



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (ROCKY MOUNTAIN)

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

November, 2020

PRESENTATIONS

- ✓ The Public Board Meeting was held at David Thompson Secondary School and a presentation was made by teacher, Andrea Dunlop. The presentation focused on a Residential School Memorial display that was created at the school. The project, “Project of the Heart” has been growing over the last four years and stems from work with her Social Studies students who learn the history of the Indigenous people from the Columbia Valley region over the last century and the challenges they face with respect to residential schools. The culminating action of the project is to create a long lasting memorial at the school that acknowledges the lives that were lost, the struggles of families, the resiliency of the people and the move toward reconciliation.
- ✓ The Board of Education received a presentation from Barb Carrier, District Literacy Teacher that focused on the supports that she provides to teachers across the district. Barb has been instrumental in building teacher capacity in the area of literacy through her work on the District Wide Write Assessment and District Reading Assessments. Barb spoke about the model of professional learning where she supports teachers in classroom, in small groups or in large group settings. This research based professional learning model has enabled teachers to build their capacity in analyzing data, using data to identify learning gaps and implement a variety of teaching strategies leading to student success. The Board of Education thanked Barb for her dedication to this very important work. Barb is truly making a difference.

STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

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

- Policy 4103, Criminal Record Review

Ms. Shipka reported that Mr. Wyer reviewed the revisions that were made to this policy since the last meeting. The policy received second reading at this meeting

- ✓ Ms. Shipka presented the following six policies to the Board for consideration at first reading:

- Policy No. XXXX, Records Management and Information Management; Policy 5120, Healthy Schools
- Policy No. 1100 – Policy Development;

- Policy No. 3600 – Transportation of Students on Regular Bus Routes;
- Policy No. 6170 – Board/Authority Authorized Courses;
- Policy No. 6180 – Selection of Learning Resources; and
- Policy No. 6181 – Challenge Learning Resources

Ms. Shipka indicated that the policy pertaining to Records Management and Information Management (not numbered) is a new policy. Ms. Shipka reported that the other five items for first reading are all existing policies that have housekeeping revisions. The policies received first reading at this meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- ✓ The Board of Education elected Officers of the Board. The results of the election are below. We congratulate all members of the Board of Education of SD6 Rocky Mountain and thank them for their service.
 - Chairperson – Amber Byklum
 - Vice-Chairs – Trustee Fearing (Golden) and Trustee Smaill (Kimberley)
 - BCPSEA Representative and Alternate
 - BCPSEA Representative - Trustee Smaill
 - BCPSEA Alternate Representative – Trustee Thurgood-Sagal
 - BCSTA Provincial Council Representative and Alternate
 - BCSTA Representative – Trustee Fearing
 - BCSTA Alternate Representative – Trustee Smith

OPERATIONAL ISSUES

- ✓ Ms. Harding reviewed the October Budget Utilization Summary report and noted that there were no significant variations.
- ✓ The Board of Education received a report Indigenous Education initiatives currently underway this year. Mr. Wyer shared that the district has begun working with the Ministry of Education on the “Equity in Action Project”. This project seeks to address systemic barriers impacting Indigenous student achievement. A focus on ‘equity of opportunity’ and a co-constructive approach is driving a review of practices and policies that may be creating obstacles for Indigenous learners in the B.C. public school system.
- ✓ The Board of Education passed a special resolution that would grant the Superintendent legal signing in the absence of the Secretary Treasurer. This resolution will be added to the Policy Manual providing business continuity.

REPORTS

- ✓ Trustee Fearing provided an updated on the BC School Trustee Association. Trustee Fearing highlighted two motions from the recent Provincial Council meeting – one pertaining to the creation of a climate action working group, and the second concerning special purpose funding for School Districts that have correctional facilities in their communities. Trustee Fearing also noted that the Indigenous Education Committee will be trying to elevate their profile.
- ✓ Trustee Thurgood-Sagal provided an update on the BC School Trust Association, Kootenay-Boundary Branch and indicated that no fees will be assessed until next September. The BCSTA Trustee Academy is scheduled for the end of the month and the Branch is hoping to incorporate a Branch meeting via ZOOM into this event.
- ✓ Vice-Chairperson Smaill provided an update on the Public School Employers' Association. Vice-Chairperson Smaill advised that things have been fairly quiet although Teachers have raised concerns with respect to COVID-19.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- ✓ Correspondence Nil
- ✓ The November and December Calendars are available [here](#).