
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

FINISH STRONG

We hope staff and families have been able to spend time connecting and refreshing as we head into the last few months of the school year. It is always interesting to hear about the variety of interests people have and they are able to fill time with their passions. Some want more time in the snow before it is gone, while others are chasing the sun or taking road trips with family to visit family. Some only needed a good book, a cup of coffee and a sunny reading nook!

RCMP ACADEMY

The SD27 Careers Department joined with the RCMP and other partners for their-annual RCMP Academy for SD27 students. Students spent the week at the LCSS campus and engaged in a variety of learning, training and scenarios related to aspects of law enforcement. Massive thanks to Mr. Corbett and his team. We look forward to hearing from Mr. Corbett about this program. They are now turning their attention to the Heavy Metal Rocks.

BCSSA Spring Forum

This April the Superintendent’s Association will be hosting its annual Spring Conference. The Keynote presenter is Jo Chrona, author of WAYI WAH! Ms. Chrona is also our SD27 Keynote to start the 2023-24 school year in September. Deputy Lenardon has arranged for a team of teachers and administrators, as well as members of the FNEC table to form a larger district team for this event.

STAFFING & BUDGET

Senior Staff reviewed school projections for September over Spring Break as part of the early budget preparation. Elementary schools submit projections and proposed class configuration based on collective agreement (CA) language, while secondary plan based on an enrolling fte allocation. Non- enrolling staffing is driven by District Ratio under the CA. Since 89% of the budget is people, getting this as accurate as possible is important.

Beyond budget implications, we continue to explore better service delivery options where possible. We are looking carefully at how and where DL is offered to best align service with population. We are also working with school-based administration regarding recommendations from the latest compliance audit where alternate criteria and service delivery were concerned.

Once again, significant work has been done to place School of Choice requests where possible. This process continues to improve.

The other 11% is everything else. Supplies, white fleet, gas, utilities and any other “wish list” items we may have. As discussed in Finance and Facilities, over the past few years, we have made significant improvements and investments.

Preliminary information for 2023-24 budget planning is positive. The Ministry released the base funding allocation information and there have been increases in student allocations.

Based on projections, we will be building a budget on \$60,918,421 for the 2023-24 school year, up from \$55,699,652 this past year. Beyond the per pupil increase, there is also the increased wages through the public sector bargaining settlements. This also does not include special purpose funds such as LINKS, AFG, and other Capital Grants. We also expect a continuation of a fund to support food programs in schools.

We will go into further discussion at the April Finance and Facilities Meeting as we begin the budget build process in earnest.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND FACILITIES

The Board passed the recommended that the [2023-2024 / 2024-2025 Calendars](#) be sent to the Ministry of Education.

EDUCATION

District Achievement Update - Director of Instruction, Sean Cameron, provided an update on the District Achievement with SD27 specific data. The new data sets had a focus 5-6-year completion rates, and Student Attendance.

The attendance shown is the latest 2 week “snapshot” of attendance. 17-30% of students are currently missing 3 or more days of school in a two-week period. If this is averaged out across a school year, it is approximately 36 days, or two months of missed school a year, across all grades.

Fantastic discussion from those present. Schools continue to explore ways of improving engagement and attendance.

Careers – District Principal, David Corbett, gave a presentation about Careers department events this spring.

- Tradesperson Day – an estimated 60 students attended a hands-on day of trades exposure activities at TRU on March 7, 2023. Students engage with trades people,

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including many former SD27 Career Ed program students. There is tremendous community support for this event.

- RCMP Academy – March 11-15, 2023, this year 18 cadets from PSO and WL will attend the academy during Spring break.

The very popular, Heavy Metal Rocks occurs in May.

POLICY

Policy committee was cancelled.

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