



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (ROCKY MOUNTAIN)

SD6 Board-Community Update on the activities of the Board of Education from the most recent Regular Meeting

May, 2019

PRESENTATION

- ✓ Steve Wyer, Principal of Alexander Park Elementary introduced four grade 3 students who did a presentation for the Board. They presented the values that the school lives by, what it means to them, and how it guides them while at school. The schools values are:
 - We own our mistakes and learn from them;
 - Everyone belongs and we are stronger for our differences;
 - Every moment is an opportunity to learn and grow;
 - We are considerate of ourselves, others, and our spaces; and
 - We celebrate our achievements and learning.

The students depicted the values on storyboards and the Trustees were pleased that the students shared them with the Board.

STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

- ✓ Mr. Carriere presented Policy 5100 – Student Safety for the Board’s consideration, for third and final reading. Mr. Carriere informed the Board that he received some late feedback on the policy and he recommended that it be discussed with the Policy Committee prior to them making a recommendation to the Board for third and final reading. The Board approved a motion to delay third and final reading until the June meeting.
- ✓ Mr. Carriere presented Policy 3110 – Grant Applications for the Board’s consideration, for third and final reading. Mr. Carriere informed the Board that he had received some feedback from the DPAC with concerns that the policy appeared to limit the use of an outside group from applying for grants using the District’s registered charity number. Mr. Carriere explained that this was not the intention of the wording of the policy and revisions were made to ensure that groups understand that they can apply for grants using the District’s registered charity number as long as the District is the beneficiary. The Board approved the proposed amendments at third and final reading.
- ✓ Mr. Carriere presented Policy 5810 – Diversity and Inclusion for the Board’s consideration, for first reading. Mr. Carriere indicated that this is a new Policy, which is crafted to align with and support the District Direction honouring diversity and inclusion. The draft has been thoroughly vetted with Administration and SOGI Leads at the schools. The Policy Committee welcomes all staff and the public to provide input on the policy draft. The Board approved the proposed policy at first reading.

- ✓ Mr. Carriere presented Policy 5110 – Physical Restraint and Seclusion in School Settings for the Board’s consideration, at first reading. Mr. Carriere indicated there was significant discussion with the Policy Committee on why this new policy is coming forward at this time. The District has well-established, and clear guidelines and procedures on the use of physical restraint and/or seclusion for students. Ms. Turner informed the Board that the use of physical restraint and/or seclusion is a rare occurrence and used only in exceptional circumstances where it has been determined that the student is at risk of harm or injury to self or others. She indicated that effective February 2019 the Ministry is now requiring Boards of Education to establish a policy that aligns with a set of Provincial Guidelines, which were distributed last year. Mr. Carriere indicated that the Policy is an accurate representation of those guidelines, which were already in use in the District. The Board approved the proposed policy at first reading.

OPERATIONAL ISSUES

- ✓ Annually in May the Board approves school fees for the upcoming school year. Mr. Carriere reviewed the fees that the schools propose to charge parents in 2019-20 for various activities and programs, consistent with the guidelines in the BC *School Act*. Mr. Carriere indicated that once approved, the fee schedule will be made available on the district website for parents to access.
- ✓ Mr. Culler reported on the April Budget Utilization Summary for the Board’s information. Mr. Culler reviewed the forecast for the various functions and indicated that there will be an expected surplus in Operations and Maintenance. Mr. Jackson and Mr. Culler updated the Board on projects that will be funded from the operating budget instead of the Annual Facilities Grant (AFG). This will create additional room in the AFG fund to allow Mr. Jackson to move several projects up in priority allowing them to be completed sooner.
- ✓ The schedule of Board of Education meetings for the 2019-2020 school year was approved.
- ✓ Ms. Lenardon presented two Board/Authority Authorized Courses for Board consideration: Principles of Volleyball 10 and Outdoor Education 10. Ms. Lenardon reviewed The Principles of Volleyball 10 with the Board indicating that the course has been developed to offer self-driven student-athletes an opportunity to improve their individual volleyball and leadership skills. The course will focus on developing strong volleyball skills and it will also provide opportunities to develop knowledge in athletic training, First Aid and nutrition.

Ms. Lenardon further presented and reviewed the Outdoor Education 10 course, indicating that it is similar to Outdoor Education 11 and 12, in that it offers students an opportunity to explore place-based learning within the context of community. She explained how students will explore the outdoors with an emphasis on self-discovery through experiential learning, learning more about themselves through outdoor activities that they may not have been exposed to previously. She explained that the course intends to provide a safe, supported setting for students to learn about their local environment through activities including but not limited to hiking, biking, camping, and snow sports. Students will also develop an appreciation for the land on which these activities take place. Honing teamwork and collaboration skills through the activities will be a key focus.

The Board approved both Board/Authority Authorized Courses presented at the meeting.

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.
- ✓ Neither Vice-Chairperson Fearing nor Chairperson Byklum were able to attend the meeting so their reports on the BC School Trustees Association and the BC Schools Trustees Association, Kootenay Boundary Branch respectively were deferred until the June meeting.
- ✓ Vice-Chairperson Smail indicated that she had no activities to report from the BC Schools Employers Association.

- ✓ A number of Trustees attended the BCSTA AGM in April. They reported on some of the highlights and items that were impactful to them that they could take away to better inform them in their role as a School Board Trustee.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- ✓ The May and June Calendars are available [here](#).