



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (ROCKY MOUNTAIN)

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

September, 2020

PRESENTATIONS

- ✓ Members of the Rocky Mountain School District Senior Team introduced themselves to the Board.
- ✓ Duncan MacLeod, President & Co-founder of Purcell International Education (PIE) shared a presentation and gave the Board a virtual tour of the Purcell International School. The school is set to open in 2022 and will offer unique programs that will be open to students in both SD5 and SD6. There will be a wide variety of extracurricular activities and clubs that local students can participate in and he spoke about the innovative school enrollment model which consists of three areas: the Purcell Sports Academy for student-athletes in a variety of sports academy programs in pursuit of scholarships; AQG Education for motivated students seeking high-quality, English language education; and the PIE agent network for demographically diverse students from countries around the world already connected to education through existing public-school international program in Kimberley.
- ✓ Mr. MacLeod also provided the Board with information on how the model makes sense touching on the economic benefits and the social impact as well as strategic design. He touched on: the draw on students to local public schools (population growth); increase to the tourism sector; the co-marketing opportunities with Rocky Mountain International Student Program and the boarding option it will offer for RMISP students; and the improved teacher recruitment/retention for SD6 and possibility of collaborative use of teachers between SD6 and Purcell Collegiate.
- ✓ Mr. Michael Murphy, Audit Partner with BDO Canada, LLP presented the Auditor's Report and reviewed the draft Audited Financial Statements of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) for the year ended June 30, 2020. Mr. Murphy reviewed the Auditor's Report, the Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Operations, Statement of Changes in Net Financial Debt, and Statement of Cash Flows with the Board. Mr. Murphy responded to questions and the Board thanked him for his presentation. The Board approved the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2020 at this meeting.

STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

- ✓ There were no Strategic and Policies Issues to present to the Board.

Policy Development:

- Third Reading NIL
- Second Reading NIL
- First Reading NIL

OPERATIONAL ISSUES

- ✓ Mr. Culler presented the August budget utilization summary. Mr. Culler indicated that the report only contains the results of the operations for the summer months which have comparatively fewer transactions compared to the remaining ten months of the school year; however, he wanted to let the board know that all the budgets have been entered into the accounting system earlier than the prior year and the reports have all been rolled forward and reconciled to start the new year.
- ✓ Ms. Craig presented an overview of the District Health and Safety School Restart Plan. The plan outlined the training program that all staff in the district participated in. Following the presentation, Ms. Craig responded to questions. The Board Chairperson thanked her for her presentation.

REPORTS

- ✓ Trustee Fearing had nothing to report on the BC School Trustee Association.
- ✓ 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 School Employers' Association.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- ✓ Letter from CUPE, Seamless Day Proposal was circulated.
- ✓ The September and October Calendars are available [here](#).