



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (ROCKY MOUNTAIN)

SD6 Board-Community Update on the activities of the Board of Education from the most recent regular meeting

February, 2019

STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

- ✓ Amendments to Policy 5100 - Student Safety passed First Reading. The proposed changes update the policy and add language to address the expected school response in situations where a student sustains a significant impact to the head or body. In these circumstances there is always the possibility that a student has sustained a concussion and the policy (if passed after three readings) will recognize this, and will refer staff to a District Practice on how to respond.

OPERATIONAL ISSUES

- ✓ Mr. Culler reported on the 2018-2019 Amended Annual Budget for Board consideration. The budget had passed first reading at the Regular Meeting held on January 8 and has been thoroughly reviewed by the Finance and Audit Committee. No feedback or input on the budget had been received since January 8. The Board approved third and final reading of the budget at this meeting.
- ✓ Mr. Culler reported on the December 2018 and January 2019 Budget Utilization summaries for the Board's information. The utilization of the budget is on track with no significant anomalies.
- ✓ The Board approved the appointment of BDO as the School District's auditor. This was a recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, consistent with the procedure outlined in Board Policy 3100.

REPORTS

- ✓ Learning Leadership Report – Ms. Lenardon discussed some of the highlights and successes across the district. It is available on the SD6 website main page, either as a scrolling news item or under the “about us” menu. Trustee McRae asked a question about how long the report takes to prepare and who compiles the information. Ms. Lenardon indicated that she compiles the information and that it is assembled over one weekend per month. Mr. Carriere complimented Ms. Lenardon for her work on the report which she has been doing monthly for 8 years as it very effectively showcases learning in the district and helps to support the District Directions.
- ✓ Vice-Chairperson Fearing reported on the Provincial Council Meeting that she attended in February 2019. Assistant Deputy Minister Reg Bawa from the Finance Division was present and spoke about the Funding Formula Review. He indicated that the Ministry will prioritize the unique characteristics of school districts as well as student enrolment in determining allocations. Trustee Fearing also indicated that concerns were shared at the meeting about the provinces which have eliminated boards of education and how that has impacted democratic processes in school district governance.
- ✓ BC Public School Employers Association – Vice-Chairperson Smaill reported that she attended the BCPSEA AGM held on January 23rd and 24th, 2019 in Richmond, BC. The Association filled vacancies on the BCPSEA Board; Trustee Smaill was a candidate however Dawn Lang from SD8 was successful in being elected to the Board representing the Kootenay-Boundary Region. A main topic of the meeting was teacher bargaining; general direction and process. Information on progress will be shared with Trustees in the form of periodic updates.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- ✓ The February and March 2019 calendars were circulated.