

Education Committee Meeting Report



April 12, 2023 (4:02 p.m. – 6:27 p.m.)

Trustees in Attendance: Anne Kohut, (Chaired Mtg.) Mary Forbes, Mike Franklin.

TEAMS: Willow Macdonald.

Regrets: Ciel Patenaude.

Staff: Superintendent / Acting ST Chris van der Mark, Deputy Superintendent Cheryl Lenardon, Directors of Instructions Sean Cameron, Anita Richardson, Executive Assistant Jodi Symmes.

Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Acknowledgment of Traditional Territory		
1. March 8, 2023, Committee Report	The committee reviewed the report and recommended no changes.	None.
2. School Plans	<p>Forest Grove Elementary Principal, Ty Lytton, provided a presentation on how the school has implemented its plan with a focus on instructional capacity and place-based learning. Proximity to the local curling rink, and many lakes allows the students and teachers to take advantage of lots of outdoor activities. This allows the students to have some unique opportunities. The school is approximately a 10min drive from Eliza Archie Memorial School. This allows the students and teachers to learn from local Indigenous communities on a firsthand basis. Significant engagement of staff with numeracy initiatives and use of manipulatives.</p> <p>Ecole Nesika Elementary Principal, Holly Zurak, Vice-Principal Dwayne Benvin provided a presentation on their schools focus on Indigenous Learning, and Place Based Learning. Ensuring that the students' feel safe and included is a top priority. Learning the First Peoples Principles is important for students and teaching staff at Nesika. Students are doing hands on learning, including beading and drumming. Meeting with local Indigenous leaders within the community to learn stories, and songs has been something that the students have fully embraced. The staff have a book club going on, reading Wayi Wah! as well as many other pieces of learning.</p>	None. Information only.

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3. Recruitment	<p>Superintendent van der Mark provided an update on the strategies that the district has been taking to recruit teachers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recruitment fairs - Collaboration with CCTA - Incentives <p>CCTA President Jessica Hill, and Amy Kolinsky presented the results of a member's survey that has been developed in the district with the assistance of the BCFT research centre.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The survey took place in February 2023. This survey is something that the CCTA would like to complete yearly to see where the changes are. - Survey shows significant challenges teachers face in their roles - Survey shows concerns with potential burnout - Survey shows good relationships developing between staff and admin - CCTA acknowledged that a number of things are outside of the control of the SD and are part of wider, systemic issues. 	<p>None. Information only.</p>
4. Catchment / Bussing	<p>Superintendent van der Mark provided an update on the current state of the district catchments and bussing. With the implementation of Transfinder, we have been able to determine that our processes or failure to follow them, is part of the problem. At the time of this report, over half of the South end students are being bussed to schools that are outside of their catchment.</p> <p>A letter will be sent to School of Choice families to remind them they are required to arrange for the pick-up/drop off their children.</p>	<p>None. Information only.</p>
5. GROW	<p>Superintendent van der Mark reviewed proposed changes that are being looked at for the Distant Learning we have in the district.</p>	<p>None. Information only.</p>
6. Board Authorized Course	<p>Director of Instruction, Richardson brought a BAA forward for the committee to review. Although this course is created for Anahim Lake, it could be implemented at rural school.</p>	<p>THAT the Board of Education approve the Board/Authority Authorized Course, Equine Studies 10 as an elective offering in School District 27 at Anahim</p>

Agenda Item	Notes	Action	
		Lake Elm / Sec School.	
7. Proposed Future Meeting Dates			
Education Committee	May 10, 2023	4:00 p.m.	Board Office
Education Committee	June 14, 2023	4:00 p.m.	Board Office

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