




**September 22, 2020**  
**Superintendent/Secretary Treasurer Report**  
*Presented at the Education Partnership Committee,*  
*and Regular Meeting of the Board of Education*

**1. By-election Results In: Welcome to our new trustee**

  
 SCHOOL DISTRICT #10 TEA-3 (CENTRAL ATTENDANCE ZONE)  
 DETERMINATION OF OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS  
 BY-ELECTION – September 12, 2020

	GASCON, STEVE	HUGHES, CARLEE	MCLAREN CAUX, AIDAN	STRUCK, JUDY	SPOILED BALLOT	REJECTED BALLOT	Total Votes
Mail Ballot Voting Opportunity: Closed September 11, 2020 Poll #01	12	4	3	1	0	0	20
Advance Voting Opportunity: September 2, 2020 Nakusp Elementary School Poll #02	47	29	29	1	0	0	106
General Voting Opportunity: September 12, 2020 Nakusp Elementary School Poll #03	61	37	49	15	0	2	164
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF VALID VOTES CAST</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>290</b>

This determination of official election results was made by the Chief Election Officer on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 and 4:00 pm and is based on ballot account as amended or prepared by Chief Election Officer.

*Mrs Rhonda Howlett*  
Chief Election Officer

- Four strong candidates ran in the recent Central Zone by-election with the election held on September 12<sup>th</sup>
- The Board and district would like to thank all candidates for their commitment to public education support and also thank the public for their engagement in this election
- Congratulations to new Central Zone trustee, Steve Gascon who received 120 of 290 votes cast

**2. September Enrollment Looks Healthy Across the District**

- Enrollment is up in four schools across the district – Arrow Lakes Distributed Learning School, Burton Elementary School, Lucerne Elementary Secondary and Nakusp Secondary and down somewhat at NES
- The largest enrolment jump is in ALDL with 33 more learners registered than last year due to parents both within the district and in other districts moving to distributed learning
  - The district has just hired a new .6 DL teacher to meet the demand for K-9 learning and added additional school secretary hours for registration to support this increase

My Education BC: Student Enrollment Numbers																
As of:	Sept 18, 2020															
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	Mar	Dif
ALDL	1	4	8	5	7	6	7	7	6	4	4	4	9	72	39	33
BES	2	3	5	5	7	3	3							28	18	10
EES	3	3	4	1										11	14	-3
LESS	8	6	7	9	4	4	5	9	9	9	9	6	7	92	84	8
NES	22	23	23	10	16	21	22	19						156	172	-16
NSS									30	29	22	31	27	139	126	13
<b>TOTAL</b>		36	39	47	30	34	34	37	35	45	42	35	41	43		
<b>District Total</b>														498	453	45
Notes:	Grade not applicable to school															
	BAS is currently not showing cross enrollment numbers in My Ed BC															

### 3. September 2020 – a Strong Back to School Start!

- After a very busy summer of preparing, problem-solving and planning for safely resuming full-time classes for our district and school leaders, our September restart has gone very well
- Big thanks to our educational partners, our Indigenous Elders and parents, PAC Chairs, the ALTA, CUPE and PVPs who met with the Board and senior district staff to review August 10 to review a draft Restart plan and inform the final document submitted to the Ministry August 15<sup>th</sup> and approved August 25<sup>th</sup>
- Restart plans and all COVID-19 related health and safety protocols, plans and resources for parents and staff are available on the SD 10 website at <https://sd10.bc.ca/covid-19-updates-and-resources/>
- In the last two weeks of August, principals and vice principals in turn drafted their school Restart plans which are posted on school websites and on school Facebook sites
- Due in large part to our successful restart of schools in June with all staff back in schools and the second highest percentage of students in the province attending schools, we had a solid grounding on which to base re-opening schools in September
- The process of returning to school full time in a pandemic is not without its challenges and messiness – there will be bumps
- We would like to thank all of our staff, students, parents and educational partners for their kindness, calm and compassion as we all navigate this new paradigm together

#### COVID-19 Updates and Resources

#### Stage 2 – School Restart Plan Now Online – August 25, 2020



SD10  
DISTRICT OF SQUAMISH  
Class Learning in a Rural Enviro

The Board of Education, school district, and our staff are excited to welcome back all Kindergarten to Grade 12 students to the start of a new school year. Though school will look different than in previous years with the health and safety of our students and staff a top priority, the world class teaching and learning and welcoming learning environments that our learners and parents expect in our schools will continue to be front and centre.

*Welcome back to school, everyone!*

*Click on the link for SD 10 – Stage 2 Restart Plan – August 2020*



*Outside play for NES primary learners*



*Grade 6/7s engaged in Math learning*

### 4. Goat Mountain Child Care Centre Update

- Construction of Goat Mountain Kids Child Care is nearing completion, on budget, and expected to be done in early October
- Some delays in receiving supplies and equipment due to the pandemic slowed the project over the summer months

- Goat Mountain Kids Society, the non-profit operator plan for an October 19<sup>th</sup> opening once the furnishings and equipment can be moved in and set up



*New fence & new walkway surround trees in outdoor play area*

- The community, parents and school are very much looking forward to expanded child care spaces for Infants and Toddlers, 3-5 year olds and after school child care



*Walls, electrical and plumbing are done*

- The School District is excited about this project aligned with all 3 goals in the Strategic Plan!

## 5. Nakusp Child Care Centre News – Funding Approved!

- On Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, the school district was advised that funding approval for the proposed 96 space childcare centre at Nakusp Elementary School has been approved with \$3 million dollars from MCFD and \$150,000 from the Columbia Basin Trust for the project
- The Board will discuss the funding approval at their meeting on Tuesday night, gather additional information and then hold a public Special Regular meeting to determine next steps

## 6. District Transportation Review Completed

- School district transportation operations were reviewed by Frank Marasco, of ASTSBC (Association of School Transportation and School Busses BC)
- Mr. Marasco made a number of recommendations that the district will consider implementing:
  - Standardizing the fleet to 72 passenger busses which are 35% more cost effective
  - Examining the bell schedule at NES and NSS to allow more leeway on the Fauquier bus run to meet the 4 pm ferry
  - Purchasing bus routing software to plan routes and examine alternatives
  - A thorough inventory of all parts be completed
  - Revisions to the current bus maintenance program

## 7. Community Use of School Facilities On Hold

- Use of school facilities by community groups during the pandemic is on hold at present as the district focusses on first getting students back into schools safely
- Ministry of Education Operating guidelines for Stage 2 indicate that although community groups may be able to access schools after school hours, additional cleaning and protocols must be observed with the proviso that no additional cleaning costs be borne by K-12 budgets
- Childcare facilities located in school buildings are allowed, but must follow COVID guidelines, provide their COVID health and safety plan, and not incur costs to K-12
- Under BCCDC guidelines, schools are required to clean thoroughly once per day and disinfect high touch surfaces (light switches, doorknobs, desks, faucets, etc) twice in 24 hours
- We hope to be able to welcome community back into our schools if possible, and thank everyone for their patience and understanding as we work on custodial schedules, enhanced cleaning and prioritize the health and safety of our students and staff!

## 8. Congratulations to NES teacher, Anita Vibe!



[learning](#)

- In late June, news came that Anita Vibe had won the 2020 Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network (CBEEN) Intermediate Teacher Environmental Education Award of Excellence
- Anita is well-known for her passion for taking her students outdoors for high quality learning in all seasons of the year and for her commitment to environmental education
- SD 10 is thrilled at this recognition for Ms. Vibe's achievement and so grateful for the powerful learning experiences she creates for her learners at NES!
- Anita's recognition highlights Goal 1 in the Strategic Plan and our signature pedagogy: [place-conscious learning](#)

## 9. BC Safe Return to School Funding - \$46,588

- SD 10 is pleased to be allocated \$46,588 for ensuring a safe return to school with funding from the Ministry of Education
- \$2032 is allocated for face masks and face shields
  - we have already expended \$6500 for masks and shields
  - all Grade 4-12 students and all staff have been provided with two masks and/or shields
- \$10,343 is to be spent on improved hand hygiene
  - we have installed 156 touchless paper towel dispensers and ordered additional paper towels, hand soap and hand sanitizer
- \$2519 is allocated for computer and assistive technology for diverse learners
  - We have ordered headsets for students to use technology for oral reading and literacy
- \$5752 is allocated for cleaning supplies
  - We have already expended these funds on the additional cleaning supplies required
- \$25,942 has been allocated for additional cleaning frequency
  - This funding was added to the \$20,000 that the Board of Education had approved in the 2020-21 budget in April
  - In total between the Board budget and the provincial SRS funds, 1572 additional cleaning hours (38 hours per week) have been added to support our custodians and bus drivers across the district in meeting the new [BCCDC](#) requirement that schools have a second disinfectant cleaning once every 24 hours on high touch surfaces

## 10. Federal Safe Return to Class Grant - \$150,000 for first phase; \$150,000 estimated second phase

- On September 3<sup>rd</sup>, the district was pleased to learn that up to \$300,000 will be allocated from the new Federal funding
- Funding is to be spent on three areas: Learning Resources and Supports, Health and Safety (includes HVAC and outdoor classrooms), extra Transportation costs, and Before and After School Child Care
- Our preliminary spending plan includes funding for the new Arrow Lakes DL teacher and clerical support staff, mental health supports for staff and students, additional learning supplies and resources, additional custodial time, additional masks and face shields, outdoor classrooms at NSS, BES and Lucerne, additional bus route time, bus route technology and after school child care
- More details about the funding, criteria and reporting are forthcoming

## 11. Big thanks to our community for their generous support

- As always, our communities have stepped up to support our schools and learning
- Thanks to Nakusp and Area Community Foundation for providing
  - \$10,000 to support healthy meal programs at NES, NSS, BES and EES – this will help our families and children and is provided through a COVID grant from Vancouver Foundation
  - \$1920 for Nakusp Elementary and Secondary schools to support after school bussing and programs for students
- The Regional District of Central Kootenay has approved \$19,046 for purchasing climbing mats for the new climbing wall at the high school in Nakusp
  - Wow! This wonderful Community Works Fund grant will make a big difference for kids and community to have safe and certified mats
- Help with the costs of local mask-makers has been provided by Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services
  - The school district connected with local makers of COVID masks to produce 500 masks for students at a cost of \$9 each which supported local folk, yet exceeded the provincial grant
  - Thanks to ASLCS for their generous support to help keep our kids safe!
- The support and engagement of our local community aligns with Goal 2 in the Board's Strategic Plan: Cultivate Community Connections

## 12. Music is in the Air

- SD 10 is delighted to welcome back a local graduate of NSS who has completed a music degree to be our music educator for elementary students this year!
  - Leah Holden is conducting music classes along with classroom teachers at Burton Elementary, Edgewood Elementary, Lucerne Elementary and Nakusp Elementary schools
  - Kids will learn music through ukulele, recorder, rhythm instruments and voice in keeping with [Ministry K-12 Operating Guidelines](#) and [BC Centre for Disease Control Guidelines for K-12](#)
  - The Board approved this funding in their April 2020 budget for the 2020-21 school year aligned with Strategic Plan Goal 1 – Enhance Teaching and Learning



*Leah Holden - our new music educator!*

## 13. Health and Safety – Taken Seriously!

- It's been pretty serious, hair straight back for months now with school and district staff getting ready for a smooth and safe return to school
- We are fortunate to have amazing school leaders to help with all of the many preparations and plans!
- Here is Vice Principal, Brent Cook, seriously donning PPE

