

BoardNews

A news update from the
Board of Education,
School District No.5
(Southeast Kootenay)

November Board Meeting

The November Board meeting was held at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, November 10 at the Board Office in Cranbrook.

Strongstart Opens in F.J. Mitchell Elementary

The 4th StrongStart Centre in School District 5 officially opens at F.J. Mitchell Elementary School in Sparwood on November 9th. MLA for the East Kootenay, Bill Bennett, Superintendent of School District 5, Bill Gook, Trudy Colonello, Principal and BJ Syria, StrongStart Centre facilitator help with the celebration. The District also operates StrongStart centres at Isabella Dicken Elementary in Fernie and at Steeples Elementary and Amy Woodland Elementary in Cranbrook. StrongStart centres provide support for children and their families throughout the District.



District Top Academic Scholarship

Lucas Guillen is this year's recipient of the School District 5 top academic student for 2008/09.



Lucas Guillen, Mt. Baker Secondary, class of 2009, is congratulated by Board Chair Frank Lento at the November 10th Board Meeting. Chairperson Frank Lento presented a cheque to him in recognition of his outstanding achievement. Lucas was the valedictorian of the MBSS graduating class in 2009 and is currently attending the College of the Rockies.

Neighbourhoods of Learning

At the October 13th, 2009 Public Meeting of the Board of Education the Board voted unanimously to pursue the Mount Baker Secondary School replacement project within the concept of Neighbourhoods of Learning. This motion was the result of extensive research and community consultation over the past ten months.

Following this motion a formal application was sent to the Honorable Margaret MacDiarmid, Minister of Education. It includes the Board's request for Mount Baker Secondary School replacement within the concept of Neighbourhoods of Learning, a comprehensive time-line outlining the Board and community's work on this initiative to date, a replacement vision statement, and an outline of "next steps" to be undertaken by the SD5 Mount Baker Replacement Committee in the coming months. The entire application including all appendices is accessible from the homepage of the SD5 website, www.sd5.bc.ca.



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