



World Class Learning in a Rural Environment

March 6, 2018
Superintendent/Secretary Treasurer Report
*Presented at the Education Partnership Committee,
 and Regular Meeting of the Board of Education*

My Education BC: Student Enrollment Numbers																
As of:	Feb 28															
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	Feb	Dif
BAS														0		
DL	3	5	1	3	2	5	1	2	1	2	7	5	8	45	45	0
EES	1	3	1	1	0	8	4	3						21	21	0
LESS	9	6	3	12	4	12	9	7	5	4	7	5	0	83	84	-1
NES	9	16	23	18	19	25	23	18						151	151	0
NSS									31	29	21	20	26	127	128	-1
TOTAL Per Grade	22	30	28	34	25	50	37	30	37	35	35	30	34			
District Total														427	429	-2

1. Enrollment notes –

- Total September 30th 1701 Head Count enrollment was 435.47 FTE students, a decline of 7 FTE enrollment from September 2016
- March's FTE count is 427 (down 8.47 FTE since September 2017)

2. Upcoming Pro-D day plans

Monday, April 23rd Pro-D day –

- This professional development day focusses on School Growth Plans for teachers and Education Assistants. School staffs will examine student reading, writing and numeracy data and achievement, as well as work on plans to support SEL or socio-emotional learning
- Well-known mediation and conflict resolution expert, Raj Dhasi, will lead a workshop with our bus drivers, custodians, and maintenance staff on defusing conflict and enhancing communication

Friday, May 18th Pro-D day –

- This final Pro-D day of the year will bring all employees together for some time in the morning working on the District Strategic Plan and again for Staff Appreciation Lunch honouring our long term employees and retirees
- Primary teachers and EAs will focus on Early Intervention and Literacy during the remainder of the day, while intermediate and secondary teachers will aim their learning at Redesigned Curriculum and Environmental Education

3. Valhalla Fine Arts Society – SD 10 Partnership Agreement finalized

- For many years, the VFAS has rented the facilities at Lucerne Elementary Secondary School each summer to host their annual Summer School of Music, Suzuki Music Program, a young Music Explorers Program, Dance program, and children and youth Theatre program
- The arrangement has been positive and mutually beneficial, with the VFAS gaining a site to hold fine arts classes for locals and tourists, and the school district helping provide fine arts programming for children and youth in the community, and support tourism that benefits community
- The VFAS and District have now finalized an agreement that links the two organizations and outlines a range of items including annual financial contributions which pay for additional custodial costs, ensures that liability insurance is provided by the Society and many other details
- Many thanks to Katrina Sumrall, Ellen Kinsel, Miranda Hughes from VFAS for their hard work and to trustees Quinn DeCourcy and Rhonda Farrell for their work on this agreement

4. 2018-19 Budget Consultation

- Budget Consultation staff and parent meetings at EES, NES, NSS and Lucerne have now concluded
- Some common themes have emerged thus far:
 - Desire to continue to ensure small class sizes and diverse options for personalizing learning are key at all schools
 - Importance of fine arts, hands-on learning and interest in revitalizing a music and band program
 - Though each school has unique characteristics and contexts, all are working towards the goals in the Strategic Plan:
 - Goal 1: Enhance Teaching and Learning
 - Goal 2: Cultivate Connections and Relationships
 - Goal 3: Expand Advocacy for SD 10

5. Burton Elementary School Update

- Principal Mike Hibberson, Vice-Principal Brent Cook, Lorna Newman, Director of Learning and the Superintendent meet Friday to plan a wide range of logistics in re-opening BES
- Monday, April 9th from 1 pm – 3 pm at BES will be a Burton Elementary School Registration day with families planning on registering their children invited to attend
- On Monday, May 7th, a meeting will be held with the Burton Community Learning Centre Society to review the BCLC-SD 10 Partnership Agreement in view of the Elementary School re-opening

6. District Maker Day and Hackathon – March 6 and 7 at Lucerne

- Two exciting days of making and hacking are about to take place.
- Hackathon – March 6th - NSS, Lucerne and DL students in Grades 8 and 9 will engage in four areas of digital literacy during our first district Hackathon: 3D design, film editing, robotics, and website design, concluding with an app creation challenge at the end of the day
- On March 7th, Grades 5, 6 and 7 from EES, NES, Lucerne and ALDL participate in a district Maker Day with a focus on design thinking and making on the theme of local to global.

7. Fauquier Property Update

- Thanks to the efforts of Alan Pattison at BC Hydro, we have located a copy of the 1969 duplicate indefeasible title to the property, which has now been submitted to the Ministry of Transportation
- In addition, the water system approvals have been received from RDCK and we have paid the related fees to ensure water access to both the current Fauquier School lot and a future lot for sale
- To date, costs to undertake the subdivision total \$9134.69

8. All Superintendents Ministry Meeting with Scott MacDonald, Deputy Minister

- Superintendent Taylor attended the 2nd of 3 annual meetings for Superintendents with the Deputy Minister, Scott MacDonald on March 2nd in Vancouver
- A review of the Grade 10-12 Graduation program with opportunity for input was highlighted and focused on a draft Grad Program Implementation Guide which will be shared in mid-March
- Update on the Funding Formula Review was also presented by Finance ADM, Reg Bawa
- A Funding Review Panel has been appointed with Regional meetings happening between March and May with Board Chairs, Superintendents and Secretary-Treasurers attending
- A focus on literacy, numeracy, graduation rate, and Student Learning Survey data and on how we are improving results for all learners was featured in the DM's priorities and Keith Godin's presentation
- Deputy Minister is meeting with districts across the province about their student achievement data
- Ensuring improvement for all First Nation and indigenous learners was also featured with presentations and working sessions by FNEESC (First Nations Education Steering Committee)