



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (ROCKY MOUNTAIN)

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

December, 2018

PRESENTATIONS

Amy Shoup, International Education Manager, presented an International Program update to the Board. She advised Trustees that there are currently 211 students enrolled (160 FTE) from 18 countries. RMISP is working hard to continue to grow diversity in the program as the majority of students are from Germany and Mexico. Ms. Shoup also touched on the Shared Service Agreements (these are unique in Canada) which facilitate the placement of RMISP students in SD19 and SD5. Our program is also unique in that we offer an “experience program” which provides for a wide range of extra-curricular activities for the students. In addition, we operate the “Rocky Rewards” program, which encourages the students to volunteer in the community and at school, as well as to achieve good work habits and grades. Students with enough “Rocky Rewards” points can earn a year-end trip to Vancouver. The program is always looking for host families in all three communities and encourages anyone interested in hosting an international student to go to the website for more information at www.rminternational.ca.

STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

- ✓ Third Reading was approved to amend Policy 6910, Student Travel for Work Experience. This Policy has the purpose of ensuring the District has signed parental permission in place for transportation arrangements for a student participating in a school-sanctioned work experience activity. Changes to the policy clarify the options, and make it clear that the Policy is not to provide approval for one student to transport another.
- ✓ Second Reading was approved to amend Policy 5800, District Code of Conduct for Students. The proposed changes better align the language of the Policy to the *School Act* and Ministerial Orders, and to current best practice.

OPERATIONAL ISSUES

- ✓ Chairperson Byklum presented the Board committee appointments.
- ✓ Mr. Culler reported on the November 2018 Budget Utilization Summary for the Board’s information.

REPORTS

- ✓ Learning Leadership Report – The Learning Leadership Report is available on the SD6 website main page, either as a scrolling news item or under the “about us” menu.

- ✓ Each of the Trustees that participated in the BCSTA Trustee Academy presented some highlights and knowledge that they learned while attending the conference. It was noted that SD6 was specifically mentioned by the Deputy Minister of Education for improved School Completion Rates over time.
- ✓ Chairperson Byklum reported on the BCSTA Kootenay Boundary Branch breakfast meeting held at the BCSTA Trustee Academy. School District 6 will be hosting the fall 2019 Branch AGM and planning will begin shortly.
- ✓ BC Public School Employers Association – Vice-Chairperson Smail reported that she will be attending the 25th Annual AGM scheduled for January 23rd and 24th, 2019 in Richmond, BC and will report back to the Board.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- ✓ The December and January 2018 calendars were circulated.
- ✓ The December 2018 schedule of Christmas events was circulated.