



# Superintendent's Report to the Board

Regular Board Meeting of April, 2021

**Thank you** – This month we would like to thank our students and families for their commitment to learning and our health and safety protocols. It has been a difficult year and the next two months will continue to be challenging. With this in mind we encourage you to follow the public health recommendations and to reach out to schools for support when needed. We are here to help whether it be for support in the area of basic needs, well-being or learning.



## Surplus Property – Public Consultation

We are pleased to report that we had 41 community members participate in the April 12<sup>th</sup>, online meeting to discuss surplus properties. In addition to those participants we have approximately 23 written submission from both the public and community organizations. Written submission are encouraged until April 30<sup>th</sup>. Please submit any input to Executive Assistant, Sarah Blonde at [sblonde@365.sd58.bc.ca](mailto:sblonde@365.sd58.bc.ca). The Board of Education values the consultation process and looks forward to reviewing and considering all of the information prior to any property decisions being made.

## Post-Secondary Transition Support

The end of the year is coming quickly and graduation is on the horizon. Navigating the post-secondary world, whether it be in the area of trades, certification, job search or post-secondary studies can be challenging. Support for both you and your family is available. Connect with: Dave Andersen at [dandersen@365.sd58.bc.ca](mailto:dandersen@365.sd58.bc.ca) or with Jennifer Lisle at [jlisle@nvt.bc.ca](mailto:jlisle@nvt.bc.ca).



## Strategic Planning

Thank you to everyone who provided input during our strategic planning process. Group meetings, face to face interviews, zoom meetings, electronic surveys, phone calls and countless conversations resulted in over 500 people providing input into the strategic planning process. imagineacircle will be providing a final report to the Board of Education and the Strategic Planning Committee this month and a final strategic plan will be completed for Board approval before the end of the school year. We look forward to the new plan and the opportunity to continue to improve learning for our students, staff, families and community.



## Skills/Trades

Over the past several years more than 60 students have been supported in pursuing a Red Seal trade. Some students have completed their four levels of their Red Seal by the time they are 19 years of age. Despite the pandemic student engagement in Youth Train and Youth Work has doubled in the past year and a half. Thank you to all of our important partners – it is only through your support that this is possible!





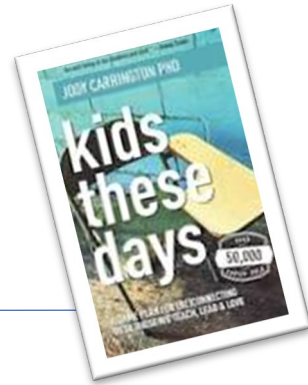
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## District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) Presentation – April 28th

Exciting news – Your DPAC is inviting you to join them for an engaging and enjoyable conversation with Dr. Jody Carrington, author of “Kids These Days: A Game Plan for Connecting with Those We Teach, Lead and Love.

Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM via ZOOM



## Learning Outdoors



Spring is officially here and has provided students and teachers with even more opportunities to learn outside. Examples include:

- PSS – New bikes (Thank you Weyerhaeuser)
- CVE – Garden boxes
- NCE – Traditional garden
- MBE – Outdoor game construction
- MSS – Ultimate frisbee
- VFE – Trades trailer (construction)

## Health Promoting School Coordinator Presentation – e-cigarettes and Vaping

Unfortunately, the use of vapour products in on the rise among children and youth and as a result we are very pleased to have Mrs. Switzer, our Health Promoting School Coordinator presenting at our Elementary schools on both the facts and the risks associated with e-cigarettes and vaping. Parents be sure to check out the following link for “What parents need to know about youth vaping – youth perspectives” and talk to your children about the information. We encourage you to start the conversation and help keep all our children healthy. [youth\\_perspectives\\_poster.pdf \(mcs.bc.ca\)](https://mcs.bc.ca/youth_perspectives_poster.pdf)



## September Enrollment

Schools will be reaching out to students and parents when needed to confirm their enrollment for September. This has been a challenging year; however, we are planning for a Stage 1 September start-up and therefore we hope to have students back in their community schools. If you have questions or need to discuss programs for your child please contact your current school.

**THANK YOU!**

## Updated COVID-19 Protocols

Be sure to check out the K-12 Schools and COVID-19 website produced by the BC Centre for Disease Control.

This new micro-site provides accurate and update information for parents and students, school staff and administrators.

