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School District No.73 Aboriginal Education Worker Certified Education Assistant EMPLOYMENT OPEN HOUSE

Date: February 5th, 2019

Time: 3:30 pm -5:00

Location: Chase Secondary School Library

If you are interested in becoming an Aboriginal Education Worker (AEW) or a Certified Education Assistant (CEA) for School District No. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson) either full time or on call relief, we will be holding an information open house at Chase Secondary School in the library. We will be there to answer questions or you can also bring your resume and we will assist you in the application process! See you then!

If you would like further information, contact Mike Bowden, District

Principal, Aboriginal Education
(mbowden@sd73.bc.ca)

Cold Weather

As the weather gets cooler, please remember to send indoor shoes and cold weather clothing with your children. Winter coats, hats, mitts, snow pants and boots are strongly encouraged for this winter weather. Students are expected to be outside for recess and lunch. If the temperature dips below -15° C or there is a wind chill we generally move to inside days.

Kindergarten

February 11th-15th

9:00 am to 12:00 noon and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

To be eligible for attendance in Kindergarten in September 2019, a student must be five years of age by December 31, 2019.

Please bring your child's original birth certificate, Care Card and proof of residency with you when registering for Kindergarten.

Thursday, February 28th, 2019

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 pm Place: Henry Grube Centre
Kindergarten PARENTS ONLY

Come listen to a presentation from our School District #73 Early Learning Coordinator, the District's Primary Aboriginal Resource Teacher, and an Early Childhood Educator. Bring your questions about child readiness, busing, schools of choice and catchment areas.



BOARD NOTES - January 28, 2019 CONSENT AGENDA

EDUCATION TOPIC

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Curriculum

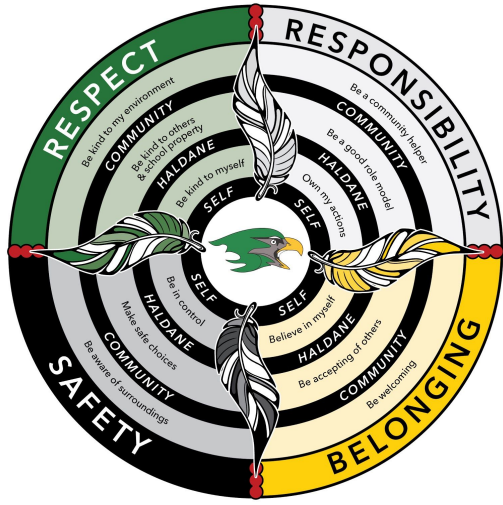
SOGI education is a part of the curriculum, but not as a separate and distinct subject area. These topics may be interwoven through several curricular areas like physical and health education, language arts and social studies. SD73 Inclusive Education Principal, Vessy Mochikas spoke about the program, how it is tailored for each grade level, shared a resource list and promoted the second annual film festival, Diversity is Strength. Read more.

PUBLIC INQUIRIES, PETITIONS AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Kamloops Music Collective Kim Mangan presented an overview of the work the Kamloops Music Collective has been doing in the city to promote music education. Working collaboratively with local music teachers on programs such as Kamloops Interior Summer School of Music (KISSM), Whole Note, and Band Together that help ensure a vibrant music community for Kamloops youth. Her goal is to open a dialogue with the School District regarding a memorandum of understanding to secure a space for KISSM.

REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOL

As per the Consent Agenda, the Superintendent's Report was distributed. The full report can be found here. Communicating Student Learning Pilot A committee representing all district stakeholders was convened to address the interim Ministerial Order and Regulation regarding the Ministry of Education's Student and Reporting Policy for grades K-9 and to provide input on the revision of Board Policy 500.1. Currently, 11 schools are participating in the new style of reporting pilot. Key changes in the reporting structure include: more timely and flexible communication, descriptive four-point proficiency scale for K-9, end-of-year student self-assessment of core competencies, as well as additional student selected evidence-based reflection during the school year.



We have been focusing on Safety since the beginning of January. We are close to reaching our goal of 750 Hawk Slips by February 7th. Our next focus will be on Belonging. With Valentine's Day and Pink Shirt Day coming later in February, we wanted to promote inclusion and "bucket filling" by doing kind things for others.

SOCCER

Chase Fun Soccer League is looking for someone to take over the league long term. They are also in desperate need of volunteers that are reliable, organized and committed to helping this season run smoothly. If they don't get helpers then they won't be able to have soccer this year. Please contact [Kim Harvey](mailto:KimHarvey@telus.net) at kharvey@telus.net if you are willing to help out this year.

Calendar of Events

February 4th	Outdoor Learning Meeting 7pm-8pm
February 5th	Young People's Concert
February 6th	PAC Meeting 9:30 am
February 6th	Grade 5 Ski Trip
February 8th	Non-Instructional Day
February 15th	Grade 5 Ski Trip
February 15th	PAC Movie Night 6:00 pm
February 21st	Grade 5 Ski Trip
February 21st	Bannock Day
February 27th	Pink Shirt Day
February 28th	Kindergarten Round Up
March 1st	Non-Instructional Day
March 8th	Pizza Day
March 8th	PAC Movie Night 6:00 pm
March 18-22	Spring Break
March 29	Pizza Day

Westwold School Closure

The Board of Education voted unanimously to keep Westwold Elementary School open based on the recommendation to maintain a K-7 (with reduced services) pending the enrollment of six full-time students by Sept. 30, 2019. The decision was the result of a community consultation process that began with a town hall meeting in Westwold on Nov. 22, 2018. Read more here.

REPORTS FROM SECRETARY-TREASURER

Funding Model Reporting The Minister of Education appointed a seven-member independent funding model panel to review and provide recommendations to the way funding is allocated to schools. While the current funding model, set in 2002, works well for most schools, there are a number of student populations whose educational needs could be better served. There are no changes to the funding model for the 2019 -20 school year. The government will establish working groups of key education sector partners soon to provide advice to create a more equitable funding model. More from the Ministry of Education here.

Online Payment Program for Parents & Students Update

Over the next month or two the Finance Department will be consulting with school administration, clerical staff, and other employee groups to understand the needs and wants of those impacted by the project. Led by Finance Manager Christine Loney, the project will provide parents more options to pay school fees while enabling staff to focus on more-student-centred services.

Valleyview Secondary Project Definition Report

Director Art McDonald has been working closely with the capital staff at the Ministry of Education to finalize the Project Definition Report (PDR) for Valleyview Secondary. The unit rate for construction has increased, resulting in a new total budget of just over \$34 million.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND CHAIR

Consent Agenda Items

Policy Committee highlights

DPAC Committee highlights

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