

SOUTHEAST KOOTENAY
School District 5 Superintendent's
Report to the Board



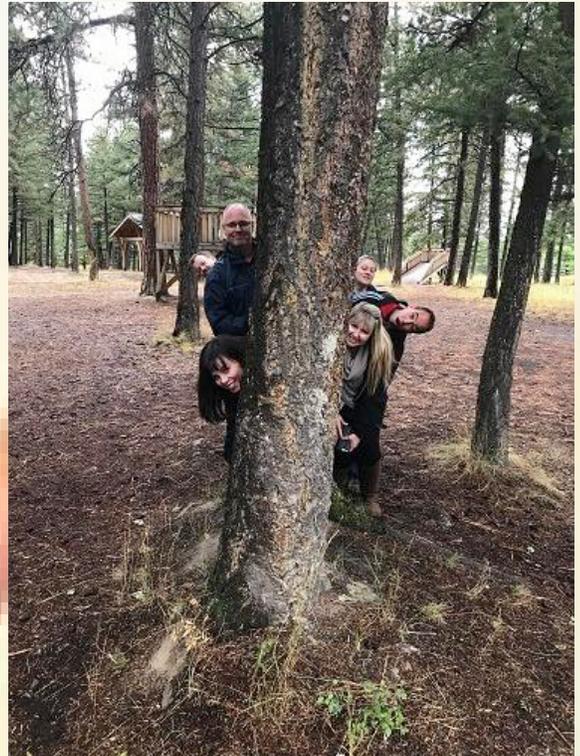
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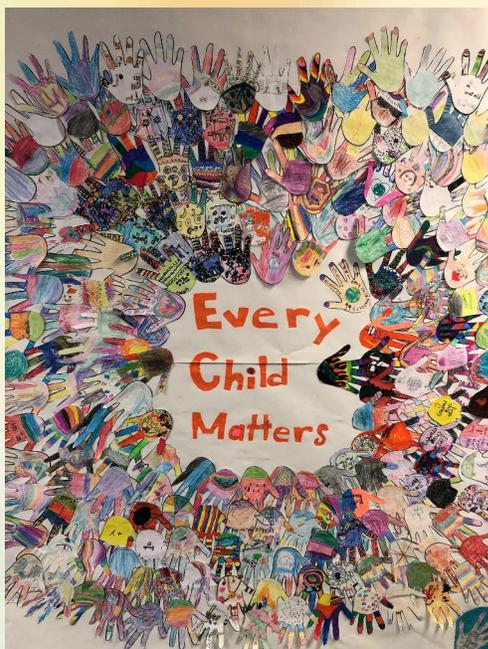
Lynn Hauptman - Superintendent

September 21, 2018

- The first professional development day of the year had a focus on the renewed curriculum in each of our schools. Some of the activities included:
- Infusing and using technology in the classroom with our Transformative Learning Helping Teachers eg. Using the new lego robot kits and exploring the new Design Lab
- Examining new reading resources and planning how to utilize them
- Reporting on Student Learning conversations and examining the reporting order and the pilot eg. Building portfolios
- Sharing of new resources from the District Resource Centre with Miriam Saville
- Staff Collaboration in Planning new units
- Social Emotional Learning and the connection to the Core Competencies
- Wild School Planning (connecting to Place-Conscious Learning) Digital Citizenship
- Guiding Question: How does the curriculum support meeting the needs for ALL learners?
- Collaborative Proactive Problem Solving Model based on Dr. Ross Green's work – focus on Personal awareness and Responsibility Competency
- Unpacking Inquiry and Project-based learning
- Class level planning and team time working on renewed curriculum
- Aboriginal Understandings and the Renewed Curriculum
- Explore fossil beds and create department appropriate lessons
- Field trip to get immersed into the Joseph Creek Project with break-out sessions linking the project to science, business, technology and history (with indigenous content).



MBSS staff - Joseph Creek Project Field Trip



Rocky Mountain Elementary - Orange Shirt Day

1701 Data Collection

Schools very busy finalizing their enrollment count, class composition information and identification of students with unique needs, aboriginal ancestry, French language, etc.

Data will be verified in echo reports and this will be the basis of our district's budget

Huge thank you to Student Services teachers, Aboriginal Education Support Workers, Principals and Vice-Principals, Rob Norum, Brent Reimer, Janice Paetz, Darcy Verbeurgt and to the data guru, Diane Casault.

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BCSTA Regional Meeting

- This year's regional Trustees' Association meeting was held in Trail
- Congratulations to Trustee Bev Bellina for being chosen as President of the Region

BCSSA KBB Regional Think Tank

- This was a focus on exploring and sharing diverse ways to create and share with our public, meaningful and deep School Growth Plans and District Framework Plans that Enhance Student Learning
- Involved teams of Principals and District Staff of the Region and Ministry of Education reps – Pat Duncan and Keith Godin

BCSSA KBB Regional Meeting

The Kootenay Boundary Regional Meeting (Districts 5, 6, 8, 10, 20, 51) was hosted by us at beautiful St. Eugene Resort. Highlights included:

- David Instance – co-author of *Teachers as Designers of Learning Environments: The Importance of Innovative Technologies*
- Reports from Regional Team, BCCASE, Membership, Chapter and Pro-D
- Ministry of Education report from Pat Duncan, Superintendent of Learning
- Duncan Whittick and KBEE – Environmental Education Update Leyton Schnellert from UBC and the Eleanor Rix Professor of Rural Teacher Education

The Design Labs

The Design Labs are nearly ready to go! Stay tuned for the Grand Openings. Check out the functional whiteboard flip top tables and cutting edge technology to create, test and make projects either in the physical or digital world.



Thanks so much to Komatsu Mining and their employees, for fundraising and supporting the SSS Breakfast Program.



Education Update

Ministry of Education



Free Emergency Preparedness Classroom Program:

Are your students ready if disaster strikes? With PreparedBC's free Master of Disaster program, students learn about the hazards in B.C., how they can get themselves and their families prepared and how they can help others during a disaster. This pre-packaged program includes student and family workbooks, fun swag for kids like flashlights and stickers and a teacher's guide full of classroom activity ideas. Order your free classroom kit on the [Master of Disaster web page](#).



The [2017/18 FSA results](#) are now available. This year's FSA will be administered October 1 to November 9 and districts will have the results by January 30, 2019. Students' participation is required. The FSA provides important information to teachers and parents on how well students are doing in reading, writing and numeracy. There is a strong connection with student FSA participation, results, school completion and future life success. Please read the [FSA - Student Participation Q&As document](#) for more information.

Background

WorkBC Parents' Guide: Looking for resources to help your students with their career planning? The [2018 WorkBC Parents' Guide](#) is an invaluable resource to help you start a conversation with your students about education and training pathways. Full of practical ideas, exercises and resources, the guide will help you talk with your students so they can follow their passion and create the career of their choice. For additional ideas, exercises and resources see the [Resources for Counsellors, Teachers & Parents page](#) of the WorkBC website.

News from Schools



Students working on math in new flexible working classroom at SES!



Terry Fox Run - TM Roberts

Check out what Nicole Neufeld has been up to at Isabella Dicken Elementary School in Fernie!



Welcome Back BBQ @ LMS!

Orange Shirt Day



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Director of Student Learning and Innovation - Diane Casault

HELP - *Our involvement with Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) continues. This year our participation will extend beyond EDI (Early Development Instrument) and CHEQ (Childhood Experience Questionnaire) but extend to include MDI (Middle Years Development Instrument). Research done by UBC is very valuable in guiding community and school discussions in how/what needs to be done to support our kids.*



Sound Connections

Training for new Kindergarten and Gr.1 Teachers, Student Service Teachers and Education Assistants was held on October 1st (Cranbrook) and September 24 (Fernie). Schools continue to find this program very valuable. Thanks to Speech Language Pathologist Sue Robertson who has continued the work started by Annette Rogers.



Director of Student Learning and Aboriginal Education- Jason Tichauer

Mental Health Literacy

Our district was able to send a team down to a 'Train the Trainer' workshop at UBC to in-service the provincial initiative around Mental Health literacy for our staffs and our students. Sharlene Charest, Tessa Rokosh and I were trained at this 3 day workshop with the purpose of bringing this program back to our staffs, and eventually, to our classrooms.

A key component of this in-service is the use of proper terminology in Mental Health. To use proper terminology, not to assess or diagnose, but to help de-stigmatize Mental Health issues through education. The website teenmentalhealth.org is an excellent starting point for people looking for more information about this necessary initiative.



MBSS Warriors



TMRES staff

Aboriginal Education showcasing

Joe Pierre, Faye O'Neil and I were able to present our Aboriginal student data, as well as our Enhancement Agreement background and key points, to the regional 'think tank' of BCSSA members, principals and Ministry staff at St. Eugene's Mission this past week. Joe and Faye did a fantastic job showcasing the amazing work that our Aboriginal Education teams and staffs have done to support our students and to further move our classrooms to being key places in our journey to reconciliation.

Director of Instruction, Human Resources - Brent Reimer

· Human resources to date has posted and filled 150+ teaching and 80+ CUPE positions for the current school year. In comparison, human resources last year had filled 185 teaching and 80 CUPE positions at this point in the year.

· We continue to work with the restored Teacher Collective agreement language for this 2018-19 school year. In particular, we are monitoring class size and composition of classes to determine compliance with LOU 17 MOA.

· CUPE has recently ratified the Provincial Framework Agreement, which will cover the years 2019-2022. This has now given us the opportunity to bargain locally, which we anticipate will occur within the next few weeks.



Welcome

We are pleased to welcome our new Teacher of Transformative Learning, Analesa Crooks-Eadie to the Transformative Learning Team. Analesa will be working on Fridays.



Have you checked out the Digital Citizenship Learning for Teachers On the Portal. Great information for all educators. [Digital Citizenship](#)

Have you been following the Transforming SD5 Twitter feed?



<https://twitter.com/TransformingSD5>

District Principal Student Services - Darcy Verbeurgt

English language learners

School District 5, Southeast Kootenay welcomes 76 English Language Learners for the 2018/2019 academic year. Students are attending our schools from countries in the Middle East, the Philippines, Brazil, Peru and India, to name a few. Patricia Michael continues as our ELL Teacher for the District.



Welcome!!

Welcome to Kim McKeown, our new Student Services Coordinator for the Elk Valley.

Student Services Meeting

On September 12, School District 5 Student Services Teachers, Itinerants and District Staff met in Jaffray for the first Student Services Team Meeting of the 2018/2019 School year. Topics of discussion included student-centered learning, funding, mental health and the role of My Education BC in the IEP Planning process.

Ann Dumas Compliance Workshop

On September 26, a compliance workshop with Ann Dumas was held at the Cranbrook Board Office. Ms. Dumas, a contract auditor for the Ministry of Education, reviewed Ministry policy and demystified the audit process. The session was extremely informative and interactive for all Student Services Teachers, Counsellors, Itinerants and School Administrators.

Mandt Training

Mandt System Training commences in October. There will be recertification and new training sessions throughout the month. This year we will be training all School Secretaries in Mandt System on Friday, October 19.



The Mandt System

District Principal Transformative Learning - Jennifer Roberts

Take Me Outside for learning



Let's celebrate our Teachers in SD5 on World Teachers Day on October 5 as they take their classes OUTSIDE FOR LEARNING.

The new and innovative ways our educators have embraced the curriculum by taking their classes outside for learning is overwhelming and impressive! In only one month, classes have adventured near and far.

Grade 10 - 12 FSS Students conducting quick gesture sketches, in perspective of their beautiful school.



Destiny Training & Library Meeting

SD5 Teacher Librarians, Library Clerks and Casual Clericals were together on September 10 at the Cranbrook Board Office for some collaborative discussions and training. New staff and those wanting a refresher took part in Destiny training as well as an introduction to our Digital Online Resources. The rest of the group took this opportunity to share, ask questions, and discuss the topic of transforming libraries and Learning Commons.



On September 20th, grade 10 students of Mr. Gulyas' PE 10 class at Elkford Secondary picked up their equipment and volunteered at the Wapiti Ski Hill. (Wapiti is the local volunteer run ski hill). With tremendous strength and tenacity, students climbed to the top of the mountain (with smiles on their faces) and then proceeded to rip up, cut and tear out brush and trees to help clear a ski run. These students imbued the volunteer spirit of the local ski hill and helped support a fun, community run venue.

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Amy Woodland has started up the third year of our forest Kindergarten Wilderness Wednesdays. The Kinders go every week and the rest of the school takes turns. Up to 6 classes participate between Jim Smith Provincial Park and Idlewild park each week, rain or shine, all year long.

The COMPASS class went on two hikes; one in the community forest and the other along the base of Mount Baker on the Mayook Trail. On both hikes the students were asked to view the landscape from the perspectives of scientists and storytellers. Bonnie Harvey, Ktunaxa storyteller, also joined the group on the trip to Mayook and shared the creation story of Mount Baker.

A promotional poster for the 'CLASSROOMS TO COMMUNITIES' conference. The poster features a circular logo with a '2' and the text 'CLASSROOMS TO COMMUNITIES'. Below the logo, it lists keynote speakers: Dr. Gregory Capelle, Sandra Payne, Cheryl Lee Perry, Kathryn Tolman, and Dr. Richard Kroll. The conference is held at the St. Eugene Mission Resort, Ktunaxa Nation, near Cranbrook in BC's Kootenay Rockies, from 7 pm Thursday, October 18 to 12 pm Sunday, October 21. The website eecom.org/eecom-2018 is provided at the bottom.

CLASSROOMS TO COMMUNITIES
#EECOM2018 CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE
St. Eugene Mission Resort, Ktunaxa Nation, near Cranbrook in BC's Kootenay Rockies
7 pm Thursday, October 18 - 12 pm Sunday, October 21
over the BC Provincial Post-D Day

Keynotes, storytellers & inspirations include:

Dr. Gregory Capelle Sandra Payne Cheryl Lee Perry Kathryn Tolman Dr. Richard Kroll

Early Bird Registration opens May 15
eecom.org/eecom-2018

From coast to coast to coast, over 300 educators will have the opportunity to gather to learn, share and connect at this made-in-Canada environmental education conference on October 18-21 at the St Eugene Mission.