



March 8, 2022, Superintendent's Report

1. SD10 to Undergo Energy Management Program Overview:

Focused Education Resources in collaboration with the Ministry of Education's Capital Management Branch, has developed a program to assist participating school districts with energy audits of their school facilities. The program will help school districts in identifying and prioritizing capital projects (for submission to the Ministry under the Carbon Neutral Capital Program (CNCP)) that most effectively reduce their carbon emissions to meet established targets in the CleanBC: Roadmap to 2030 of 40% reductions by 2030 for facilities and fleets.

Focused Education conducted a survey in December 2020 on behalf of the Ministry to understand the current state of School Districts Energy Management initiatives and based on the survey results, nine (9) school districts have been finalized in consultation with the Ministry to be included in this program. SD10 is pleased to be one of the nine (9) participating districts benefiting from this cost-free service by Focused Education Resources. We are excited to begin this process over the following months.

Program Objectives include:

- a) support school districts with energy management audit and capital project identification. This includes to identify and prioritize what capital projects they include on their capital plan submission for 2023/2024.
- b) assess the current existing annual energy use in the school district's facilities and develop ASHRAE Level 2 Energy Audit report which include HVAC, HVAC Control, Building Envelope, Lighting.
- c) identify opportunities and priorities for energy savings and efficiency projects to include school districts in incentive/rebate programs available through FortisBC, BC Hydro and other organizations
- d) cost estimates for new or modified equipment and other recommended measures
- e) develop a plan for implementation of energy conservation and/or mechanical optimization measures

2. Fauquier Property Transaction Completed:

On February 25, 2022, the Board sold the 4.8-acre former Fauquier Elementary School property for \$35,000 to the Fauquier Communications Centre Society. The Society intends to continue using the facility for the community library, a technology and computer centre, as well as to host yoga classes and the Fauquier Singers' Choir.

The District's early learning Strong Start program will also continue to operate in the facility, under a rental agreement with the Society.

The former Fauquier Elementary School was originally built in 1968 and the school closed in 2000 due to enrolment decline. The property is located on Spruce Street in Fauquier and includes a 4,000 square foot former school.

Proceeds from the sale will go toward other District facilities, to improve learning environments for students and staff.

3. Extracurricular Sports and Clubs Engages Students and Encourages Healthy Living:

SD10 has been busy promoting physical literacy during the instructional day and continues this focus afterschool through a variety of sports and clubs for students in elementary and secondary grades.

At the elementary level, students have had the opportunity to participate in clubs such as martial arts, music, strategic games, art, dance, and sports. At the secondary level, students have had access to after school clubs that provide opportunities to participate in sports, recreation, and the arts. Our secondary sports teams continue to shine on the court and outside on the field, the slopes, the track and soon enough, the golf course!

Special thanks go out to all the district staff, coaches, volunteers, and community members who put forth their time and commitment to ensure that SD10 students have as many opportunities as possible to engage in sports and activities that enrich their health and well-being.

4. Annual Budget Consultation Process Ahead:

The district will be initiating the annual budget consultation process to receive feedback regarding the development of the 2022/2023 budget. The Board of Education will be seeking feedback from parents/caregivers, and staff about:

- their priorities from the District's Strategic Plan;
- input on potential priorities for the coming year; and
- the successes and challenges from this current year in regard to the annual budget.

Consultation meetings will occur at each school at their PAC meeting in March and early April and a survey will be distributed to all families and staff in the coming weeks. The Board will review all feedback, meet with the district finance committee and consult with district staff before approving a budget for the 2022/2023 school year in April.