

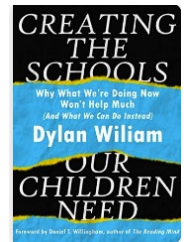
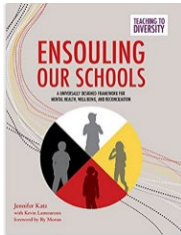
Board Chair Ciel Patenaude acknowledged that the meeting was being held on the traditional and unceded territory of the Northern Secwepemc People.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT TO THE BOARD

Superintendent/Acting Secretary-Treasurer van der Mark reported on the following:

Leadership Series

We have started year three of our district series designed to engage informal and formal leaders in a broader discussion of leading in education. 40 educators from across the district, including some site-based administration joined senior staff at Signal Point on Monday, October 24 to begin this year’s event. This year’s reading selections include: [*Ensouling Our Schools*](#) and [*Creating the Schools Our Children Need*](#). It is remarkable and inspiring that our educators will dedicate this time in the evening to engage in these passionate and critical conversations.



INNOVATION GRANTS

The call has gone out for staff/schools to submit proposals for projects that enhance teaching and learning. Successful applicants can get up to \$2000. Projects are then presented at the Education Committee in the Spring. These presentations have been a highlight for the Board over the past 2 years. We look forward to this year’s inspirations.

BCSSA FALL CONFERENCE

Most of the Senior Team will be gathering in Vancouver for the annual conference (Nov 3-4). Key speakers include Dr. Leyton Schnellert (who we work closely with) and Jo Chrona.



BCSTA TRUSTEE ACADEMY

SD27 trustees and senior leadership will join trustees from around the province in Vancouver Dec 1-3, where they help set the stage and provide orientation for new trustees. A keynote speaker is Shelley Moore, who you will also recognize from our learning series.

FOUNDATION SKILLS ASSESSMENT

There has been some debate over the years regarding the inappropriate and inaccurate use of the data to “rank” schools, however the assessment (designed by teachers) provides key information that can be used to inform instruction, especially since the assessment is now done early in the year.

First Nations rightsholders, Indigenous organizations, and many education partners have expressed the importance of FSA results in supporting our most vulnerable learners and advancing our commitment to reconciliation. The FSA provides an important line of sight into the

learning trajectories for Indigenous students and other student groups. With multi-partner consultation, the FSA aligns with BC’s redesigned curriculum and the components of literacy and numeracy are measured in all provincial assessments.

It is important to realize that the FSAS is a “snapshot” of a moment in time, reflecting expected performance based on the previous year. In SD#27, staff have been working hard to better align the FSA with the regular, ongoing assessment that teachers do every day, providing a far more rounded picture of the literacy and numeracy.

ENROLMENT UPDATE

As noted last month, we continue to see a steady increase in enrolment. Our HR team has done a phenomenal job working with schools to fill positions, with all enrolling classes being filled. HR also continues to hire to build capacity in the casual ranks of TTOC’s and support staff.

Grade Max	Actual Average 22-23
K = 20	K = 18.4
Gr 1-3 = 22	Gr 1-3 = 20.2
Gr 4-7 = 30	Gr 4-7 = 22.9
Gr 8-12 = 30	Gr 8-12 = 24.3

Category	Ratio	FTE	Actual
Teacher Librarians	552.2	8.553	7.934
Counsellors	693	6.815	9.664
Learning Assistance	432	10.933	
Special Education Resource	268.7	17.577	
ELL	59.5	0.571	
Total LA, Spec. Ed., ELL		29.082	29.919

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICY

Policy No. 6141.7 Course Development: **Motion** to repeal was carried.

Policy 5141.1 Health Promoting Schools - We will seek input from schools as we modernize and come more in line with guidelines.

FINANCE AND FACILITIES

Leading up to the October 15 Trustee Election the Finance and Facilities & Transportation committee reviewed the initiatives that were undertaking throughout the District in the past 4 years.

- Board by-laws and procedures
- Establish committees (Finance and Facilities, Policy, Education)
- Revised updated nearly all of the old policy manual
 - o Supported staff in movement of policy to administrative procedure where appropriate

Better governance structures have also resulted in improved performance in most if not all features of the organization.

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- Massive financial improvement (significant surplus being used to support improvements across the district)
- Improved planning and review
- Improved budget cycle
- Modernization of technology across the district
- Modernization of payroll and HR systems
- Creation of mentorship programs
- Creation of recruitment incentives
- Renewed focus on learning through the Strategic Plan

Most significantly, despite many challenges, this board has also seen some of the best completion/graduation success results in the history of the district, especially for indigenous students.

It should also be noted that these accomplishments have been achieved despite being in a pandemic for 2 1/2 years, during which SD#27 continued all core services, while often going above and beyond.

Columnnetza Doms to Daycare Project

March 2021, SD#27 was awarded \$3M as part of a proposed 119 seat daycare to be developed in the old Columneetza dorms (basement and ground floors). We are optimistic that construction may be able to begin in March of 2023, barring any unforeseen issues.

EDUCATION

LCSS Overseas Trip

At the January 25, 2022, Board Meeting approval was granted in principle for the March 2023 Netherlands, Belgium, and France Field trip for Lake City Secondary – WL. The Board requested further information be provided as planning progressed. The school has submitted additional documentation.

Motion to approve the trip carried.

Learning Series Highlights

Mr. Murrey Helmer, Principal for Horse Lake Elementary School shared a presentation on what that experience was like from his school's perspective while they had the opportunity to work with Carole Fullerton on numeracy strategies.

Elections

Congratulations to Mike Franklin for his election in Zone 6 on October 15!



The final Board Meeting of the current term is this evening, where they will conclude any business discussed at the October Committee Meetings. The new Board of Education will be sworn in on November 22, 2022, at the regular Board Meeting.

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