
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

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Next week is teacher appreciation week! Thanks in advance to all of our teachers for the work they continue to do with students and families. Your engagement makes a difference every day, one child at a time!

LEADERSHIP SERIES

We hosted our third leadership dinner of the year close to 40 teachers, some administration and support staff gathered to continue developing the collaborative district structure we have been working towards. Key area of discussions were focused on building connections for kids to enjoy learning. As indicated in *Ensouling our Schools*, “our classrooms become happier places for teachers to teach when they are happier places for children to learn.” The discussions continue to be fabulous and free flowing. Our celebration dinner will be in early June.



LEARNING SERIES

We are fortunate to have Carole Fullerton and Shelley Moore joining SD#27 for the April 28th Non-Instructional Day. Once again, they will be working with teachers in classrooms on the Thursday as well. Ms. Fullerton is spending time at Cataline Elementary and Columneetza, While Ms. Moore is at Nesika Elementary and LCSS. Thanks to all sites for facilitating these learning opportunities.

We have almost finalized our speakers list for the 2023-24 series. A big shout out to the CCTA and PVPA for their continued support of these initiatives.

NUMERACY ASSESSMENT

SD#27 has made numeracy a key focus of the learning planning with regards to instructional capacity. Both here and provincially, numerical competency has been a concern. Through our work with top experts, teachers have begun to ask about better assessment practices to match improved instructional strategies. A group of pilot schools led by Ms. Zurak, Ms. Small, and Mr. Helmer are being joined by keen observers from other schools as part of the work to introduce a multi-grade numeracy assessment. Interest actually exceeds our capacity at the moment, but we hope to have a k-9 numeracy tool across the District in the near future. Great to see the change in practice being driven by classrooms and schools and supported by administration and the District.



CHANGING RESULTS FOR YOUNG LEARNERS

Last month, Ms. Beulah Munson (Early Learning Coordinator) hosted a provincial facilitator and k/1 or childcare providers to share success stories, collaborate and move practice forward and make sure students have the best start possible in the education system. Ms. Munson will share some of the work at a later date.

BCSSA SPRING FORUM

This April the Superintendent’s Association hosted its annual Spring Conference. The Keynote presenter was Jo Chrona, author of WAYI WAH! Ms. Chrona is also our SD27 Keynote to start the 2023-24 school year in September. Deputy Lenardon 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. It was an opportune time to bring people together, especially as schools work to ensure they have planned appropriately to meet the Indigenous Graduation Requirement.

STARFISH BACKPACK PROGRAM

Thanks to Rotary for hosting the dinner and auction to support the Starfish Backpack Program in schools. Rotary has provided the funding and work for a number of years. This year, SD27 also contributed through the affordability funds. SD27 plans to continue supporting this valuable work. Thanks to the large team of SD27 admin and staff who showed up to enjoy the evening and support a good cause. Big kudos to MLA Doerkson for taking on the MC duties and crushing the auction.

STAFFING & BUDGET

As presented at Finance, Facilities and Transportation, we are well into budget development for the coming year.

Over the past few years, we have been able to add:

This year, we also have considerations for:

Annual IT Lease Commitment	\$500 k
School Supplies and Resources	\$490 k
Learning Initiatives	\$150 k
Mentorship*	\$100 k
Recruitment	\$250 k
Additional Custodial**	\$190 k
Counselling Ratio above CA	\$220 k
Lifts for Exempt and Excluded***	\$180 k
Helping Teachers	\$220 k

White Fleet replacements	\$400 k
Mini Bus for Sport/Extra Curricular (x2)	\$300 k
Learning Initiative increase (1 time)	\$80 k
Exempt and Excluded Lifts (year 2)*	\$240 k
Additional Tech/Network Upgrade	\$700 k
Careers	\$30k

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.

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We continue to be on track for the 2023-24 year, as indicated in the [snapshot](#) provided by incoming Secretary-Treasurer, Ms. Hooker.

PRESENTATIONS

CCTA – Member Survey Review - President Jessica Hill, and Amy Kolinsky presented the results of a member’s survey

- The survey took place in February 2023.
- Survey shows significant challenges teachers face in their roles. Survey shows concerns with potential burnout
- Survey shows the importance of good site-based relationships between staff and admin
- CCTA reflected repeatedly on the improved relationship and communication between the CCTA and District Staff/Board
- This survey is something that the CCTA is considering yearly to see where the changes are.
- CCTA acknowledged that a number of things are outside of the control of the SD and are part of wider, systemic issues.

RCMP ACADEMY – Nikki Berreth, Manager of Communications and Careers gave a presentation on the 2023 RCMP Academy.

- [RCMP Academy](#) was held March 11-15, 2023, this year cadets from PSO and WL attended the academy during Spring break.
- Students got to take part in a moc multi-vehicle collision, with real Emergency Vehicles.
- 17 graduated – Of the 17, 5 were from PSO and one of the 100 Mile House Detachment RCMP members presented those 5 with their certificates.
- The group was a much more cohesive and confident at the end of the Academy

FINANCE AND FACILITIES

2022/2023 Annual Five Year Capital Plan submission – Capital Bylaw was passed (3 Readings) to approve required funding for projects requested.

EDUCATION

School Plans - Forest Grove Elementary Principal, Ty Lytton, provided a presentation on how the school has implemented its plan with a focus on instructional capacity and place-based learning.

Ecole Nesika Elementary Principal, Holly Zurak, Vice-Principal Dwayne Benven provided a presentation on their schools focus on Indigenous Learning, and Place Based Learning.

POLICY

Policy committee was cancelled.

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