



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, 2020

PRESENTATIONS

- ✓ Trent Dolgopol, Director of Instruction – Technology and Innovative Learning introduced James Aitchison and Brad Klink from IBM who have been engaged to perform an IT and business optimization review of the District’s technology and document work flows. The IBM team provided a summary of the findings to date and will continue to provide the Board with future updates. The team responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked them for their report.

STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

- ✓ Ms. Shipka presented the following policy to the Board for consideration at third and final reading:

Third Reading:

- Policy No. 4103 – Criminal Record Review

Ms. Shipka presented the Board with the proposed amendments for Policy 4103, Criminal Record Review for third and final reading. Ms. Shipka indicated that the proposed amendments are housekeeping items with no content changes proposed at this reading. The Policy Committee recommended that the Board consider third and final reading of the policy at this meeting and the Board approved the policy at third and final reading.

- ✓ Ms. Shipka presented the following six (6) policies to the Board for consideration at second reading:

Second Reading:

- Policy No. 1100 – Policy Development
- Policy No. 3500 – Records Management and Information Management
- Policy No. 3600 – Transportation of Students on Regular School Bus Routes
- Policy No. 6170 – Board/Authority Authorized Courses
- Policy No. 6180 – Selection of Learning Resources
- Policy No. 6181 – Procedures for Dealing with Challenged Learning Resources

Ms. Shipka presented the Board with the proposed amendments for the following six (6) policies for second reading. Ms. Shipka indicated that all the proposed amendments are housekeeping to correct minor grammatical errors. The Policy Committee recommended that the Board consider second reading of the six (6) policies at this meeting and the Board approved the policies at second reading.

- ✓ Ms. Shipka presented the following two (2) policies to the Board for consideration at first reading:

First Reading:

- Policy No. 5010 – Student Placement

Ms. Shipka presented the Board with the proposed Policy 5010, Student Placement for consideration at this meeting. Ms. Shipka indicated that the policy was created to establish common practice for the promotion or retention of students based on the diverse learning abilities, interests and needs of all students in order to maximize student success. The Policy Committee recommended that the Board consider first reading of the policy at this meeting and the Board approved the policy at first reading.

- Policy No. 5500 – Student Records

Ms. Shipka presented the Board with proposed Policy 5500, Student Records for consideration at this meeting. Ms. Shipka indicated that the policy has been updated to align with Ministry guidelines. The Policy Committee is recommending that the Board consider first reading of the policy at this meeting and the Board approved the policy at first reading.

- Policy No. 6800 – Fees for Educational Programs

Ms. Shipka presented the Board with proposed Policy 6800, Fees for Educational Programs for consideration at this meeting. Ms. Shipka indicated that the proposed amendments to the policy are housekeeping items. The Policy Committee recommended that the Board consider first reading of the policy at this meeting and the Board approved the policy at first reading.

OPERATIONAL ISSUES

- ✓ Chairperson Byklum presented the Board Standing Committee appointments for the upcoming year.
- ✓ Ms. Shipka present the Board with a draft Superintendent’s Report on Student Success for the 2019-2020 school year. Ms. Shipka indicated that there was limited data this year due to COVID-19; but emphasized that she will refine the report for the 2020-2021 school year in alignment with the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL). Ms. Shipka indicated that the report will be posted on the District website once it is completed. Ms. Shipka responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked her for her presentation.
- ✓ Mr. Wyer presented the Board with a report outlining a proposed new process for approving district calendars where the Board would approve the upcoming year calendar and to approve in principle two additional year’s calendars. He proposed that the Board receive the calendar in principle and then open it up to the public to seek input from the community. Mr. Wyer indicated the process would include receiving input from the public regarding the dates for Christmas and Spring Break holidays. Mr. Wyer responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked him for his presentation.
- ✓ The Board approved a three year cycle of one (1) school calendar and two (2) school calendars in principle as presented at this meeting.
- ✓ The Board approved the draft school calendars for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years for public feedback.

REPORTS

- ✓ Trustee Fearing reported that she enjoyed the BCSTA Academy program and speakers this year. She also indicated that she is still a member of the Indigenous Committee and indicated that the committee is seeking a consultant to help develop a handbook that will be available for all Trustees.
- ✓ Trustee Thurgood-Sagal had nothing to report on the BC School Trust Association, Kootenay-Boundary Branch.
- ✓ Trustee Smaill had nothing to report on the Public Schools Employers' Association.
- ✓ Mr. Wyer provided an update for the Board on BCPSEA policy 95-06 relating to executive compensation freeze for the 2020-2021 performance year. The policy specifically states that compensation be frozen for the positions of Secretary Treasurer and Assistant Superintendent; and to the position of Superintendent by expectation of the Minister of Finance for the 2020-2021 performance year.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- ✓ Correspondence

Ms. Shipka provided the Board with communication received from the lawyer for the estate of Mary Eleanor Degrazio indicating that the School District was bequest \$15,000. Ms. Shipka indicated that the family would like to see a scholarship setup in her name. Ms. Shipka indicated that she would contact the Scholarship Committee to discuss details and bring the matter back to the Board. Ms. Shipka responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked her for her the information.

- ✓ Ms. Shipka provided the Board with information regarding school based Christmas events indicating that due to COVID-19 restrictions the events were recorded and made available to parents on YouTube channels created for each school.
- ✓ The December 2020 and January 2021 Calendars are available [here](#).