup>th</sup> at NES, a Mathematics professor from UBC and her research assistant will be working with students and staff at NES to design interesting math problems and solutions that will be shared with parents and families during the evening on February 6<sup>th</sup>
- Dr. Cynthia Nicol from UBC and doctoral student, Lindsay Reynolds, will host an M in STEM Family Night session at Lucerne on the evening of February 5<sup>th</sup> and for NES families on the 6<sup>th</sup>
- During the school day on February 6<sup>th</sup>, our Arrow Lakes DL School students and their parents will be engaging in math problems and puzzles with the UBC mathematics experts
- SD 10 student results in mathematics have been improving over the past few years and we look forward to working with parents and families deepening ways to support the learning of their children, as well as learning more ways to engage our students and teachers in critical and creative thinking numeracy
- The UBC M in STEM team will return to the district in the spring to work with high school students, teachers and families as well as our Southern Zone schools

#### **5. Ministry Special Education Audit**

- The district has received notice that during the week of March 11<sup>th</sup>, we will have an audit team from the Ministry visit to audit Special Education files
- Audits ensure that all the appropriate documentation is completed accurately and that provision of services to students who are claimed for Special Education funding is in keeping with assessments
- Lorna Newman, our Director of Learning, is working hard with Learning Support teachers and principals and vice-principals to organize files and prepare for the audit

#### **6. District Plan for Learning (a sneak preview of our new website)**

- Executive Assistant/HR Manager Michelle Grenier and Superintendent Taylor have been hard at work along with local web designer, Nikta Bouramand, to create a more engaging website telling the story of learning in our school district
- Evidence of student learning, our plans to enhance learning and results will be shared on the site
- Our Plan for Learning aligns with the Ministry of Education [Policy for Student Success](#) and the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning

#### **7. “Community Career Connections” – a film about our secondary students exploring careers in community**

- Our latest SD 10 film documents secondary school students from NSS and Lucerne working with local timber frame builders from Dave Madden Construction as they construct the outdoor classroom at Nakusp Elementary School
- The second half of the film features another career community connection as our students work and learn alongside a solar engineer, local electrician and school district carpenters to install solar grids on NES and NSS roofs
- Many thanks to local filmmaker, Isaac Carter from iCandy films for his film documentation of these hands-on community projects as well as Dave Madden and his crew for taking the risk to have students work on a big timber frame project!