

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

Professional Development Day

The collaboration between Cariboo-Chilcotin Teachers Association (CCTA) and the School District allows our educators to actively engage in exceptional professional development. The recent pro-d day on February 14 was another example of collective commitment to continuous improvement of instructional capacity.

Provincial and globally-renowned presenters were Bryan Gidinski on digging for depth in writing and poetry, and Dylan Wiliam on learning and memory.

Local Indigenous knowledge keepers on staff and from community shared teachings including *Pine Needle Basket Making*, *Creating Culturally Relevant Educational Programming in Secwepemcul'ecw*, and *T̓silhqot'in Culture and Sweat*.

Community partners led sessions on *Wayi Wah!*, *Basics of Bias*, *Harm Reduction and Nalaxone*, and *Firesmart BC Education Program*.

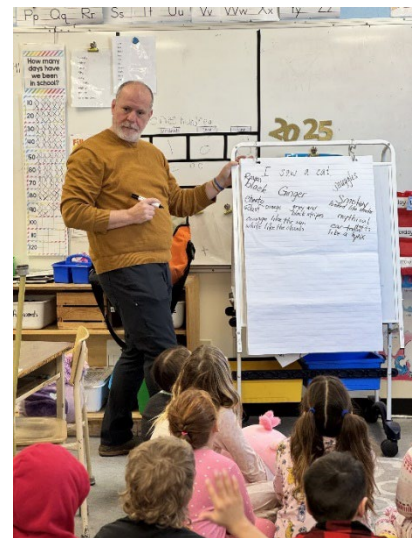
School district educational leaders taught their colleagues on topics including *Creating a Culture of Leadership and Caring in the Classroom*, *Supporting Literacy for All Students – Including Those with Complex Needs*, *Using Vertical Surfaces to Enhance Science Learning*, *Story Workshop and Dramatic Play*, *Differentiating Instruction using AI*, *Theory and Practice of the UFLI Literacy Program*

The day represented fantastic use of the opportunity to gather and learn together. The District has gratitude for the leadership and high professional standards of the CCTA in providing high quality pro-d days that enhance instructional capacity and student learning.

Learning Rounds

The learning series features educational leaders who not only provide pro-d day workshops but also do classroom embedded professional learning. The presenters co-teach with classroom teachers while other teachers watch the lesson. There is a pre-observation meeting and a debrief following the lesson for the educators to discuss what they noticed and learned. These learning rounds generally precede or follow non-instructional days to take advantage of presenters being here for pro-d sessions.

150 Mile Elementary had Bryan Gidinski from the Learning Series leading two writer's workshops. Mrs. Iverson's Grade 2/3 class and Mrs. Vath's Grade 5/6 classes learned key elements to expand the quality, and also quantity, of their writing efforts. Enthusiasm and desire for students in these classes to write and journal is now at an all time high!

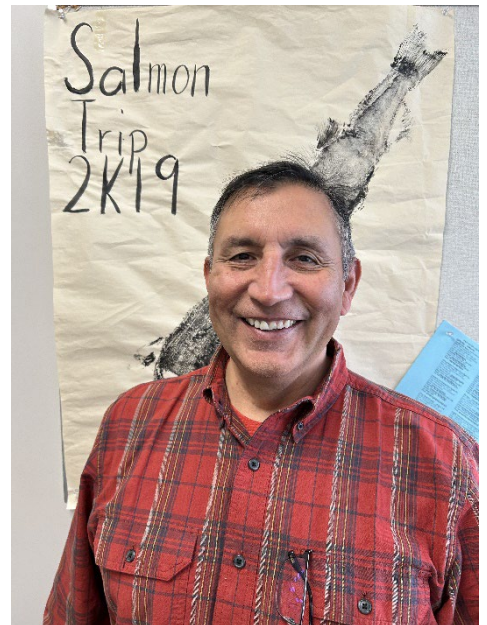


-Shared by Craig Munroe

Elders in Residence

First Nations Education Council (FNEC) has developed a knowledge keeper protocol and approved funding for honouraria for schools to bring in local knowledge keepers. Some schools have established relationships with elders in residence who regularly spend time in their schools.

Lake City Secondary is very pleased to welcome Aubrey Jackson as the Elder in Residence. Aubrey is a member of the Gitksan of Damlaxhamid and holds hereditary title as Xsimoyget Yal. Moving into retirement after 26 years as a Fisheries Officer with DFO, Aubrey can now focus on his love for his family, his commitment to reconciliation, and his connection to the land. He currently sits on the Youth Advisory Council for MCFD and has a deep understanding of children who have experienced trauma. Aubrey is an accomplished bagpiper, storyteller, chef, and outdoorsman, with his videos being shown on Rogers TV under the title, "Indigenous Way." Our spaces will benefit from his knowledge, acceptance, positivity, and humour. Welcome, Aubrey! We are so honoured to have you.



-Shared by Nara Riplinger.

Elder Elise is our Elder in residence at 100 Mile Elementary school. She came to us in October 2024. She is quickly established a grandmother role in our school. She is a major supporter that helps us connect to our mental, emotional, spiritual and physical well-being. All her teachings come from an Indigenous perspective and strong understanding of Indigenous history in the community.

-Shared by Debbie Dixon



Thomas-Dueck Powwow

The sixth annual traditional/educational powwow was held on January 31, 2025 at Columneetza Junior Secondary. It was organized by a dedicated committee and supported by First Nations Education Council (FNEC). Columneetza classes, students from other schools, and members of the public were invited to this event dedicated to experiential learning and celebration of local Indigenous culture. *A wonderful Powwow was hosted by Columneetza for the community and an important step in our reconciliation journey.*

-Shared by Hattie Darney

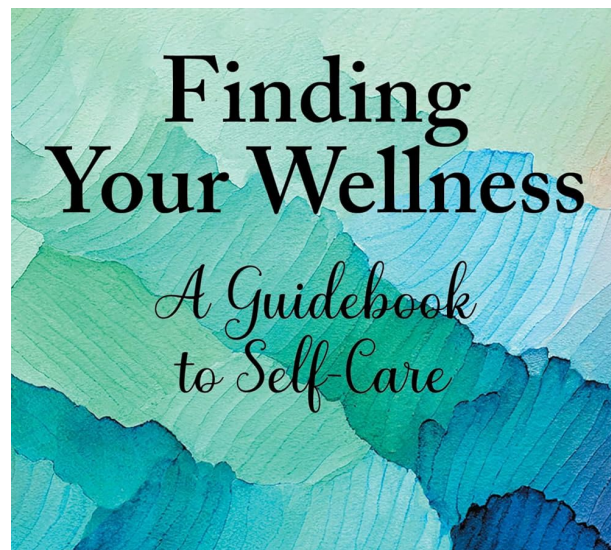
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Finding Your Wellness

All SD 27 staff and members of FNEC were invited to attend a virtual session with authors Dr. Cindi Saj and Christa Smith on the book [Finding Your Wellness](#). The session offered information and engaged participants in activities about finding and keeping wellness. Topics including self-compassion, mindfulness, how the body is made to heal the mind, and mind made to heal the body, were explored. Participants received a copy of the book *Finding Your Wellness*.

This special follow up to the extremely well-attended and well-received session in November *Finding Your Purpose*. 106 people signed up to receive the book, and more than 60 participated in the live virtual event.



Building System Upgrade

Cariboo-Chilcotin School District is one of few districts to have fully automated and integrated building system for alarms, access control, and security. Our team has presented at a provincial conference and we are recognized as leader in the K-12 space in the province. The work is being featured as a case study by our hardware vendor. A partnership with a local vendor keeps business local and expands opportunities.

Director Sean Cameron and IT Systems Administrator Kyle Riley will present to the Board on these initiatives.

Cariboo Information Management System

We are pleased to share information with the Board the ongoing development of our custom data warehouse solution utilizing data from various sources including MyEd and Atrieve. This solution was built and continues to be expanded using industry-leading tools from Microsoft. The system provides quality data and information to staff and district partners. We are one of only a few districts in BC able to provide this level of data and information. The tool is comparable to products developed or procured in Kelowna, Coquitlam, or Vancouver.

Director Sean Cameron will present to the Board on this project.

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