

# The Highlighter

## October 3, 2017

### Recognition and Delegations

**World Teacher Day** – Trustee Spilsbury acknowledged World Teacher Day on October 5<sup>th</sup> and distributed a [press release](#) celebrating teachers in our District.

### Board

**UBCM Meeting with Minister of Education** – Trustee Spilsbury joined a delegation from the Municipality of North Cowichan in a meeting with the Minister of Education at the Union of BC Municipalities Conference in Vancouver. She and Mayor Jon Lefebure presented on the need for a replacement Cowichan Secondary School to complete the Cowichan Place vision.

### Education

**District Update** – The Superintendent reported on the following items in the District:

**ITA Youth In Trades Funding** – The Superintendent announced that the District is receiving \$20,000 from the ITA Youth In Trades Fund. We are one of 46 districts in the province to benefit from the funding, based largely on the number of students we have in dual credit and apprenticeship programs. The program has grown from 3 – 4 students in 2015-2016 to 54 students currently, with 26 additional students in process. The Board of Education passed along their congratulations to staff.

**VIU/Mastercard/Rideau Hall Foundation** – The Superintendent advised that work is beginning in the Valley to support aboriginal learners in post-secondary education and then on to gaining employment in their field. The VIU/Mastercard/Rideau Hall Foundation have chosen to split \$22.5 million over 5 years between VIU and Yukon College, which doubles the federal funding available to First Nations Youth for Post-Secondary opportunities. After reviewing projects across Canada, the Foundation is supporting the use of Navigators in the post-secondary system to guide students on the journey from high school to post-secondary and then post-secondary to work. The Superintendent was part of a delegation from VIU that met with the Foundation and designed the program.



## Education, continued

**Design Thinking Train the Trainers** – District staff participated in a “train the trainers” session sponsored by ITA and UBCO on Design Thinking. They are now able to share their knowledge with teachers on a method that supports the learning of all students.

**Non-Instructional Day** – At the September 25<sup>th</sup> Non-Instructional Day, Teachers, Administrators and Education Assistants joined together to work on the Learning Framework, jointly presented by the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendents and the CVTF. Following the presentation, schools staffs met to begin the development of their school-based plan.

**Lieutenant Governor Visit to Chemainus Elementary** – On September 20<sup>th</sup>, The Honourable Judith Guichon visited Chemainus Elementary as part of her Canada 150 School Visits. She explained her role as Lieutenant Governor and answered questions from students.

**Orange Shirt Day** – on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, School District Staff and Students were encouraged to wear Orange Shirts in remembrance of Phyllis' stories about what happened in residential schools.

**September Enrolment** – The Superintendent reported that the District is showing an increase over last year and projections. Final numbers are being reconciled.

**Videographer Visit** – On October 4 and 5, a videographer is visiting classrooms, documenting the story of what is happening in District classrooms and showcasing the excellent work of our teachers. The focus will be on the 5 key elements of quality learning environments.

**Remembrance Day Ceremonies** – A list of Remembrance Day Ceremonies in schools was provided to Trustees.

## Business

**BC Summer Games Update** – The Secretary-Treasurer advised that the lease of the Duncan Primary facility is in process and anticipates it to be complete by the end of the month.



## Schedule of Upcoming Meetings and Events

Event	Date/Time	Location
DSAC Meeting	October 11, 10:00 am	Inspire Room (Annex)
Board Planning Session	October 12, 4:00 pm	Yuxwule' Eagle Room (Boardroom)
Advisory Committee Meeting	October 17, 4:30 pm	Inspire Room (Annex)
DPAC Meeting	October 19, 7:00 pm	Yuxwule' Eagle Room (Boardroom)
Board Education and Business Committee Meeting	October 24, 4:00 pm	Yuxwule' Eagle Room (Boardroom)
BCSTA Provincial Council	October 27 – 28	Vancouver, BC
Closed Board Meeting	November 7, 3:30 pm	Yuxwule' Eagle Room (Boardroom)
Open Board Meeting	November 7, 4:30 pm	Yuxwule' Eagle Room (Boardroom)
Meeting with the Minister of Education	November 10, 9:30 am	Yuxwule' Eagle Room

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