



Kootenay-Columbia
School District No.20



Board Update

News from the March 9, 2015
Regular Open Board Meeting #4

Rosann Brunton

Toni Driutti

Teri Ferworn

Darrel Ganzert, Chair

Terry Hanik

Mickey Kinakin

Kim Mandoli

Gord Smith, Vice-Chair

Mark Wilson

Presentation by:

Take A Hike Youth At Risk Foundation

Matthew Coyne, CEO of the Take A Hike Youth At Risk Foundation (TAHF), shared a PowerPoint presentation with the Board regarding the Take A Hike Program housed at the Kootenay-Columbia Learning Centre, Trail Campus:

- a typical week consists of 3.5 days of academic work, 0.5 days of community interaction/service, and 1 day of adventure based learning
- Take A Hike Foundation pays for adventure based learning activities
- strategic priorities of the foundation are: grow revenues to sustain existing and future programs, sustainably expand the foundation's reach, generate awareness and demand among stakeholders (build brand and market), and build a high performance organization and program.
- SD 20 currently has 15 students enrolled in the program with capacity for 5 more
- SD 20 staff consists of 1 teacher, 1 child & youth care worker, and TAHF provides 1 therapist and 1 part-time adventure-based learning instructor
- the Foundation has created an alumni program to track students after they graduate or complete school

Presentation by:

City of Castlegar Community Wellness & Social Services Council Standing Committee

Bruno Tassone, Chair, and Vlorio Vassilakakis, Vice-Chair, of the standing committee requested the Board's approval to hold a City of Castlegar council meeting during a school day at Stanley Humphries Secondary School, to engage the youth in the community. Vision is to hold 1 meeting in the school every 2 years, as well as potentially a forum/debate during the next election.

Graduated Adult Funding

The Board will write a letter to the Minister of Education with concerns regarding the elimination of upgrading funding for graduated adult learners.

2015-2016 School Calendar

The Board approved the 2015-2016 school calendar as presented. All regular CUPE members interested in working during the second week of spring break and/or Friday, May 20, 2016, will be provided with work.

District Occupational Health & Safety Committee

Minutes of the February 17th meeting were shared, and some points of interest included:

- AEDs: need to have policy and procedures in place, taking into account WCB/OFA requirements
- rentals: build in procedures regarding outside people in buildings and any safety issues they may have
- work alone procedures

Enrolment Report

The February 28th enrolment report was shared:

- 3,660 headcount
- 3695.563 FTE (full-time equivalent)
- 12.063 FTE decrease since October 17, 2014

Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)

- Formal commitment for funding for 3 AEDs: KCTU/RDCK Area I, Columbia Power Corporation, Teck Meals Ltd
- Very close to formal commitment for 3 more AEDs
- Target is 14 donations @ \$1,350

Skills Training Access Support

SD 20 has received a \$5,000 grant from the Ministry of Education to provide skills training access support for school-aged secondary students.

Kindergarten Registration Update

As of February 27th, Kindergarten registration was 226.

MyBluePrint.ca

A video/demonstration of MyBluePrint.ca was shared with the Board. MyBluePrint.ca assists a secondary student in determining courses necessary for their chosen vocation.

Expenditure Report

The February Expenditure Report was shared: 42% of overall budget remains for March-June.

Substitute Expenditure Report

The February Substitute Expenditure Report was shared: 41% of anticipated budget remains for March-June.

Budget Process Update

The "long list" of potential budget adjustments was shared. This list, along with a survey link, are available on the district website.

British Columbia Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA)

Trustee Kinakin reported on a BCPSEA meeting he recently attended. He attended a session on workplace bullying/harassment.

In-Camera Report

Chair Ganzert reported that the following issues were discussed actions taken at an in-camera meeting held February 23rd: legal, personnel, property, and student suspensions.

Trustee Liaison Guidelines

Chair Ganzert reported that Trustee Liaison Guidelines are currently under review.

**The next Regular Open Board Meeting will be held
Monday, April 13, 2015 - 7:00 pm - Stanley Humphries Secondary School (room B05)**