

MBSS Current Partnerships – from Debra Empson – March 3/11

- 1) Elder's in Residence - Currently between SD5, St. Mary's Indian Band, Ktunaxa Nation.

There are five Elders, three of which are Ktunaxa and two Metis. This project has, in the past, received funding from the Vancouver Foundation, Columbia Power and CBT.

- 2) Ktunaxa language program - MBSS, SD5 and COTR.

The Ktunaxa is an online course supported with Ktunaxa Language speaker and cultural activities.

- 3) First Nations Studies 12 - Partnered with the Ktunaxa Treaty Office.

Classes are held regularly at the treaty office. They also provided guest speakers to support the course.

- 4) English First Peoples 10 - anticipate partnering with Ktunaxa Nation, St. Mary's Indian Band and the Metis Nation of BC.

- 5) Partnership with the Canadian Forces - they offer several aboriginal specific programs and they provide support for individual students to access these programs, primarily Bold Eagle.

- 6) The Ktunaxa Kinbasket Child and Family services - Provide support for youth in care and we are currently establishing a partnership as of Thursday of this week to better support kids in care. We have additionally, a small number of youth participating in Voices of Experience (an aboriginal leadership program for aboriginal youth in care.)

- 7) The Metis Nation of British Columbia recently partnered with us to host Metis Youth Culture Camp and we anticipate this partnership will continue.

- 8) Aboriginal Education Committee demonstrates a partnership between students, parents, Elders and SD5, St. Mary's Indian Band and various departments of our school.

***All of the above partnerships have provided us with work experience opportunities for aboriginal students.*

- 9) Wild about Hair - a partnership between SD5 and the COTR to provide a studio program for our students.

- 10) East Kootenay Organization for Human Dignity - Office space in the school and in return provides enhancement to human rights and social studies education.

- 11) Sweetheart Program - MBSS provides experiential support and opportunities for the Sweethearts to practice and utilize the skills they learn throughout their program.

- 12) Dance studio - Many outside companies utilize our dance studio and provide opportunities for our students to participate in the world of dance.

- 13) Just Music - partnerships with our Music program to provide opportunities for our youth to teach music lessons, learn to DJ, event plan and organization, technical support

and many other opportunities. In partnership with Key City, Just Music and MBSS music provide learning opportunities for our technical theatre students.

- 14) Key City Theatre - we access the theatre for events up to 30 times per year.
- 15) District Arts Council and MBSS Art department - opportunities for students to show their work as well as participate in community events.
- 16) ACIT - COTR and SD5 - Numerous opportunities for students in the trades.
- 17) COTR - MBSS Teacher training program. We have many times hosted and mentored young teachers in the teacher education program.
- 18) International Program - Housed for the most part, in MBSS. Chris Goodwin teaches the ESL program once per week to our International Students from middle and high school.
- 19) Bright Lites Theatre - Community Living - after life skills program and theatre program.
- 20) Karate Club - Offers programs to our students and the community through our dance studio.
- 21) RCMP - Liaison program.
- 22) Miss School/Miss Out - Northstar Motors.
- 23) East Kootenay Addictions - professionals on site once per week. We provide the space and the student connections.
- 24) Lunch program is supported by Subway, Dairy Queen, Pizza Hut, and others.
- 25) Heritage Inn and Prestige Inn have provided space, at no cost, for large events to support MBSS.
- 26) Computer recycling program with community.
- 27) Salvation Army - recycling and lunch program.
- 28) Community coaches and opportunities for our students to coach.
- 29) Columbia Basin Trust - provided financial support through grant process for many of our programs.
- 30) Scholarships and Awards - numerous opportunities for our students.
- 31) Numerous partnerships and support from St. Eugene, MacDonalds, community businesses, Chamber of Commerce, and Rec Plex for our graduation and other significant school events.
- 32) City of Cranbrook - joint use agreement.
- 33) Kootenay Ice Hockey Team.
- 34) Rotary Clubs of Cranbrook - support programs, exchanges and Rotaract for Youth.