

The Highlighter

September 5, 2017

Recognition and Delegations

Bill 28 Recognition – Trustee Spilsbury thanked all staff for their contributions to schools opening today. In particular, she acknowledged the Operations Crews, who spent all summer hammering, moving, repairing, connecting, cleaning and everything else that went into opening 60 new classroom spaces!

Introduction of new Principals and Vice-Principals – The Superintendent introduced the following new Principals and Vice-Principals to the Board of Education:

- Tim Ylagan, District Principal of Support Services
- Brent Ranger, Principal, Discovery Elementary
- Ashley Bell, Vice-Principal, Maple Bay Elementary
- Camila Bhandari-Arscott, Vice-Principal, Drinkwater Elementary
- Sandra Buckland, Vice-Principal, Ecole Mt. Prevost Elementary
- Jennie Hittinger, Vice-Principal, Chemainus Secondary School
- Del Morgan, Vice-Principal, Lake Cowichan School
- Colleen Mullin, Vice-Principal, CVOLC/Alternate Ed
- Julie Smith, Vice-Principal, Khowhemun Elementary
- Lawrence Weston, Vice-Principal, Alexander Elementary
- Claire Whitney, Vice-Principal, Cowichan Secondary School – Quamichan Campus

Board

Social Media – The School District now has a FaceBook page! Like us at www.facebook.com/cowichanvalleysd79. The page will be monitored by our District Communications and Community Engagement Specialist and will keep the community informed on district happenings. FaceBook moderation guidelines have been prepared and are available to users.

District Foundation – The Board of Education decided to continue to promote the charitable status of the School District, rather than create a separate foundation, which could come with additional costs.



Education

Preliminary Enrolment – The Superintendent reported that early figures from elementary schools show an increase from our projected enrolment spread across all grade levels. Of particular note are schools in the North and South families. Secondary numbers will not be available until later in the week.

Business

BC Summer Games Update – The Secretary-Treasurer reported that the Board of Education has agreed to allow the BC Summer Games Society to use the vacant Duncan Primary Facility as their office space on a cost-recovery basis. As the Games are only 10 months away, the Board will receive monthly updates on activities and plans.

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings and Events

Event	Date/Time	Location
Board Planning Session	September 14, 4:00 pm	Yuxwule' Eagle Room (Boardroom)
Advisory Committee Meeting	September 19, 4:30 pm	Inspire Room (Annex)
Audit Committee Meeting	September 26, 3:00 pm	Yuxwule' Eagle Room (Boardroom)
Board Education and Business Committee Meeting	September 26, 4:00 pm	Yuxwule' Eagle Room (Boardroom)
Special Open Board Meeting	September 26, 5:00 pm	Yuxwule' Eagle Room (Boardroom)
Special Closed Board Meeting	September 26, 5:30 pm	Yuxwule' Eagle Room (Boardroom)
VISTA Fall Meeting	September 29 – 30	Courtney/Comox Valley
Closed Board Meeting	October 3, 3:30 pm	Yuxwule' Eagle Room (Boardroom)
Open Board Meeting	October 3, 4:30 pm	Yuxwule' Eagle Room (Boardroom)

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