



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

January 2024

STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

Policy development • Steve Wyer, Assistant Superintendent

Second reading – Policy 4400, Non-certified Teachers On-Call

Mr. Wyer introduced amendments to policy 4400, non-certified teachers on-call in December 2024. In order to provide a continuous, well-directed educational program for students, the Board of Education (Board) may elect to employ non-certified teachers teaching on call (TTOC) as per language in B22. 1 and 2 of the collective agreement between School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) and the Rocky Mountain Teachers' Association.

The proposed amendment would approve the hiring of the best available non-certified teachers-on-call in the absence of the regular classroom teacher or a certified teacher-on-call.

Feedback is being collected until January 25, 2024. Please visit the [Policies Under Review](#) webpage to provide your comments.

OPERATIONAL ISSUES

J. Alfred Laird Elementary School climbing wall • Alan Rice, Secretary Treasurer

The Secretary Treasurer has worked with Herb Weller, Jack Caldbick, and Julie Beauchemin to determine alternative options to allow public access to the climbing wall. A society has been created which has its own board of directors and will enter into a license of occupation agreement to coordinate all non-school sanctioned climbing activities. The Society is currently seeking insurance which will be the final piece required to open to the public once again.

REPORTS

EV fleet ready project • Al Ure, Director of Operations

In support of the provincial target, the senior management team at SD6 identified carbon reduction as an annual initiative; specifically, “the goal for 2023-24 is to complete an assessment of the current carbon footprint within the District. This information will provide us with a roadmap on where we can focus our efforts to reduce the impact we have on the environment. The goal for 2024-25 would be to acquire two white fleet electric vehicles and upgrade the charging infrastructure for electric vehicles and busses. The goal for 25-26 would be to double the electric bus fleet to 6 busses.”

In response to the mandate to reduce our carbon footprint, the Operations team proactively sought funding through the Clean BC Initiative. The grant application has been approved, marking a significant step towards achieving our sustainability objectives. The grant is contingent on a comprehensive assessment, for which Prism Engineering has been selected. To support these efforts, the Operations team is actively engaged in upgrading the electrical service in Golden and Kimberley, crucial steps to facilitate the transition to electric vehicles.

Columbia Valley situation table • Sharon Collin, Director of Instruction, Instruction and Learning

The Situation Table is a model for community safety and well-being in British Columbia supported by the Ministry of Public Safety and the Solicitor General. RCMP based out of the community of Invermere were awarded a start-up grant in the Spring of 2023 to engage community stakeholders in the creation of a Situation Table in the Columbia Valley. At this time, the District committed to join the Situation Table as a core table participant. The District, as the education partner at the situation table, has an opportunity to both present situations and support interventions impacting individuals within our school communities. Our presence at the situation table improves community partnerships, builds trust, and strengthens inter-agency relationships. The first situation table was held on Monday, December 11, 2023.