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## **EDUCATION TOPIC**

### **Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Curriculum**

SOGI education is a part of the curriculum, but not as a separate and distinct subject area. These topics may be interwoven through several curricular areas like physical and health education, language arts and social studies. SD73 Inclusive Education Principal, **Vessy Mochikas** spoke about the program, how it is tailored for each grade level, shared a resource list and promoted the second annual film festival, Diversity is Strength. [Read more.](#)

## **PUBLIC INQUIRIES, PETITIONS AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS**

### **Kamloops Music Collective**

Kim Mangan presented an overview of the work the Kamloops Music Collective has been doing in the city to promote music education. Working collaboratively with local music teachers on programs such as Kamloops Interior Summer School of Music (KISSM), Whole Note, and Band Together that help ensure a vibrant music community for Kamloops youth. Her goal is to open a dialogue with the School District regarding a memorandum of understanding to secure a space for KISSM.

## **REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOL**

As per the Consent Agenda, the **Superintendent's Report** was distributed. The full report [can be found here.](#)

### **Communicating Student Learning Pilot**

A committee representing all district stakeholders was convened to address the interim Ministerial Order and Regulation regarding the Ministry of Education's Student and Reporting Policy for grades K-9 and to provide input on the revision of Board Policy 500.1. Currently, 11 schools are participating in the new style of reporting pilot. Key changes in the reporting structure include: more timely and flexible communication, descriptive four-point proficiency scale for K-9, end-of-year student self-assessment of core competencies, as well as additional student selected evidence-based reflection during the school year.

### **Westwold School Closure**

The Board of Education voted unanimously to keep Westwold Elementary School open based on the recommendation to maintain a K-7 (with reduced services) pending the enrollment of six full-time students by Sept. 30, 2019. The decision was the result of a community consultation process that began with a town hall meeting in Westwold on Nov. 22, 2018. [Read more here.](#)

## **REPORTS FROM SECRETARY-TREASURER**

### **Funding Model Reporting**

The Minister of Education appointed a seven-member independent funding model panel to review and provide recommendations to the way funding is allocated to schools. While the current funding model, set in 2002, works well for most schools, there are a number of student populations whose educational needs could be better served. There are no changes to the funding model for the 2019 -20 school year. The government will establish working groups of key education sector partners soon to provide advice to create a more equitable funding model. More from the [Ministry of Education here](#).

### **Online Payment Program for Parents & Students Update**

Over the next month or two the Finance Department will be consulting with school administration, clerical staff, and other employee groups to understand the needs and wants of those impacted by the project. Led by Finance Manager **Christine Loney**, the project will provide parents more options to pay school fees while enabling staff to focus on more-student-centred services.

### **Valleyview Secondary Project Definition Report**

Director **Art McDonald** has been working closely with the capital staff at the Ministry of Education to finalize the Project Definition Report (PDR) for Valleyview Secondary. The unit rate for construction has increased, resulting in a new total budget of just over \$34 million.

## **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND CHAIR**

### **Consent Agenda Items**

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