



World Class Learning in a Rural Environment

May 21, 2019
Superintendent/Secretary Treasurer Report
*Presented at the Education Partnership Committee,
 and Regular Meeting of the Board of Education*

1. May Enrollment notes

- Enrolment this month is stable and the same as April.
- Below is the monthly enrolment chart by school and grade:

My Education BC: Student Enrollment Numbers																
As of:		May 15-2019														
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	5	2	2	2	1	11	8	46	45	1
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	26	25						169	170	-1
NSS									19	33	27	14	24	117	117	0
TOTAL Per Grade	38	24	32	34	31	34	48	37	28	39	37	30	37			
District Total														449	449	0

2. SD 10 2019-20 Budget Bylaw Passed

On Monday, April 29th, 2019, in a Special Regular meeting, the Board of Education passed the 2019-20 Budget By-law of \$9,516,663, using \$321,683 of the Board’s unrestricted surplus to balance the budget

- Additional spending in Budget 2019-20 was approved by the Board based on two key factors:
 - input from stakeholders at our Budget Consultation meetings, and
 - increased Ministry funding due to increased FTE enrolment and a 9% increase in the Small Community Supplement of the Ministry Funding Formula
- The budget carries forward all the current 2018-19 staffing and budgets, and also adds
 - 1.0 FTE additional teacher at NES given increased enrolment at that school
 - .8 FTE additional teacher at NSS to support more choice for secondary students
 - .5 FTE additional teacher at newly re-opened BES to support the growing K-4 population
 - A teaching Vice Principal position at Lucerne School to support the current Principal who is both Lucerne and Arrow Lakes Distributed Learning School’s principal, and to offer more choice for secondary students
 - \$5000 will be added to school budgets for additional hands on learning, fine arts or extra-curricular
 - Incremental increases for salaries and benefits, and utilities and supplies

3. NSS Climbing Wall News

- Engineered drawings for the NSS climbing wall are almost ready; next step is to order the equipment
- The district anticipates that we will be able to order the equipment and install the climbing wall starting this summer

4. 2019-20 CR4YC Initiative Plan

- SD 10 will join the [Changing Results for Young Children](#) initiative in the fall
- Research shows that focusing on early learning has big benefits for children down the road
- Our CR4YC will consist of volunteer primary teachers, Strong Start Coordinators, and community child care providers, all working together to identify needs, work on strategies, and strengthen transitions from 0-8 years of age
- Dr. Randy Cranston, former Assistant Superintendent in Maple Ridge, will facilitate this Early Learning team
- Our CR4YC team will meet in three-hour after school sessions on October 16th, November 19th, January 24th, February 28th, May 5th and June 8th

5. Shelley Moore returns to SD 10 – a focus on inclusive education

- Starting in the fall, the inimitable [Shelley Moore](#) returns to work with SD 10 teachers, strengthening inclusion practices and supports for children with diverse abilities
- Shelley will be in the district in person on September 12th, April 7th, and June 2nd and also connect with the professional learning team in a virtual session in December
- 8.5% of our students are designated with diverse learning needs, and our educators continue to learn new ways to support all their learners in inclusive learning environments

6. OECD 2030 Conference in Vancouver

- The Organization for Economic and Community Development will hold its [annual meeting and conference in Vancouver](#) this week from May 22nd to 24th in Vancouver, BC
- This is a great honour for BC's education system, as OECD meetings are typically held in Paris
- OECD researches and supports education across the world, and both the OECD and countries around the world are curious about the BC story
- They want to learn more about why BC is so successful: BC students continue to excel in reading, mathematics and science on international assessments (historically in the top 7 of all countries/jurisdictions) and BC's redesigned curriculum is viewed as highly innovative in meeting the skills and competencies that learners in the 21st century will need, whilst also embedding high equity for all learners' success in inclusive learning environments
- 200 BC educators and 200 international educators and researchers will attend the OECD conference, including SD 10's Superintendent and Lucerne's Principal

7. Teacher Bargaining

- The Arrow Lakes Teacher's Association and SD 10 have completed local bargaining, and on May 1st, 2019, signed off on the Local Matters Agreement
- Bargaining sessions were very productive and positive, mirroring the excellent relationship between the district and local teachers
- The agreement will be ratified by the Board of Education on May 21st, 2019, and a ratification vote by the ALTA is scheduled for June 12th, 2019
- Provincial Bargaining continues between the BC Teachers Federation and the BC School Employers Association, with both groups hopeful that a provincial agreement will be reached by June 30th

8. Teacher Job Postings

- In all, 16 teaching positions have been posted in the past two weeks
- This large number of teacher job postings is the result of two maternity leaves, two retirements, the Union President's leave, Classroom Enhancement Funding and additional positions afforded by increased enrolment and increased Ministry funding in the 2019-20 budget
- Strong candidates are applying for teaching positions in the district, attracted by the district's vision, its reputation for innovative teaching and learning, and great schools

9. Fauquier School Property Update

- The RDCK Public hearing went well on May 13th in Fauquier
- In all, 14 people attended with a presentation by RDCK staff and Paul Peterson, RDCK Director
- Community members appear to be in full support of the application for rezoning the property
- Next steps:**
- The rezoning bylaw amendment and OCP amendment go to the RDCK Board on June 20, 2019
- If approved, RDCK will sign off on conditions and notify us and the province
- Once the Province signs off, the Ministry of Highways gives final approval
- Then our own school district process begins for disposal of the land as per [Ministry regulations](#)
 - Appraisal of both lots, and statements of valuation of net proceeds
 - Documentation of property title and how it was originally acquired (for restricted and local capital fund purposes), site plan, rationale for disposal of the property, etc
 - Community consultation held in Fauquier to allow final input on the disposal of property plans
 - A Board by-law regarding proposed disposal of the property
 - Working on an agreement for sale with the community organization in Fauquier
 - Interviewing and selecting a real estate agent to sell the second lot and selling that property
- We will continue to move ahead on the details over the next few months

10. May 17th Pro-D Day and Staff Appreciation

- Our May Pro-D day focused on supporting student mental health and environmental education
 - Secondary educators attended Mental Health Literacy sessions, and elementary staff spent time working on resources in the EASE program (Everyday Anxiety Strategies for Educators)
 - In school groups, our staff reviewed how their schools had made progress on the 2017-22 District Strategic Plan's Three Bold Goals: Enhance Teaching and Learning, Cultivate Connections and Relationships, and Build Advocacy for SD 10
 - Our Environmental Education lead teachers informed the group about a wide range of EE programs and then educators broke into collaborative learning groups
- Bus Drivers learned about Student Relations and Management and Loading and Unloading Students, while School Secretaries gathered to gain skills using MyEdBC, the provincial student information system
- At the Board of Education-hosted Staff Appreciation Lunch, the following district staff were honoured:
 - **10 years of service** – Charlene Alexander, Strong Start Coordinator
 - **25 years of service** – Verna Halldorson, Custodian; Kerry Heichert, Education Assistant; and Jackie Pearson, Education Assistant
 - **Celebrating Retirement** – Heather Jenkins, Teacher; Barb Lewis, Teacher; Gabi Koehler, Custodian; Nora Currie, Custodian; Stan Strebchuk, Custodian; Sydney Wigood, Education Assistant
- We celebrate and value all of our staff – every one of our people makes a difference for our learners!