



# SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (ROCKY MOUNTAIN)

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

**May, 2018**

## **PRESENTATION**

- ✓ Angela Stott, Vice-Principal at Golden Senior Secondary School and 3 students from her English 11 class presented the Board with an overview of “Reel Canada”, which helps teachers and students across Canada organize festivals of Canadian film in their schools, and integrate learning about Canadian film into the classroom. The students shared their experiences from watching several films, and Ms. Stott noted how the GSS students were recognized for their exemplary writing.

## **STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES**

- ✓ The Board approved third and final reading of Policy 6190 – Information and Technology Management. These proposed amendments are to bring our District Policy up to date, and included a further amendment before third reading noting that the Board supports the development of digital citizenship and digital literacy.
- ✓ The Board approved third and final reading of Policy 3000 – Budget Development, Monitoring and Reporting and Policy 3010 – Accumulated Operating Surplus. There was an Auditor General’s Report last year with some clear recommendations for School District Financial practice. The Ministry has directed School Districts to have a Budget Policy and Accumulated Operating Surplus Policy in place by June 30, 2018. Our District has had well defined practice in this area, but not a formal policy. There had been no input received between second and third reading.
- ✓ The Board approved all three readings of the amendment to Policy 3800 – Expenses on School Board Business, which increased the travel reimbursement amount from \$0.53 to \$0.54 per km. The reason for this increase is that the RMTA – SD6 Collective agreement had a bargained increase to this rate effective May 1, 2018 and the Policy Committee recommended to the Board that the rates be harmonized.

## **OPERATIONAL ISSUES**

- ✓ Mr. Culler reported on the April 2018 Budget Utilization Summary.
- ✓ The Board approved the schedule of School Fees for 2018-2019 school year.
- ✓ The Board approved the donation of an out-of-service school bus to the Kimberley Fire Department. The bus will be used for training purposes.
- ✓ The Board approved first reading of the Trustee Election By-law and appointed the election officers for the 2018 General Local Election.

## **REPORTS**

- ✓ Learning Leadership Report – The Learning Leadership Report is available on the SD6 website main page.
- ✓ BC School Trustees Association – Trustee Smith provided the Board with an overview of the BCSTA AGM held April 26-28. Gordon Swan (SD 58) has been re-elected as President and Stephanie Higginson (SD68) as Vice President. Further information is available on the BCSTA Website. Trustees Smaill and Smith were recognized at the AGM as lifetime members of the Association. Trustee Smaill, who attended the AGM, commented that a highlight for her was the presentation made by Mike Downey, regarding his late brother Gord Downey’s album and book “Secret Path” which tells the story of Chanie Wenjack, a 12 year old boy who escaped from an Ontario Residential School in 1966 and died while trying to return home.
- ✓ BC School Trustees Association Kootenay – Boundary Branch – Chairperson Byklum reported on the breakfast meeting that was held by the Kootenay Boundary Branch at the BCSTA AGM in April.
- ✓ Public School Employers Association – Trustee Campbell provided his report to the Board, advising that the former governance structure of BCPSEA has been restored.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- ✓ The May and June 2018 calendar was circulated.