



April 20, 2021
Superintendent/Secretary Treasurer Report
*Presented at the Education Partnership Committee,
 and Regular Meeting of the Board of Education*

1. Enrollment update

My Education BC: Student Enrollment Numbers																
As of:	15-Apr-21															
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 5	Dif
ALDL	1	8	8	6	8	6	9	6	11	6	6	4	10	89	89	0
BES	4	2	6	6	8	4	3							33	33	0
EES	2	3	4											9	9	0
LESS	11	8	8	9	3	6	7	8	9	7	9	6	7	98	101	-3
NES	23	22	21	13	15	23	23	19						159	158	1
NSS									29	28	20	31	26	134	134	0
TOTAL		41	43	47	34	34	39	42	33	49	41	35	41	43		
District Total														522	524	-2

2. Nakusp Child Care Centre – Construction about to begin!

- Seven competitive bids were received on the project RFP for the new Child Care Centre HUB
- Cormac Projects from Calgary was awarded the tender as successful bidder at \$1,884,330 for project construction – keeping the project on budget!
 - Cormac will begin work over the next couple of weeks and has indicated substantive construction completion will be done within 24 weeks or 6 months followed by final rectification and finishing
 - Local trade contractors will be subcontracted as per Cormac's bid
 - This is indeed exciting and almost “groundbreaking” news!



3. After School Child Care – early April to June

- Last week our schools commenced free accessible after school child care through exciting arts and recreation programming at NES, Lucerne, Burton and Edgewood schools
- All schools report strong interest and appreciation from K-7 parents and families for these creative arts, outdoor learning and recreation after school activities
- Many thanks to our elementary principals and vice principals, Justin Bisson, Brent Cook, Nick Graves and Mike Hibberson for their outreach to community artists and resources and putting together quality learning experiences for our children!
 - NES - 2 days a week (primary and intermediate)
 - LES - 3 days a week (primary and intermediate)
 - BES - 1 or 2 days a week (primary art/music - intermediate)

4. Rural Recruitment and Retention Think Tank - May 5th

- Recruitment of teachers, principals and vice-principals, and senior district staff continues to be a major concern in rural school districts across BC including SD 10
- In 2011, sixteen school districts formed a Rural Advisory Education Committee to address rural issues, highlight rural innovation, and create rural networks
- In partnership with the Ministry of Education and as part of REA, we have co-created a Recruitment and Retention Think Tank looking at creative ways we might strengthen recruitment for educators in rural

5. 2021-22 Budget Consultation Update

- Budget consultation continues with partners from the Finance Committee having met April 20th for the third and final time with the Board
- Senior staff shared Scenario 1 – a mostly “status quo” budget which also includes collective agreement increases for teachers and CUPE staff as well as other known increased costs (projected to use \$456,840 of the accumulated surplus of \$1,652,707 (less amended budget projected use of surplus of \$289,679)
- On April 20th the Finance Committee also reviewed Scenario 2 which includes additional COVID cleaning hours for bus drivers and custodians
- The next step is for the Board to review the Finance Committee recommendations, meet with senior staff, look at student achievement data and the Strategic Plan, and come up with a final budget slated for April 28th, 2021

2021 Budget Consultation Process
Consultation: February to April 2021 –
Please note that all consultation meetings are via Zoom

Budget Consultation Components	Dates	Who's Involved
Consultation Component 1: Leadership Team Consultations with Board of Education	Tuesday, February 16th, 2021 3:30 pm – 5 pm	Principals and Vice-Principals, Trustees, Assistant Sec-Treasurer; Assistant Superintendent, Superintendent/ST
Consultation Component 2: Finance Committee Meetings - Consultations and Working Group - Budget Scenarios developed and discussed	#1 – Tuesday, March 9th 3:30 – 4:45 pm #2 – Tuesday, April 6th 3:30 – 4:45 pm #3 – Tuesday, April 20th 3:30 – 4:45 pm	2 DPAC parents 2 ALTA teachers 2 CUPE members 2 P/VPs All trustees Assistant Superintendent, Assistant Sec-Treasurer, Superintendent/ST
Consultation Component 3: Meetings with staff and with parents - One date at each school - Feedback shared at March 7 th Finance Committee meeting	Mon Feb 22 – EES 12 pm -1 pm(staff); 1-2 pm (parents) Mon Feb 22 – BES 3:30 – 4:15 pm (staff); 4:30-5:30 pm (parents) Tues Feb 23 – NES 3:30 – 4:30 pm (staff); 5 – 6 pm (parents) Wed Feb 24 – NSS 3:30 – 4:30 pm (staff); 5 – 6 pm (parents) Thurs Feb 25 – Lucerne 3:30 – 4:30 pm (staff); 5 – 6 pm (parents)	Trustee from each zone Principals and Vice-Principals Superintendent Assistant Superintendent
Board of Education – Budget Consultation Review	Wednesday, April 21st 3:30 – 5 pm – Final recommendations Monday, April 26th 3:30 pm – 5 pm – Review draft budget	Board of Education Assistant Sec-Treasurer; Assistant Superintendent, Superintendent/ST
Budget By-law Discussed Final Approval by Board of Education	Wednesday, April 28th – 4:30 – 5 pm Special Regular Board Meeting – Approve Budget By-law	Board of Education Assistant Sec-Treasurer; Assistant Superintendent, Superintendent/ST Interested public

6. Battle of the Books at NES

- Literacy with a competitive edge happened again this year with intermediate teams from NES battling for their favourite books in Battle of the Books, an international reading incentive program
- Students demonstrated first rate skills in reading, critical thinking and presenting their arguments
- Thanks to teacher librarian, Megan Martin for her leadership in organizing and supporting the annual competition and to ace judges, Mr. Hibberson and Mr. Dubinsky



7. Capital Project Approvals from Ministry of Education

➤ We are very excited to have received approval for more capital projects from the Ministry Capital Branch as follows:

- At NES: \$980,000 for a School Envelope Program (SEP) Exterior Wall System for greater energy efficiency which will involve a renovation of existing school space and demolition of the Strong Start portable to make way for a new addition
- At BES – \$400,000 for replacement of the school roof and installation of solar panels under the SEP program
- At NSS: \$500,000 for significant upgrade of the HVAC boiler system for greater energy conservation for heating and cooling

Facility Name	Program Project Description	Amount Funded by Ministry
Nakusp Elementary	SEP - Exterior Wall Systems	\$980,000
Burton Elementary	SEP - Roofing upgrades	\$400,000
Nakusp Secondary	CNCP - HVAC Upgrade	\$500,000

- Kudos to Art Olson, Manager of Operations and Shelly Woolf for the many hours putting together and managing capital projects!
- The school district is grateful to the Ministry for its continued support of small, rural schools and much-needed capital projects that keep our school learning environments safe and efficient while reducing our carbon footprint

8. Celebrating Earth Day at the Snk'mip Marsh – April 15, 2021

- In celebration of Earth Day and integrating both Western and Indigenous knowledge and worldviews, Lucerne's K-7 students and staff journeyed to Snk'mip Marsh for a day of deep learning
- The focus was on deep learning about sustainability and walking on the earth gently
- K-7s in multi-age teams were led by student leaders, learning in five stations through the day:
 1. Cooking and eating bannock with local Indigenous Elder, Eloise Charet
 2. Field studies of birds at marsh edge with birder and former NSS teacher, Gary Davidson
 3. Sinixt goose egg gathering stories and games with Sinixt Elder, Marilyn James and KL Kivi
 4. Conifer tree and cone identification field studies with local biologist, Heather
 5. Indigenous drumming and songs with Indigenous EA, Jess Britton; music specialist, Leah Holden and Sinixt stick dancing with Al Richardson

Sinixt Elder, Marilyn James welcomed all to the gathering.

As geese honked in the marsh below, Marilyn told stories of traditional Sinixt practices each spring gathering of goose eggs for food.



9. Compliance Audit for ALDL School

- We've received notification from the Ministry of Education that a compliance audit for ALDL will be held during the week of May 17th

- The district had been scheduled for a DL School Audit last spring which was deferred as a result of COVID
- Nick Graves, Principal of the DL School, Chiyoko Reitmeier, our DL School Secretary and MyEd Level 1 and NSS Principal, Peter Gajda are hard at work uploading and preparing documentation for the audit