



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

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

**October, 2019**

### **PRESENTATIONS**

- ✓ Margo Reinders, Principal of Nicholson Elementary School introduced three (3) students who did a presentation for the Board on what it means to be part of a Leader in Me school. Each of the students spoke about the what they liked about the program and some of their responsibilities. The students said that they learn about the eight (8) habits which are largely focused on how working together helps everyone do better. Some of the key points that the students presented are summarized below:
  - They get to practice speaking at assemblies;
  - They can be part of the Lighthouse Team which allows them to take part in planning school activities like going on walks to stretch their legs;
  - They have responsibilities such as turning off the lights and carrying the clipboard;
  - They learn to write personal and school wide goals;
  - They help with breakfast club;
  - They learn how to be proactive and do first things first, preparing them to be a successful adult.

One of the students ended her presentation telling the Board that she wants to be a scientist who protects the earth and would like to win a Nobel prize. Ms. Reinders indicated that there are approximately forty (40) students on the Lighthouse team, that the greeter at the door was on the team, and that they also set up the rooms for the Board meeting. The Board expressed their gratitude and commented on what an awesome job the students did and how clearly they spoke and were easily understood. Congratulations Nicholson Elementary School!

### **STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES**

- ✓ Mr. Carriere presented Policy 5130 – Provision of Menstrual Products to Students for the Board’s consideration, for first reading. Mr. Carriere informed the Board that the Ministry of Education announced that by December 31, 2019 schools will be required to provide menstrual products in washrooms. Mr. Carriere indicated that the policy is based on a draft that was created by the BCSTA that fulfills the Ministerial Order. The Board will be kept apprised on how the District is complying with the Order. The Board approved the proposed policy at first reading.

## **OPERATIONAL ISSUES**

- ✓ Mr. Culler reported on the August 2019 Budget Utilization Summary for the Board's information. He indicated that all the reporting for the 2019-20 school year has been rolled forward and updated, and that due to timing, both the September and October reports will be presented at the next meeting. Mr. Culler responded to a question regarding the higher than anticipated Administration expenses compared to the estimated usage. He indicated that the estimate assumes expenses are incurred evenly throughout the year; however, administration services and supplies such as software licenses and fees, and audit fees are one-time expenses that are front-loaded in the first quarter of the year. The Chairperson thanked him for his report.
- ✓ Ms. Lenardon presented the draft 2020-21 and 2021-22 calendars for the Board's consideration. Ms. Lenardon explained that it has been the Board's practice to set the calendars for two (2) years at a time. Ms. Lenardon emphasized that these draft calendars are just a starting point for discussion. Mr. Carriere added that the calendars must be available for public input and circulated to the community for at least thirty (30) days to allow for commentary and feedback prior to Board approval and submission to the Ministry by March 31, 2020. The Board approved a motion to accept the draft 2020-21 and 2021-22 calendars as presented.
- ✓ Mr. Carriere presented to the Board the Enrolment Report and the Enrolment Change by Zone Report for the 2019-20 school year. Mr. Carriere indicated that enrolment for this school year is up 43 students and is very close to the projection provided to the Board in the Long-Term Facility Plan. Mr. Carriere explained that the report indicated that the District can expect modest growth through 2025 followed by a leveling off and a decline thereafter. Mr. Carriere indicated that based on those projections there are no surprises. The Chairperson thanked him for this report.
- ✓ Mr. Carriere presented to the Board a request from Groundswell Network Society asking the Board to consider approval in support of their fundraising event being held on Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup> at their greenhouse on the property at David Thompson Secondary School. The society plans on serving alcohol at the event; and because they have a license of occupation with the District for the greenhouse they require approval from the Board in order to apply for a liquor license. The Board approved a motion in support of Groundswell's request to serve alcohol at the event, allowing them to apply for a liquor license.

## **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 reported that she will be attending the Provincial Council meeting being held in Vancouver on October 25-26. She will also attend her first Indigenous Education Committee meeting. In preparation for the meeting she met with the Aboriginal Education staff at both Lady Grey Elementary School and Golden Secondary School, and she indicated that she would like to meet with all the Aboriginal Education staff across the District.
- ✓ Chairperson Byklum reported that the BCSTA KBB AGM hosted by our school district September 27-29 at Fairmont Hot Springs Resort was very successful. Trustees indicated that the event was very well attended and that it was both educational and entertaining. The Board elected Trustee Thurgood Sagal to be the BCSTA KBB representative for School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain).
- ✓ Vice-Chairperson Smail reported that negotiations with the BC Teachers' Federation continues with the help of a mediator; because of the current state of negotiations it was decided that the BCPSEA

Symposium scheduled for November 4-5 will be cancelled. She is expecting a mediation report and will report back to the Board when there is more information.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- ✓ The October and November Calendars are available [here](#).