



EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE SCHOOL DISTRICT 10 (Arrow Lakes)

MINUTES

School Board Office

Date: Tuesday April 16, 2019
6:00pm

PRESENT:

MEMBERS: M. Teindl, D. Simon, C. Dixon, L. Brekke, R. Farrell, P. Gajda (ALELA),
J. Alaric (CUPE), R. Bardati (ALTA)

STAFF: T. Taylor, L. Newman, M. Grenier

REGRETS:

OTHER:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

M. Teindl called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Acknowledgement of Territory

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Moved by R. Bardati, seconded by R. Farrell that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. PRESENTATIONS:

a) District Plan for Learning Website (T. Taylor)

4. REPORTS:

a) CUPE, Local 2450
No report

b) ALTA (R. Bardati)
No report

c) ALELA (P. Gajda)
• Report attached

d) DPAC
No report

e) STUDENTS
No report

5. SUPERINTENDENT/SECRETARY-TREASURER UPDATE: (T. Taylor):

a) Superintendent Report presented in detail (report attached)

6. POLICY MATTERS:

Nil

7. OTHER:

a) Measles Immunizations

8. Recommendations to Regular Meeting:

Nil

9. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01pm.

ALELA EPC Report April 16, 2019

Lucerne Elementary Secondary School

- We held the following since school resumed on April 1st
 - Our science fair occurred on April 4th, two students went to the regionals and they both won first place in their age categories
 - The Grads went to Silver Star for their grad trip, Richelle and Sean Johnston were their chaperones and we thank them for their efforts. The students had a great time and are gearing up for their final few months
- Upcoming events include the following:
 - April 15th Lucerne is participating in the Kootenay Collective as a hosting school, educators from all over the Kootenays will come to Lucerne and learn a little bit about our teaching practices, and then we will travel to Nelson for further discussions
 - Earth Day celebrations will include food donated by the Healthy Community Society as well as a Bike Rodeo
 - At the end of April some of our students will be going to Shakesfest in Vernon, a celebration of the plays of William Shakespeare as well as event to learn various aspects of stagecraft.
 - April 20th students going to Shakesfest will be hosting a car wash to fundraise for their upcoming trip
 - Student led conferences will be occurring in early May

Nakusp Secondary School

- Term change on April 18th, report cards go home April 26th, assembly on April 30th
- School has started timetabling tasks in preparation for 2019/20
 - Staff have met several times to discuss ideas and courses
 - First student survey for course offerings completed last week
- Sr Girls Soccer team traveled to Osoyoos for a tournament last week, Jr Girls to Kaslo today
- Track team getting ready for a meet in Castlegar
 - Lots of participation with this team - 26 members this year!
- Grade 11 students did a site visit to Selkirk College in Nelson just after Spring Break to visit the campus, focusing especially on the trades programs
- Grad tasks continue to move forward
 - Students have selected their two valedictorians
 - Grad Trans interviews continue, with only a handful remaining
 - Students are happy that the NSS Scholarship and Bursary application process is done – some students applied for close to 40 possible awards
- Rock carver Hugh Egener will be in art classes with grade 8, 11 & 12 students in May/June
 - Using ArtStarts funding to support this endeavour
- Substance abuse presentations to all grades scheduled for May 1st
- House team points race has tightened up with Wolves still leading, but everyone is within striking distance

Nakusp Elementary School

Curricular

- This month's Writing focus is Report writing. Organization is the trait for the month.
- Teresa Weatherhead will be joining us later in April to talk about body science with our students
- Music with Ms. Kelly Coubrough continues on Fridays. When Ms. Boswell is available primary classes meet on Friday for singing as well. We will be having an extended assembly in late May/early June where classes will showcase their learning.
- We will be joined Safire Motivational Circus Show on Monday April 29th at 9:15am

Extra Curricular

- Thrive after 3 clubs this term include Intermediate Gymnastics on Mondays, Arts and Crafts and Snacks on Tuesdays, Flag Football on Wednesday, and Robotics on Thursdays
- Robot Games was a big success for our students! We had several students win prizes, including Rowan Vibe Coleman who won the final battle!
- Intramurals will be coming back after Easter with both Primary and Intermediate students playing soccer.

Field Studies

- Grade 7's are busily preparing for the arrival of their friends from Rawdon Quebec on May 7th. Parents and Community members have played a huge role in preparing for this visit through fundraising, donations, and volunteering. Many thanks are owed and we will be inviting those who have helped to our end of year Assembly
- Intermediate classes have been making the journey by bus to Castlegar for swimming lessons. This has been a bit of an adventure but the kids seem to be enjoying it! Mr. Hibberson is still working on finding an instructor for the primary grades so that they can visit Halcyon for swimming of their own

Assessments

- The Student Learning Survey has been completed by Grade 4 students and Grade 7's will be completing it this week. Parent codes will be shared this week via the newsletter.
- District writing assessments will be happening over the next few weeks with the Numeracy and Reading Comprehension coming up in May
- We will be hosting parent conferences on May 1st and 2nd with early dismissal to support

Southern Zone

- Hosted Ganishka on May 15th and 16th.

EES

- Robogames was a success again for EES. Not as dominant, but we are all pleased with our program.
- We will be hosting the Annual Heritage Tea on Wednesday April 24th.
- Shelia McGuinnis has been joining the K-4 class teaching music and Quinn will be teaching the Ukulele to the 6-7s
- The intermediate class is looking forward to hosting the Rawdon students from May 8th to 13th.

BES

- The class had a visit from Pearl Last. Her story about the Loon was very engaging and we hope to have her back soon.
- Art class with Ms. Liz has been a great success (she comes in every Wednesday and some Thursdays).
- We have reading volunteers which will come in the mornings and read with the students one on one.
- We will host a kids clothing exchange on May 1st for BES parents. We hope to expand further.
- Still looking for someone to share their music with us in Burton.



World Class Learning in a Rural Environment

April 16, 2019
Superintendent/Secretary Treasurer Report
*Presented at the Education Partnership Committee,
 and Regular Meeting of the Board of Education*

1. April Enrollment notes

- Enrolment has increased this month by 4 students – 2 at ALDL, 1 at NES and 1 at NSS.
- Below is the monthly enrolment chart by school and grade:

My Education BC: Student Enrollment Numbers																	
As of:	April 9-2019																
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	2	2	4	1	2	4	4	3	2	2	0	10	9	45	43	2	
BES	3	4	4	3										14	14	0	
EES	1	1	1	2	1	0	7	2						15	15	0	
LESS	8	7	6	3	7	9	10	8	7	4	9	5	5	88	88	0	
NES	24	10	17	25	21	21	28	24						170	169	1	
NSS									19	33	28	14	23	117	116	1	
TOTAL Per Grade	38	24	32	34	31	34	49	37	28	39	37	29	37				
District Total														449	445	4	

2. Lost Property in Hills and Arrow Park

- Land Title and Survey Authority indicates that these two properties, sites of former schools, were never deeded to the school district and should have been reverted to Crown Lands
- Superintendent contacted the Ministry of Education who verified that although BC Assessment indicated they are properties of the school district that most likely they will revert to the Crown

3. Special Education Audit – a Clean Audit!

- The Ministry Special Education Audit team audited the district’s 49 special education files March 11th - March 13th and verified that all claims on the September 2018 1701s were correct and documented accurately at all district schools
- Of the 49 total files, 23 files are for students with a Level 2 or 3 designation, while the others are for students with identified learning disabilities who are funded from FTE block funding
- Excellent work by our Special Education team – Learning Resource teachers, school counsellors, principals and vice principals, and special thanks to our Director of Learning, Lorna Newman, for a clean and accurate compliance audit!

4. 2019-20 Preliminary Budget - Good News for SD 10!

- On March 15th, the annual [Ministry Preliminary Operating Budget](#) figures were released and it looks like good news for all districts across the province
- It’s the first time since 2006 that all districts have seen an increase in operating grant funding for greater equity and these increases over last year’s funding will help immeasurably:
 - Indigenous education funding per student increases by 17.9%
 - Funding for students with special needs increases 4-9% depending on designation
- Of particular note for small rural and remote school districts:
 - Geographic factors including Small Community Supplements increased by 9%

Our 2019-2020 [Preliminary Operating Grant](#) is \$7,667,783 (of which 3,637,336 is unique geographic factor funding vs 2018-19 Preliminary Operating Grant of \$7,121,329 (of which 3,148,328 is unique geographic funding). Final budgets are based on actual September 30th enrolment so may change.

5. SD 10 Annual Budget Consultation Process Update

- School-based budget consultation meetings with staff and parents held in February and March indicate that the district is functioning well with current staffing and resources allocated in the 2018-19 budget, with recommended areas to continue, and areas that would further enhance student learning:
 - Consultation meeting feedback indicates that we continue arts funding for schools, enhance some current staffing levels, ensure that support for extra-curricular and other field studies remain and ensure that strong secondary options continue at both secondary schools
- Our final Finance Committee meeting was held April 16th
- At the April 16th Finance Committee, the committee reviewed seven scenarios prepared by the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer and Superintendent/ST:
 - Scenario 1 – 2018-19 budget plus the negotiated or projected salary increases for CUPE and ALTA employees and
 - Scenario 2 – Scenario 1 plus an additional 1.0 teacher given increased enrolment
 - Scenarios 3 and 4 – Scenario 1 and 2 plus the 2017/18 Small Community Supplement updated with BES enrolment
 - Scenario 5 – same as scenario 4, but with updated 2019-20 Ministry preliminary budget
 - Scenario 6 – same as scenario 5, but with additional 1.45 teachers, plus VP differential
 - Scenario 7 – same as scenario 6, but with additional .8 FTE teachers (secondary)
- The 2019-20 Budget By-law will be passed by the Board on Monday, April 29th, 2019, and will consider recommendations from the Finance Committee

6. NSS Climbing Wall Update

- Despite best efforts by the non-profit NSS Climbing Wall society, the wall is not yet ready for installation; we are still awaiting engineered drawings before the equipment can be ordered
- Though we had hoped that the installation would take place over spring break, with this latest setback, the district now hopes that the drawings will be completed and approved, equipment can be ordered and installation can take place during the summer break period

7. CR4YC Initiative – September 2019

- The District has been invited to participate in a Ministry-funded Changing Results for Young Children initiative due to commence in September 2019
- CR4YC focuses on enhancing collaboration between early childhood educators and integrating socio-emotional learning using the new Early Learning Framework
- Maureen Dockendorf, former Superintendent of Reading and coordinator of CR4YR, is leading this project and Dr. Kimberly Schonert-Reichl from UBC collaborates with her SEL research
- SD 10 primary teachers, Strong Start Coordinators. and community child care providers will be invited to attend 6 after school sessions over the course of the 2019-20 school year led by facilitator, Randy Cranston, former Assistant Superintendent in Maple Ridge district
- On May 15th, a Provincial Network Session will be held in Vancouver including almost all districts in BC. By 2019-20, almost all districts will be part of the CR4YC network

8. Fauquier School Property Update

- Rezoning of a proposed lot from institutional to residential on the old Fauquier School property was approved by the Regional District of Central Kootenay at their March Board meeting
- A RDCK public hearing is set for May 13th in Fauquier
- The school district will also host a public meeting in Fauquier to inform the community and consult once all RDCK and Ministry of Transportation requirements are met, as this is a requirement by the Ministry of Education when districts contemplate disposal of school district property

- Most likely the SD 10 public meeting will be held in late May or June
- The plan remains to sell the current Fauquier School building and a small lot to the community of Fauquier at a modest price and to sell the second lot at market value
- Profit from the sales will pay for subdivision costs and be added to restricted and non-restricted capital reserves for future school district capital projects

9. Ministry of Health Measles Immunization Catch Up Program

- Our local Public Health Nurse has contacted schools, and notices sent home to parents via email, Facebook and newsletter for voluntary measles immunization boosters or catch up immunizations
- Based on the recent cases of measles in the province, there are significant public health concerns due to lower immunization rates
- The initial “catch up” program by the Ministry of Health will operate from March to June 2019 and with additional immunization programs to be developed by the government’s Ministry of Health
- Although some provinces in Canada have mandatory immunization programs for attendance at public schools, this has not been the case to date in BC

10. Burton Academy School

- Due to low enrolment at BAS, and increasing enrolment at the Burton Elementary School, our secondary BAS Outdoor Education program may not be offered in 2019-20
- The Board, district staff, and Burton Academy School principal will consider the status and options for BAS for next school year and beyond

11. Early Action Initiatives – Mental Health Initiative Funding

- The district received \$37,000 additional funding to support mental health initiatives
- Amongst the actions that the district is taking between January and June 2019 are the following:
 - EASE (Everyday Anxiety Strategies for Educators) training for primary and intermediate teachers
 - Mental Health Literacy training for school counsellor at UBC with Dr. Stan Kutcher
 - Mental Health Literacy sessions facilitated by school counsellors with secondary students, with parents and with staff
 - Engagement in National Indigenous Week celebrations and learning sessions
 - The Well Teacher workshop with Wade Repta, building teacher and EA wellness skills
 - Participation in MDI – Middle Years Development Instrument to assess student wellness and resiliency factors and inform actions
 - Strong Start Coordinators attendance at Early Years conference - Anxiety and Trauma-Informed Practice sessions
 - *Developing Self-Regulated Learners* book study by all educators at staff meetings
 - Expanding trauma-informed spaces at district schools

12. New Bus – without wheelchair

- After researching possible busses with wheelchair access as approved by the Ministry, our Manager of Operations and Transportation advises that this year, we should purchase a regular bus
- Rationale for the decision is based on two main factors: currently no students require wheelchair access and by installing wheelchair access in a rear engine bus, the seats drop from 84 to 52
- **Current School Bus Inventory:**

1.	Bus A6101	34 passenger	Edgewood main bus	age 2016
2.	Bus 7100	72 passenger	Spare bus in Edgewood	age 2007
3.	Bus A6100	70 passenger	New Denver main bus	age 2016
4.	Bus 7101	72 passenger	Spare bus in New Denver	age 2007
5.	Bus 0100	81 passenger	Fauquier run bus	age 2010
6.	Bus 9100	84 passenger	Box Lake run	age 2009

7.	Bus 7102	84 passenger	Crescent Bay run	age 2007
8.	Bus 6102	65 passenger	Spare bus in Nakusp	age 2007
9.	Bus 6100	84 passenger	out of service,	

We have 9 busses in our fleet right now, but only 8 of them have been running this school year. Bus passenger capacity is based on 3 Kindergarten students per seat. An 84 passenger will only take 56 students at 2 per seat by law.

- Within the next 2 years we will replace 3 busses and 2 of those are front engine busses, better suited to wheelchair access.

13. CUPE and ALTA Bargaining Begins

- As collective agreements for both our support staff and our teachers expire at the end of June 2019, local bargaining takes place this spring
- We commence bargaining with CUPE April 17 (am) and 18 with further dates TBD
- ALTA local bargaining is scheduled for April 17 (pm) and May 1, 2 and 3

14. May 17th Pro-D day Plans

- Our May Pro-D day for teachers, Education Assistants, Strong Start Coordinators, and Principals and Vice-Principals will encompass professional learning in *Mental Health Literacy*
- We will again spend some time reviewing the District Strategic Plan and our progress in reaching our Three Bold Goals: Enhance Teaching and Learning, Cultivate Connections and Relationships, and Build Advocacy for SD 10
- Our Bus Drivers will attend professional learning on *Student Relations and Management and Loading and Unloading Students*
- The Board of Education will host our annual Staff Appreciation Lunch for all district staff and celebrate milestone years of service for our employees as well as retirees

15. April 15th – East/West Kootenay HUB Collective

- In collaboration with the six Kootenay districts, the East Kootenay Teacher Ed program and West Kootenay Teacher Education program, and four post-secondary partners (UBC, UVic, UBCO, UFV), together, we are hosting sessions at four schools in three districts
- Teams of five from each district, along with student teachers and post-secondary research colleagues, will visit Brent Kennedy and Mt Sentinel Schools in SD 8, Rossland Summit School in SD 20, and Lucerne Elementary Secondary School in SD 10
- The overarching theme of this cross-district sharing is deepening our assessment practices to enhance student learning
- Many thanks to Chelsea Lada, K/1 teacher, and Richelle Johnston, secondary English teacher at Lucerne for showcasing Lucerne's innovative student led conference preparation and guided student self-assessment work for our professional colleagues!