



World Class Learning in a Rural Environment

**October 16, 2018**  
**Superintendent/Secretary Treasurer Report**  
*Presented at the Education Partnership Committee,  
 and Regular Meeting of the Board of Education*

### 1. October Enrollment notes – Marginal Enrollment Increases!

- Current enrolment at our schools is up overall, in a trend that appears to be continuing even since the school year began. This is the first year in many that enrolment has increased.
- Total enrollment of **457.43 FTE** was submitted for our annual September 30<sup>th</sup> 1701 count
- This number is **up 21.96 FTE** students overall from September 2017 (435.47 FTE) – our first *increase* in enrollment for many years!
- Our September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 headcount (actual numbers of students) is **452**
- In 2018-19, 15.4% (70 students) in SD 10 self-identify with Aboriginal ancestry compared to 14.6% or 64 students last year
- In 2018-19, 10.8% (49 students) were claimed as students with Special Needs compared to 44 students or 10.6% in September 2017; of these, 20 students have Level 2 or 3 designations while the remaining 26 are students with learning disabilities; no students with Level 1 disabilities
- Below is the monthly enrolment chart by school and grade

My Education BC: Student Enrollment Numbers																
As of:	Oct 11-18															
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	Sept	Dif
ALDL	1	2	6	1	4	3	4	3	1	2	0	4	6	37	32	5
BES	3	3	4	2										12	12	0
EES	1	1	1	1	1	0	6	2						13	13	0
LESS	8	7	6	3	10	6	12	8	7	4	7	5	5	88	86	2
NES	26	11	17	26	22	21	27	24						174	170	4
NSS									21	32	28	20	23	124	124	0
<b>TOTAL Per Grade</b>	39	24	34	33	37	30	49	37	29	38	35	29	34			
<b>District Total</b>														448	437	11
Notes:	Grade not applicable to school															

### 2. Lucerne Playground Upgrade

- Ministry funding of \$90,000 for a Playground Grant to replace old and unsafe playground equipment at Lucerne Elementary Secondary School was awarded in June, and we are getting ever closer to ordering the equipment based on input from students, parents and staff
- Extensive consultation both in June and this fall has meant that the equipment has not yet been ordered
- Installation of the new playground will likely have to wait till spring given the time of year

### 3. Premier's Excellence in Education Awards

- On Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at Government House in Victoria, Katrina Sumrall, Lucerne Elementary Secondary School teacher, along with Julia Greenlaw, her nominator for the award, Katrina's daughter, Danika, and the Superintendent, attended the official Premier's Excellence in Education Awards Ceremony at Government House in Victoria amidst the other award finalists and their superintendents

- The Premier's Excellence in Education Awards Ceremony, hosted by Premier John Horgan, Minister of Education, Rob Fleming, and Lieutenant Governor, Janet Austen was a lovely late afternoon and evening event with all 27 finalists present
- [Short videos of each finalist](#) were viewed, and then winners in each category announced
- Congratulations to Katrina for her amazing work as a teacher in the district over the past 35 years, and her honour in being selected as a finalist in the Community Engagement category



*All 27 Awards of Excellence in Education Finalists with Premier John Horgan, Minister of Education, Rob Fleming, and Lieutenant Governor, Janet Austen in Victoria at Government House. (Katrina Sumrall is in the second to last row on the right side)*

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

- Classrooms in four schools in the school district are piloting the new K-9 Draft reporting order along with many schools and districts across our province; using the Draft Policy is voluntary
- Teachers involved in the policy pilot includes using a proficiency scale rather than letter grades in K-9, and rather than the traditional report cards, a range of ways to communicate student learning called "Points of Progress" are used
- Our teachers are keeping parents informed about their students' learning in many ways including [Fresh Grade](#), (a digital portfolio of student work over the school year providing opportunities for parents, students and teachers to give feedback on learning), paper portfolios of student work over the year along with student and teacher assessments of learning, and student-led conferences
- Principals and teachers are communicating with parents and students about the changes in reporting through class and school-wide meetings, in school newsletters and on the school website
- Feedback from parents and students as well as teachers involved in the pilot has been positive

#### 5. KB Think Tank - Framework for Enhancing Student Learning and Policy for Student Success

- On October 1<sup>st</sup>, teams of principals and vice-principals and their superintendents, assistant superintendents and directors from the six Kootenay-Boundary school districts (SD 5, 6, 8, 10, 20 and 51) came together at St. Eugene's to share School Growth Plans and District Plans for Learning and to learn from one another in a KB BCSSA sponsored Think Tank
- The Ministry changed the Accountability Framework for schools and districts in July 2015 and across the province ever since, schools and districts have been working on more holistic ways to share information with parents and the public
- We are required under the policy and framework to inform how and what we are doing to enhance learning for all students, and what data and evidence we use to inform our goals for student success and sharing the work regionally at the Think Tank was supported by a provincial grant
- On behalf of the SD 10 team, Nick Graves, Lucerne School principal, shared Lucerne's Growth Plan and Superintendent Taylor shared the new draft [District Plan for Learning website](#) at the Think Tank
- Keith Godin, Assistant Deputy Minister (Governance and Analytics) closed the Tank with great appreciation for the thoughtful work that is taking place in the Kootenay Boundary school districts

## **6. David Istance from the OECD visits SD 10 October 4<sup>th</sup>**

- On his way from St. Eugene's at BCSSA Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, renowned OECD scholar and researcher, David Istance came to work with SD 10's Leadership team for the evening of October 4<sup>th</sup>
- Our Leadership team of principals, vice-principal, director, and superintendent had been reading Istance's most recent book, [Teachers as Designers of Learning Environments: Innovative Pedagogies](#) this fall as a book study, and had many questions for our guest about his innovative pedagogy research and about our work leading teaching and learning in SD 10
- Feedback from the esteemed OECD scholar was very positive about the innovative teaching and learning taking place in the district; [OECD 7 Principles of Learning](#) are well in place in our schools
- David Istance also presented to Think Tank participants October 2<sup>nd</sup> - a highly engaging morning
- Istance will also be working with the region in the coming year, researching the Kootenay Boundary Environmental Education initiative [kbee.ca](http://kbee.ca) and connecting that work to OECD frameworks

## **7. Local Trustee Elections Update – Vote October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018!**

- October 20<sup>th</sup> is the date for civic elections including Boards of Education across the province
- Trustees Rhonda Farrell (Eastern Zone); Danyea Simon (Southern Zone) and Melissa Teindl (Central Zone) are acclaimed
- Four candidates are running for the two trustee-at-large positions: Lora Lee Brekke, Christine Dixon-Grout, Aiden McLaren-Caux, and Judy Struck
- Our trustee candidates did an excellent job of advocating for public education at the recent All Candidates meeting October 11<sup>th</sup> in Silverton along with Silverton mayoral candidates and councilors
- Discussion about how the villages and the school district can more closely work together to achieve common aims ensued with a very positive tone throughout the evening
- On Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, all trustee candidates attended an All Candidates Forum in Nakusp at the Bonnington Arts Centre from 5:30 till 7 pm

## **8. Fauquier School Property Update**

- The school district has been granted Preliminary Layout Approval for the proposed subdivision of the Fauquier School property which means all requirements have been met
- Final steps are to submit a final plan, tax clearance certificate and \$250 fee
- We are looking forward to the final stages whereupon we will be able to sell the current Fauquier School lot and building to the community of Fauquier at a modest price and put the second lot on the market
- Funds raised by the sale of school properties go into shareable and non-shareable capital reserves for future capital projects

## **9. Higher speed Internet for Edgewood School**

- Thanks to lobbying by IT Manager, Patrick Martin, and the Ministry of Education's commitment to upgrade schools in the NGN (New Generation Network) from 10 mbps to 20, Edgewood Elementary will be upgraded to 20 Mbps in November
- Across the district, our schools have varying Internet speeds dependent on numbers of users and usage determined by the Ministry's NGN team – NSS – 100 Mbps; NES – 50 Mbps; BES and Lucerne – 25 Mbps; EES – 10 Mbps