



March 11, 2019

## **EDUCATION TOPIC**

### **From Library to Learning Commons**

Led by District Library Coordinator **Andrea Wallin**, Raft River Elementary and Pinantan Elementary have started the journey from traditional library programs to the whole-school learning commons approach of participatory learning. They approached the change by inquiring, “when and how does a school library become a school learning commons”. Principals **Lori Bradstock** and **Chris Wood** established Library Learning Commons teams at each of their schools designing future-oriented hubs of learning innovation and knowledge creation. [Read more](#)

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

### **SD73 Business Company Presentation**

A decision in 2006 by School District 73 to provide education opportunities to off-shore, non-resident students is now paying dividends for Kamloops and area schools. Directors of the School District No. 73 Business Company (SD73BC), Dr. Terry Sullivan, (retired superintendent) and Rob Wilson, (RBC Dominion Securities) presented a \$100,000 dividend cheque to the Board of Education. [Read more](#)

## **REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOL**

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

### **Westsyde Elementary School to Re-open**

Results from the community and staff consultations that began in January 2019, gave the trustees a clear indication that reopening Westsyde Elementary is in the best interests of the children and the broader community. The Board also approved the capital expenditure of \$1.062 million for renovations that will begin immediately. The budget includes \$150,000 to purchase resources for the library, textbooks, office supplies and gym equipment. [Read more](#)

### **Vavenby Expands from K-4 to K-7**

The Board supported the initiative by parents in Vavenby to reconfigure the school from K-4 to K-7 by 2021. New students coming into the school along with the addition of more grades

warrants the addition of a second division in the school. The second teacher allows for better classroom organization and teacher collaboration.

### **Enrolment Projections**

The District is projecting an increase of 237 FTE students for September 2019 over last year's projections. Estimated projections do not consider in-migration or out-migration leading up to the start of classes in 2019.

### **Board/Authority Authorized Courses**

The Board approved the following courses after being reviewed by the BAA Committee and the Education Committee of the Whole to ensure they met the Ministry of Education's curriculum guidelines:

- English Language Development 10A
- English Language Development 10B
- RCMP Youth Academy Studies
- School District No. 73 Tech Academy
- Sport Specific Training
- Video Game Maker 11
- Video Game Maker 12

Once approved by the Ministry the course outlines will be posted to the website.

## **REPORTS FROM SECRETARY-TREASURER**

### **Capital Budget Bylaw**

The Board passed the bylaw approving the capital plans for upgrading the dust-collector systems in the trades training classrooms at Logan Lake and NorKam Secondary, a new energy-efficient condensing boiler at Bert Edwards Science and Technology and the four additional buses to service the new routes required to support enrolment growth. The \$1,781,139 in funding was announced last week by the Ministry of Education. [Read more](#)

### **Rental Rate Report and Recommendations**

The recommendations based on the review of community rental rates by Director of Finance **Trina Cassidy** and Manager of Finance **Christine Loney** were approved and will go into effect after July 1, 2019 for the next school year.

### **Schedule of 2019 Budget Meetings**

- April 1, 2019 Board receives draft budget
- April 4, 2019 share the draft budget with employee groups, parent advisory councils and media
- April 18, 2019 review feedback from stakeholders
- April 29, 2019 Board approves the District's 2019-2020 Operating Budget.

### **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND CHAIR**

#### **Consent Agenda Items**

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