



## **SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (ROCKY MOUNTAIN)**

*SD6 Board-Community Update on the activities of the Board of Education from the most recent regular meeting*

**April, 2019**

### **PRESENTATIONS**

- ✓ Mr. Joseph Baron, Principal of Windermere Elementary School showed a video presentation from his combined grade 4/5 class. The class worked together on an art project submitted for the Art from the Heart display, which runs at Pynelogs Cultural Centre & Art Gallery in Invermere from April 2-27. The theme this year is collaboration, and Mr. Baron was proud to inform the Board that the submission from this class won first place from all the submissions from the Elementary students from the Windermere Zone. The students indicated that their painting is based on the planets and that each student was allowed to use only two colours. The students learned how important it was collaborate and share with other students. One of the students commented that this is how we can change the world. Mr. Baron responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked him for the presentation.

### **STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES**

- ✓ Mr. Carriere presented proposed amendments to Policy 5100 – Student Safety for the Board’s consideration, for second reading. Mr. Carriere explained that the Policy Committee received considerable input, including that helmets used should be rated specifically for the sport. The proposed amendments to the policy include a requirement that students and adult supervisors wear helmets for sports such as cycling, and curling. The Committee is also recommending that the wearing of helmets while skating also be required for secondary students. The Policy Committee expressed that our District should be “leading rather than following” in areas of safety. Mr. Carriere indicated that the District supports schools purchasing class sets of protective headgear for sports such as curling. The Board approved the proposed amendments at second reading.
- ✓ Mr. Carriere presented Policy 3110 – Grant Applications for the Board’s consideration, also for second reading. Mr. Carriere reported that the Policy Committee did not receive any feedback on Policy 3110 since first reading. Mr. Carriere indicated that the policy was drafted to ensure that when schools are applying for grants for projects over \$5,000 that they communicate with the Secretary-Treasurer. This is to prevent schools from applying for grants for projects, prior to determining if there are any barriers that would prevent a project from being completed. Mr. Carriere noted that Mr. Culler had presented the draft based on a review of policies in other school districts. The Board approved this draft policy at second reading.
- ✓ Mr. Carriere presented Policy 3800 – Expenses on Board of Education Business. Mr. Carriere reported that the mileage reimbursement rate in the RMTA collective agreement will increase to \$0.55 per km effective May 1, 2019. Mr. Carriere indicated that the rate in Policy 3800 is currently \$0.54 per km and that the two rates have normally been aligned. Mr. Carriere indicated that the Policy Committee is recommending that the Board consider all three readings of the amendments to

Policy 3800 at this meeting to be effective May 1, 2019. The Board approved the amendment to the policy, giving it all three readings at this meeting.

- ✓ Mr. Carriere reported that it is appropriate to amend the Procedural Bylaw based on the resolution that was passed at the March 12th, 2019 Board meeting, regarding the acknowledgement of the traditional territory of the Ktunaxa and Shuswap people at all business meetings and formal gatherings of the Board. The proposed amendment to the bylaw adds the Acknowledgement of Territory immediately after the Call to Order at all regular meetings of the Board. Mr. Carriere indicated that the Policy Committee is recommending that the Board consider all three readings of the amendments to Bylaw No. 1, Procedural Bylaw at this meeting. The Board approved the amendment, giving the Bylaw all three readings at this meeting. Mr. Carriere indicated that the Bylaw is to be signed by the Chairperson and the Secretary Treasurer and that a copy had been prepared for this purpose.

## **OPERATIONAL ISSUES**

- ✓ Mr. Culler reported that the utilization of the District budget is as expected for the Instruction, Administration and Transportation functions. He has forecasted that Operations will not require the entire increase in the utility budget that had been approved for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Mr. Culler and Mr. Jackson will adjust the budget, and transfer eighty thousand dollars from utilities to local capital reserves, to allow Mr. Jackson to replace two additional vehicles in the white fleet. Mr. Culler responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked him for his report.
- ✓ Ms. Lenardon presented two Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Courses for Board consideration; Leadership 11 and Teacher Assistant 12. Ms. Lenardon reviewed Leadership 11 with the Board indicating that this is an extension to the Leadership 10 course that was previously approved by the Board. The course will focus on the theoretical and practical applications of human relations and focus on leadership style and leadership systems to gain a deep understanding of how leaders effectively lead for change. Ms. Lenardon also reviewed Teacher Assistant 12 with the Board indicating that this course is designed to give students the opportunity to develop a sense of social responsibility through the application of Teaching Assistant skills and theories. Students will work under the supervision of a teacher mentor to develop skills necessary related to supporting a teacher. Ms. Lenardon responded to questions and the Board approved both courses, which will be available to students in the 2019-2020 school year.
- ✓ Mr. Culler reported to the Board a summary of the conversation that he had with Mr. Jackson and Mr. Sylvain Allison, Secretary-Treasurer of the Conseil Scolaire Francophone de la Colombie-Britannique (School District No. 93) to discuss the potential options that were available for transportation collaboration between our Districts. Mr. Culler reported that Policies 3600 and 3601 were reviewed with Mr. Allison, who indicated that he was comfortable with the language and restrictions in the policies. Mr. Jackson reviewed the existing bus routes in Golden and explained the safety concerns with having a bus drop students off at the intended site of the Francophone school. Mr. Jackson explained that Mr. Allison understood those safety concerns and was in agreement with having the Francophone students be dropped at Alexander Park Elementary School. The Francophone school is prepared to arrange for a “walking school bus” from Alexander Park Elementary School for the two blocks required to get their students to the school each day. Mr. Culler proposed that in the draft agreement, the Board consider the transportation priority of the students to be as follows: School District No. 6 eligible students, School District No. 93 eligible students (contracted service), School District No. 6 courtesy riders and School District No. 93 courtesy riders. It would be understood that SD93 courtesy riders would be approved if room were available, and would be an optional paid service, approved by SD93. There was some discussion among Trustees about SD93 students being placed ahead of SD6 courtesy riders in the order of priority. Mr. Culler and Mr. Jackson responded to questions and the Board agreed to contract transportation services with CSF School District No. 93 for their students in Golden. The Board requested that they have the opportunity to review the draft agreement to provide service, and then

passed a resolution requiring that the agreement be reviewed in no more than one year's time.

## **REPORTS**

- ✓ Ms. Lenardon reported on some of the highlights from the Learning Leadership Report. The report is available on the SD6 website main page, either as a scrolling news item or under the "about us" menu.
- ✓ Vice-Chairperson Fearing, BCSTA Provincial Council Representative, reported that there are two events upcoming for Trustees. The first is the BCSTA Trustee Leadership Development Session being held in Cranbrook on April 15-16, 2019. She also reported that the BCSTA AGM will be held in Richmond BC from April 25-28, 2019.
- ✓ Chairperson Byklum, BCSTA Kootenay-Boundary Branch (KBB) Representative, reported that SD6 will host the upcoming AGM, and that it will be held at Fairmont Resort September 27-29, 2019. She indicated that we are just starting to plan for the event and that we will be offering some professional development sessions for Trustees as well as other activities. She also informed Trustees that there will be a KBB breakfast meeting held at the upcoming BCSTA AGM in Richmond later in the month.
- ✓ Vice-Chairperson Smaill, BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) Representative indicated that she had nothing to report.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- ✓ The April and May Calendars are available [here](#).