



World Class Learning in a Rural Environment

September 18, 2018
Superintendent/Secretary Treasurer Report
*Presented at the Education Partnership Committee,
 and Regular Meeting of the Board of Education*

1. September Enrollment notes – Enrollment is increasing!

- Current enrolment at our schools is close to our forecasts, but up overall due mostly to an increase at NES as follows:

2018-19 Enrollment Projections (by Headcount)	2018-19 September 14 Actual Enrolment (by Headcount)
NSS – 123	NSS - 124
NES - 153	NES - 171
Lucerne – 91	Lucerne - 86
EES – 15	EES – 13
BES – 13	BES – 12
ALDL – 40	ALDL – 32 (with more registrations pending)
Total: 435 students	Total: 437 students

- **This is the first year in over fifteen years that enrolment has increased slightly rather than declined in School District 10!**
- Had there been available housing available for families, there would have been 13 additional students at Lucerne registered this fall, but those families were unable to find rental accommodation
- Lack of year round rental accommodation for families is also impacting Nakusp's school enrollment
- June's FTE count is 425 (down 10.47 FTE since September 2017)
- In September 30th, 2017, 1701 Head Count enrollment was 435.47 FTE students, a decline of 7 FTE enrollment since September 2016; in June 2017 we were at 425 FTE Headcount

My Education BC: Student Enrollment Numbers

As of: Sept 14

Grade:	Gr.K	Gr.1	Gr. 2	Gr. 3	Gr. 4	Gr. 5	Gr. 6	Gr. 7	Gr. 8	Gr. 9	Gr.1 0	Gr.1 1	Gr.1 2	TOTALS
ALDL	1	1	3	0	3	3	3	2	1	2	1	5	7	32
BES	4	3	4	2										12
EES	1	1	1	1	1	0	6	2						13
LESS	8	7	5	4	9	5	11	8	7	4	8	5	5	86
NES	25	11	14	26	21	21	28	24						170
NSS									22	33	28	20	21	124

TOTAL Per Grade 39 23 28 33 34 29 50 37 30 39 37 30 33 437

District Total

2. New Graduation Program in BC for Grade 10s

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- A new Grade 10 curriculum began this fall with Grade 11-12 to be implemented in 2019-20
- Our teachers, school leaders and parents are excited about the changes in the curriculum
- The Graduation Implementation Guide supports integration of the new grad program and shows the changes between the old and new grad programs:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/kindergarten-to-grade-12/support/graduation/graduation-implementation-guide.pdf>

3. Lucerne Playground Upgrade

- Ministry funding of \$90,000 for Playground Grant to replace old and unsafe playground equipment at Lucerne Elementary Secondary School was awarded in June
- The school Principal, Manager of Operations, and Superintendent met at the school to gather parent, student and community input on Monday evening, June 25th
- Possible design ideas for new playground equipment were shared with the parents, students and staff present at the meeting
- Students at the school have submitted drawings and ideas of their goals for the playground changes and plans to order the equipment based on their input are being made

4. NSS Climbing Wall Update

- Grant funds for the NSS Climbing wall have now been received from CBT and RDCK
- Dorian Boswell's Grade 10-12 Outdoor Education class applied for these funds last spring and were successful in raising more than \$70,000 towards climbing wall and bouldering wall costs!!!
- Over the summer, a non-profit society was formed comprised of NSS staff and community members to spearhead and oversee community use of the climbing wall
- District maintenance staff will assist with construction and maintenance as the project proceeds
- Many thanks to the Village of Nakusp for their approval at a Council meeting this summer that the Village will provide liability insurance for community use of the climbing wall!
- This was a big hurdle to overcome, as school district liability insurance covers only student and PAC member use of the facility.
- Current status of the wall is that the District is awaiting engineering drawings in order to proceed with ordering the climbing and bouldering wall equipment
- If we are able to procure engineering specs and drawings and order the climbing and bouldering materials in time, installation of the wall structures could be completed over the Christmas break by our District maintenance crew

5. Re-Opening Burton Elementary School!

- The hallways of BES are again alive with the joy of children's laughter and learning as the school officially re-opened on September 4th after being closed since 2012 due to low enrolment
- Twelve students have registered thus far at the school; most are new to the district with families moving into the community as land is affordable, and the Burton lifestyle great for young families
- Parents, Burton community and our staff are very excited to have the school reopened
- Many thanks to our hard-working staff for working out all the details involved in this undertaking! Tracey Wallis is the K-3 teacher, JoAnne Alaric is our School Secretary, Library Clerk and Custodian, and Jodi McLean, our Strong Start Coordinator, all under the strong leadership of Vice-Principal Brent Cook and Principal Mike Hibberson
- Check out the new BES website at <http://burtonelementary.sd10.bc.ca>
- One Burton Academy student who lives in the community of Burton will work with the K-3 class on Mondays starting second semester as an Outdoor Education mentor and student leader
- The teacher has two days of outdoor learning and forest walks scheduled each week in a vibrant Reggio-inspired and place-conscious learning environment for her young learners
- The District and Burton Community Learning Centre Society have now signed off on a revised Partnership Agreement which limits BCLC use to non-school hours

6. SD 10 Teacher, Katrina Sumrall, chosen as one of [21 Finalists for the Premier's Excellence in Education Awards](#)

- It is with great joy that we learned that Katrina Sumrall, Grade 4/5/6 teacher at Lucerne Elementary Secondary School was selected as a Finalist for the Premier's Excellence in Education Awards
- Katrina, along with two other teachers in BC is a Finalist in the Community Engagement category, recognizing her many years of excellence engaging her students in learning with and in community
- Katrina designs learning environments in her intermediate multi-age classes which deeply engage both young people and community learning together while class is held weekly at the Pavilion in New Denver with seniors and residents there, in environmental education field studies which are a regular part of her practice, and in sustainability learning in the school gardens, greenhouse and recycling and composting programs
- On October 5th, Katrina and the Superintendent will attend the official Awards Ceremony at Government House in Victoria amidst the other award nominees and superintendents
- The Awards Ceremony event is hosted by Premier John Horgan, Minister of Education Rob Fleming, and Lieutenant Governor Janet Austen
- Winners in each category will receive \$3000 personal bursary for professional learning and \$2000 for their school community for professional learning

7. SD 10 Chosen for Ministry of Education K-9 Reporting Pilot

- In June 2018, SD 10 was advised that [we were chosen as one of 12 public school districts](#) in the province to pilot a new K-9 Reporting policy
- The pilot reporting policy seeks to make reporting of student learning to parents and students more responsive, timely and helpful, and aligns with redesigned curriculum and current research on effective assessment as well as input from hundreds of parents
- For many classrooms in the district, the policy supports changes we have already been making in reporting and communicating student learning through using Fresh Grade, using portfolios of student learning and student led conferences
- At NES last year for example, almost all classrooms had regular communication with parents using Fresh Grade and student led conferences, no letter grades, and a final summative report card
- The new policy states that 5 "Points of Progress" are to be communicated throughout the year, that there is one summative written report, and that we use a new Proficiency Scale to assess student learning in the required Areas of Study – this aligns with what we are already doing in many classrooms in the district and gives us an opportunity to help inform the new Ministry policy
- Our Education Transformation Committee will help lead and monitor our K-9 pilot work over the course of the school year, and regular communication with parents and our learners will take place

8. Curriculum Support Day – September 21st, 2018

- Based on input from the Education Transformation Committee, our upcoming Curriculum Support Day focuses on the redesigned Secondary curriculum, provides sessions on Fresh Grade, and time for teachers to collaborate on NOII inquiries and a Ministry update from the Superintendent
- Two facilitators from the Ministry of Education Outreach team, Heather Brown, a Math/Science teacher and Tammy Renyard, a secondary school Principal will join us for the day and conduct two sessions as follows:

Going deeper with Core and Curricular Competencies

Aligning core and curricular competencies in learning

Supporting increased student engagement and reflection (whole school mentoring approach)

Designing for Deeper Learning

Designing concept-based, competency driven learning sequences to engage students in deeper learning

Attending to multi-age, multi-disciplinary learning environments

Aligning assessment and instruction

Considering:

Inclusive learning (multiple entry points for learners)

Aboriginal Worldviews and Perspectives

9. Fauquier School Property Update

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- The District's application to subdivide this property is in its final stages
- RDCK is now examining our request to rezone the property to allow for smaller lot sizes to allow for the two proposed lots; one for the community of Fauquier and the other for sale at market value

10. Video Cameras and RCMP collaboration at Lucerne to help curb costly vandalism

- With over \$10,000 of damage incurred by vandalism over the past few months, and in particular over the summer, the district has brought in the RCMP to help collaborate on solving the problem and video cameras will also be installed at multiple points around the school
- Rocks have been thrown at the stucco walls of the school creating large holes, the atrium in the Science Lab had rocks thrown at it resulting in the need to replace the entire glass structure, and even a solar panel on the school roof has been damaged, whilst several sprinkler heads and gate latches to the school garden have also been broken
- The school has held numerous assemblies and meetings with staff, students and parents on the matter both last school year and this year to little avail
- Principal Nick Graves, Operations Manager Art Olson, and Superintendent Terry Taylor met with RCMP Cpl Jaime Moffat and Con Corey Chaloner in the first week of school to design a collaborative plan to stop the vandalism
- [Policy 671 Video Surveillance](#) indicates that use of video cameras is a last resort, and given the length of time that the damage has taken place, and the other efforts made to stop this costly damage to school property, such a step is merited
- Lucerne School's PAC approved at their September 12th PAC meeting, the installation of video cameras for this purpose in accordance with the [District Protocol on Video Surveillance](#)
- We urge the perpetrators of this vandalism to cease, as valuable dollars are being spent on repairs to our facilities rather than to enhance the school learning environment

11. Meeting with ADM Sally Barton and Director Eleanor Liddy – September 12th

- Our entire Leadership team of three principals, our vice-principal, Director of Learning and the Superintendent had an excellent meeting with the Ministry staff during the afternoon and early evening of September 12th
- We discussed enhancements and challenges with MyEdBC, the provincial student information system including use this year of a new competency-based IEP designed by Shelley Moore, a provincial diversity and inclusion consultant with input from many teachers
- The Ministry staff brought forward some potential ways to augment learning in the district through an emerging Wonder Lab concept that will provide resources and resource people for learning
- We also had a fulsome discussion about the many challenges that our small rural and remote district faces, and the creative innovative ways we have worked to address these challenges with our gifted and committed staff across the district, fantastic relationships with our parents and community and our outside-the-box thinking. Ministry staff were highly impressed with our team.

12. Local Trustee Elections Update

- Chief Elections Officer, Rhonda Bouillet reports that SD 10 has a full slate of candidates for trustee elections to be held October 20th in conjunction with local government elections
- Candidates for the Board of Education are as follows: Rhonda Farrell, Eastern Zone; Danyea Simon, Southern Zone; Melissa Teindl, Central Zone; and four candidates for the two trustee-at-large positions: Lora Lee Brekke, Aiden McLaren-Caux, Christine Dixon, and Judy Struck
- Thank you to all candidates in standing for this important role in public office and wish all candidates good luck in the upcoming election!
- As there is only one candidate in each of the three zones, those candidates will likely be declared acclaimed, while an election will take place for the candidates for trustee-at-large positions