



ROCKY MOUNTAIN
School District #6



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

September 2022

OPERATIONAL ISSUES

2021-2022 Auditor's report and draft financial statements • Alan Rice and Angela Spencer

Alan Rice, Secretary Treasurer reviewed the draft audited financial statements of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) for the year ended June 30, 2022, and Angela Spencer, partner with BDO Canada, presented the Auditors' report. Alan Rice also presented the financial statement discussion and analysis report. Ms. Spencer and Mr. Rice responded to questions. All financial reporting documents presented to the Board are available [here](#).

Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Report (FESL) • Karen Shipka

Karen Shipka, Superintendent, presented the 2022-23 FESL to seek Board approval prior to submission to the Ministry of Education and Child Care. The Board approved the FESL report. The report formalizes an approach to the planning and reporting expectations for schools. It is focused on enhancing student learning success and combines accountability with evidence-informed decision-making and system-wide continuous improvement to support equity of outcomes for all students.

REPORTS

District Initiatives • Karen Shipka

Ms. Shipka shared with the Trustees that the District is embarking on exploring important topics like anti-racism, climate action, consent education and others. She noted that it is important to understand the lived experience of staff, students, and families. She reported to the Trustees that the District has established committees to plan and implement this work will ensure progress throughout the year. The Board of Education will receive regular updates on this work as progresses.

REPORTS CONTINUED

Communicable disease COVID-19 update • Surrena Craig

Surrena Craig, District Health and Safety Officer, shared with the Trustees that although most school and community settings are back to a near normal state, the pandemic is still on going. She reported that the Interior Health Medical Health Officer offered a word of caution as we head into the winter months. It is possible that there may be a variant of concern that develops and precautions in schools and/or communities may need to change. The District will continue to follow all public health and Medical Health Officer recommendations and requirements to ensure we maintain safe and health schools to learn and work.

Child care update • Crystal MacLeod

Crystal MacLeod, Director of Instruction for Early Learning and Child Care, shared exciting news about child care in the District. She reported that Windermere Elementary School had been approved to provide an after school program and that it was scheduled to start the next day. She also reported that third-party providers are in the final stages of licensing and staffing for after-school programs in Eileen Madson Primary School, Edgewater Elementary School, Lindsay Park Elementary School, and McKim Middle School.

The first New Spaces Fund application was submitted for a child care facility at Marysville Elementary School and that the District met with a Program Administrator from the Child Care Capital and Community Services Team at the Ministry of Education and Child Care. Once this application is complete, the District will complete the next application for a child care facility at Eileen Madson Primary School.

In spite of the District's best efforts, to date, the District has been unsuccessful in finding any staff for the JUSTB4 program in Golden. The District has requested that the program funds be reallocated to Kimberley. The District is waiting for approval for that change to the application.

Student Family Affordability Fund • Karen Shipka

Ms. Shipka shared with the Trustees that on August 29, 2022 the Minister of Education and Child Care (MOECC) announced a \$60 million one-time grant to support families as a result of unprecedented global inflation challenges. The MOECC issued Instructions to Schools and compiled a question-and-answer document that outlines the parameters under which the funds can be spent. As part of the District ongoing commitment to work with partners, a meeting has been scheduled on September 26, 2022 with Indigenous Education partners to discuss the parameters of the funding and to seek advice on how to best meet the needs of our students. Following that meeting the funding will be allocated to schools where principals, Indigenous Support workers and Community Link workers will determine how to meet local needs.

Trustee reports on association business • Trustees Fearing, Trustee Smith, Trustee Smaill and Trustee Sagal Thurgood

The Trustees reported on association business for the BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA), Kootenay Boundary (KBB) BCSTA chapter, and BC Public Schools Employers' Association (BCPSEA). Jane Fearing recently became a Director of the BCSTA and reported on provincial business. Currently, there is a lot of focus on the election and the recruitment and retention of teachers. Rhonda Smith reported that the KBB held their virtual AGM and that the KBB will meet again in December. Sandra Smaill reported that contract negotiations are ongoing for BCPSEA and Trustee Thurgood Sagal reported that the BCPSEA will be hosting a series of regional meetings with school districts.