



School District No. 5
From the Office of the Superintendent

To: Trustees
From: Lynn Hauptman
Date: April 14, 2015
Re: Monthly Report to the Board

Purpose of this Report:

As the Board's Chief Executive Officer, the Superintendent of Schools is accountable for the day-to-day operations of the school district and for ensuring that the Board is aware of how the school district is doing in all areas of its operations.

Superintendent's Activities

School Organization

During the first week of March, school planning meetings were held with all principals. Considering the best enrolment information we have for each school along with the latest budget announcements from the Ministry of Education, preliminary decisions have been made regarding the staffing needs of each school. Brent Reimer and the Human Resources Department will begin the staffing process shortly so that we ensure the greatest stability possible for our schools in preparation for the 2015-2016 school year.

Learning Improvement Funds/Education Fund

In the fall we followed the consultation process for Learning Improvement Funds/Education Funds as is outlined in the School Act. The Teacher Education Fund (EF) is a component of the Learning Improvement Fund (LIF) and now comprises 80% of the total under the Teacher Education Fund collective agreement provision while the remaining 20% of the LIF fund is designated to support staff. Our total LIF grant is \$1,008,915 and the EF fund portion is \$807,132. Because of the late start to the school year, all the EF funds were not spent so we were able to do a second round of consultations with our schools and the CFTA and new postings have gone out to increase services for the remainder of the school year. We will soon be starting the Spring Process of the LIF/EF funds for the 2015/2016 school year!

Student Voice/District Student Advisory Committee Spring Meeting

On March 6, I had the pleasure of spending the day with students from our Student Voice and District Student Advisory Committee. During the morning, the Student Voice student leaders McKinley Richards, Karlie Sundstrom, Michele Gamache, Taylor Wurmlinger, Nikita Paskiewich and Cynthia Kielpinski led the remainder of the group through 5 questions brought back from the October Student Voice Session in Vancouver for students to give input. Some of the topics included "Things to Know after you graduate high school", and "What do you think we could do as a school system to ensure that transition from K-12 to wherever you want

to go could teach you these things?" Other discussion topics include the Graduation Program, what works well in public education and what needs improvement. The afternoon's activities were focused on the District Student Advisory Committee wherein the students connected through various leadership activities and decided upon their school goals for the rest of the year.

Results of our Thoughtexchange Survey Now Available

As you are aware, in the late fall of 2014, our school community took part in a Thoughtexchange virtual community engagement process and we are pleased to report that 1265 participants accepted our invitations. We collected more than 43,000 prioritized stars placed on the almost 2,400 thoughts shared by our parents, employees and community members.

I invite you to dive into our results using a website created especially for the Southeast Kootenay School District. You'll learn more about the overall process and have the opportunity to explore our results from a school, community, and district-wide perspective. Click the link below and enjoy!

<http://sd5.thoughtexchange.info/>

This link is also available on both our district and school websites. Thank you for your interest and participation! We hope this gives you a great opportunity to better understand the various needs of our community.

SD5 Sports Teams

The 2014-2015 school year has been another successful year for our teams. A considerable number of staff members and community volunteers continue to support our students in their athletic pursuits and I extend sincere appreciation for the time and expertise which is dedicated to enable our students to learn and grow from this involvement. A highlight was hosting the BC Senior Girls' Volleyball Championships at Mount Baker Secondary School this past fall. Congratulations to all of our student athletes!

Party Program Sponsored Youth Conference "Journal of Happiness"

On May 20 and 21 there will be an East Kootenay Party Program Youth Convention held at the College of the Rockies for all Grade 8 and 10s in School District 5 & 6. Students will take part in Breakout Sessions about "Reaching out and Connecting", "Relating to Relationships", "Awakening Your Happiness", "Play to Your Potential" etc., and listen to Keynote Speaker "Retro Bill" who is a motivational speaker/actor/director and artist for grades K-12.

Parkland Middle School Wins a Book Club Set of "Random Acts"

On Wednesday, February 11, 2015, Penguin Canada held a contest on Facebook asking for their followers to suggest a school in their community that they felt should receive a book club set of RANDOM ACTS, the newest children's novel from Valerie Sherrard. Parkland Middle School was nominated and was one of 4 schools across the country to receive these books for their anonymous random acts of kindness!!

Highlands Elementary School Wins \$500

Highlands Elementary School is receiving \$500 from Western Financial Group which will go towards helping to bring in a guest speaker for next school year for Anti-bullying. Highlands Elementary School participated in "Pink the Rink Night" at the Kootenay Ice hockey game in March and this gave them the option to apply for funding from Western Financial Group. The application had to include an excerpt on anti-bullying initiatives at the school for next year.

Finally, I am looking forward to attending the BCSTA Conference and AGM later this week in Vancouver with our trustees.

Finance/Operations Updates:

- Review of funding announcement for 15/16
- Review Administrative Savings requirement
- Complete budget building process
- Meeting with Management team re projected shortfall
- Prepare Budget review for April 14 Board meeting

Update from the Director of Instruction/Human Resources

We are in the process of moving towards an electronic application process for teacher postings. The CFTA presidents, with selected teacher representatives, will be working through a test pilot of the new system within SRB. Once it can be determined that the system is ready for implementation, we will be looking forward to this 21st century improvement for post and fill for the 2015-2106 school year.

Staffing processes for the coming school year are under way with final budgetary decisions being made in the next few weeks. Any necessary district initiated transfers or layoffs of continuing teaching staff to meet budgetary requirements will occur after final decisions are determined. In addition, continuing teacher initiated transfer requests will be considered prior to the post and fill process for next year's available teaching positions.

CUPE staffing processes will begin in the latter part of May and will continue through the summer as required.

We are advertising for TTOC positions for the next school year. TTOC applicants with specialties in French Immersion, Student Services, Industrial Education and Counselling will be given special consideration.

Update from the Director of Student Learning and Innovation

Early Learning Fair – April 21

The Cranbrook Early Years Fair is being held April 21 from 9 am-noon at Steeples Elementary School. As in past years, there is no fee and the goal is to increase the awareness of families as to what Cranbrook has to offer the young children of our community.

Update from the Director of Student Learning and Aboriginal Education

Aboriginal Education

We are excited to have partnered with ?aq'am (St Mary's Band) and ?aqamnik school to set up a cohort of ?aq'am students K-12 through the Ministry of Education's Sharepoint system. This is an important partnership for both the Band and the school district, as we look to set up a long term tracking system of how ?aq'am students are doing, both in and out of our system.

Skills Training

SD5 students are once again off to Vancouver after winning Skills Canada regional competitions! MBSS Robotics and Dual Credit students in Welding and Carpentry will be travelling to the lower mainland to compete at the provincial level.

Once again, we have been successful in securing ITA funding for our Yes 2 It Grade 9 Skills training day. This year, the date is April 9th, and over 40 SD5 students will be participating.

Secondary Graduation

We have been able to work with the Ministry of Education to more accurately present our six year completion rates. By being able to exclude our non-resident students (i.e., International students), we have been able to calculate our completion rate six percent higher than originally posted. As well, we have provided our middle and secondary schools with lists of students that the Ministry lists as unsuccessful and have asked them to determine whether or not these students were successful in another jurisdiction. We are confident that we will see more of our students have graduated out of province or out of country.

Also on the graduation front, we have the opportunity to be one of the districts involved in giving feedback to revamp the provincial scholarship program. The meeting will focus on aligning the governments' scholarship funding to the Education Plan in a fair and equitable way.

Update from the District Principal of Student Services

Darcy Verbeurgt attended a Kootenay-Boundary regional meeting of the BC Council of Administrators in Special Education. The regional members discussed the IEP format for My

Education BC. They also discussed revisions to the Ministry of Education Special Education Policies, Procedures and Practices Manual. A meeting with Student Services Teachers and Coordinators will be held to discuss possible revisions.

On April 1st, SET-BC and SD5 co-hosted a morning webinar introducing Adrienne Geer's Reading Power. An afternoon session focused around differentiating instruction for reading. One example, the Clicker6 software, was examined to help students learn words and sentence phrases in a hands-on, picture, symbol and spoken support modes.

The East Kootenay Regional Science Fair occurred on April 10th and 11th. There are ninety-seven projects for the competitive fair on Friday and fifty-two projects for the non-competitive fair on Saturday. Results will be given in a verbal report at the Board Meeting.

Important Dates for Trustees:

Committee Meetings – April 27

BCSTA AGM – April 16 – 18 (Vancouver)

Minister Visit - May 8

School District 5 Enrolment - April, 2015

School	Student Funded FTE Sept. 30.14	Student Funded FTE Apr 1.15	Difference
Amy Woodland Elementary	251	249	(2)
Elkford Elem/Secondary	175.625	165.5	(10)
Fernie Secondary	286	277.625	(8)
Frank J. Mitchell Elementary	347	348	1
Gordon Terrace Elementary	265	272	7
Highlands Elementary	259	258	(1)
Isabella Dicken Elementary	380	380	0
Jaffray Elem. Junior Secondary	167	167	0
Kootenay Discovery School	24.875	11.625	(13)
Kootenay Educational Services	69.75	73.75	4
Kootenay Orchards Elementary	238	235	(3)
Laurie Middle	298.5	298	(1)
Mount Baker Secondary	863.625	810.375	(53)
Parkland Middle	448	454	6
Pinewood Elementary	116	113	(3)
Rocky Mountain Elementary	217	224	7
Sparwood Secondary	267	259.125	(8)
Steeples Elementary	151	146	(5)
T.M. Roberts Elementary	353	355	2
Total District	5177.38	5097	-80.375