



Superintendent's Report to the Board

Regular Board Meeting of May, 2021

Thank you! This month we would like to thank the members of the Strategic Planning Committee. The committee has been reviewing the feedback provided by over 400 participants and has prioritized what they believe the top 5 objectives are in the goal areas of connection, appreciation/respect, purpose/meaning, and meaning/purpose. Next week action items will be identified and the final plan will be developed!



District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) Update

We are pleased to report that we had over 190 registrations for the presentation by Dr. Jody Carrington on her book "Kids These Days: A Game Plan for Connecting with Those We Teach, Lead and Love".

If you are interested in the work of DPAC or your schools' Parent Advisory Council (PAC) we encourage you to ask questions and get involved. Parents' voices are a tremendous value to schools and our PACs and DPAC are recognized forums that provide opportunities for a collective voice. Call your school to find out when the next meeting is and get involved. Meetings are remote and have never been easier to attend.

Science Fair

The Cariboo-Mainline Regional Science Fair was completely online this year. Students had to record themselves presenting their projects and then upload both their projects and their videos to the Regional Project Board site for judging. We had 20 students from 4 schools participate this year and 7 students won medals for their projects. We were very proud of both our teachers and students! Thank you to Mr Bergmann for supporting this important opportunity.



Meeting with Local Chiefs and Trustees

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.

Graduation Plans are Ready!

MSS - hosted over two evenings, Grads and families will partake in a walk-through ceremony where they will view speeches, cross the stage with staff in the background, pick up diploma and any awards and then have the opportunity for pictures with families.

PSS - hosted on a Saturday, as per tradition, students and family will enter in a staggered fashion, view speeches, cross the stage and receive their diploma and awards, move to have pictures taken and view a Grad composite before departing with family.

KLC - hosted as per last year, in an outdoor ceremony (weather dependent) with limited family having Grad cross the stage and receive diploma and awards in an outdoor setting while pictures are taken



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Merritt Secondary School Art Show

Thank you to the Arts Council once again for their support of our student artists. This year, the graduating class of Merritt Secondary and their art was show cased at the Nicola Valley Arts Gallery. Thank you to participants and to our staff and community members for helping to make this possible.



Learning Outdoors



A full range of activities and opportunities continue across the district. Check out the following school based activities and strategies:

PSS – Bug collecting on the trestles

KLC – Traditional plant gathering

NCE – Outdoor math activities

MBE – Bottle Rocket Launching

MSS – Visit to Kentucky Lake

VFE – Class set of camp chairs.

Princeton Band Program

Congratulations to the Princeton Band Program for being a recipient of the 2021 MusiCounts Band Aid Program. This organization allocated \$1 million worth of instruments, equipment and resources across Canada. This year 95 schools were chosen to receive support.

Be sure to check out their fantastic website where they describe the impact they are having on communities and students across Canada!



British Columbia School Trustee Association (BCSTA) Annual General Meeting



We would like to offer our congratulations to Vermillion Forks Elementary school students and staff for being selected to present a traditional Syilx Welcome Song at this year's BCSTA AGM. Their welcome was received with gratitude and enthusiasm by Trustees from all over the province! Well done!

THANK YOU!

Pandemic Response Update

Vaccinations are well underway across the province. To find answers to the question of who, when and where be sure to visit the BCCDC website.

