



December 14, 2021 Superintendent/Secretary Treasurer Report

1. Staffing Announcement:

I would like to acknowledge the retirement of our Assistant Secretary Treasurer, Shelly Woolf, effective February 11, 2022. Shelly has been an integral part of our School District team for the past 4 years and has done an amazing job ensuring that the district remains in a strong financial situation, advising the Board of Education on financial matters, supporting capital projects, reporting to the Ministry of Education on behalf of the district, as well as many other duties simply too long to list. In all her work, Shelly has been professional, caring, honest, trustworthy and meticulous. As a colleague, Shelly has brought wisdom, compassion, calmness, and laughter and has been a pleasure to work alongside. While her contributions and presence at district office will be missed, we are so happy for Shelly as she enters the next exciting chapter of her life. Please join me in thanking Shelly for her contributions to SD10, as well as her 40 years of service. We send our best wishes for good health and happiness in all her future endeavors.

Additionally, I would also like to announce that we are excited to welcome Michael McLellan to SD10 as our new Secretary Treasurer effective February 1, 2022. Michael comes to us from SD8 where he has been the Secretary Treasurer there for the past three and a half years. Michael brings a wealth of experience and expertise, and we look forward to him joining the SD10 family.

We extend our congratulations to both Shelly and Michael.

2. Outdoor Learning Thriving in SD10:

Outdoor learning and environmental/place conscious education have been foundational pieces in SD10 for many years. Our commitment to being and learning outside extends to each of our schools and we continue to focus on weaving in Indigenous Education into our outdoor learning opportunities. Each school is also putting emphasis on building curricular competencies into outdoor education so that students are developing their academic proficiencies along with their experiences outdoors.

Each year the Kootenay-Boundary Environmental Education Initiative (KBEE) sponsor the "Take Me Outside 4 Learning School Year Challenge", where teachers are asked to commit to taking their students outside for learning at least one day a week. Again, this year, SD10 had the highest percentage of students registered for the challenge out of the seven participating districts.

SD10 proudly displays our newest trophy at the district office and will use the \$500 first place award to enhance each school's outdoor learning resources. Thank you to our teachers and students for making outdoor education such a priority.

3. Winter Music Concerts and Offerings:

You can hear music and signing coming from each of our elementary schools thanks to music our specialist Leah Holden! The classes at Nakusp Elementary and Burton Elementary have been working very hard on individual class presentations including skits, song, and dances—some featuring parodies, ukuleles, and differing forms of percussion. These schools' winter concerts will be presented in a joint video. Lucerne and Edgewood primary classes are preparing a list of songs for carolling in various locations around their respective communities. Edgewood Elementary will be joined by the Fauq Singers of the southern zone as they sing! The Lucerne intermediates will record a video of their Orff instrument ensemble.

4. Warm Wishes:

At this time, I would like to extend my warmest wishes to all our families in our communities for a happy and healthy holiday season and New Year! We certainly are in unprecedented times with many challenges upon us. Through it all, the entire staff in SD10 has put student learning, safety, and well-being at the center of everything they do, and I am very appreciative and grateful for their commitments and efforts. Please have a safe and enjoyable holiday with time for relaxation and rejuvenation.