



# Superintendent's Report to the Board

Regular Board Meeting of June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Alternative Arts Festival

- Lakes District Secondary School (LDSS) hosted this outstanding festival, celebrating its 18<sup>th</sup> year of featuring arts from across our school district.
- A very big THANK YOU to all that help organize this outstanding opportunity for our students.
- [In the News](#)



## District Elementary Track & Field Event

- Fraser Lake Elementary-Secondary School (FLESS) hosted athletes from across the district on May 29<sup>th</sup> at the annual Track & Field event. I understand that a great day was had by all and that a big thank you goes to **Patti-Ann Plowman** and her helpers at FLESS.

## RCMP / MCFD Meeting

- Claire McKay and myself were pleased to invite and meet with representatives of RCMP detachments and regional MCFD representatives from across our district regarding our common protocols and communication.

## UNBC 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Small Schools Symposium



- A team from Nechako Valley Secondary School (NVSS) represented SD 91 at this year's Small School Symposium held at the University of Northern BC (UNBC) June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Craig Houghton and Gretchen Vogelsang provided an update on Fort St. James Secondary School's (FSJSS) journey over this last year as they were the featured case study school in 2018.
- A very big thank you to UNBC and Deb Koehn for helping to organize this unique opportunity for northern school districts.

## Congratulations to Mr. Cordell Ware – WKE Vice Principal

- Following interviews on June 6<sup>th</sup>, we are delighted to welcome **Cordell Ware** as our newest SD 91 Vice Principal. Cordell will join Mrs. Wendy Kelemen, Principal, at William Konkin Elementary beginning in September 2019.



## Graduations

- It is graduation season and I want to take a moment to thank all that are involved with preparing for graduation ceremonies and special events across our school district.
- I just heard that FLESS organized a walk through Mouse Mountain Elementary for their graduates and heard from principal Laurretta Hunter how much the primary students loved this! Laurretta shared that *"Teachers reported that this had a big impact on many of our students. The grads came in the back door while all our students lined the halls and clapped and cheered for the grads."*





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## SD 91 Retirement Celebration

- On May 30<sup>th</sup>, we were able to congratulate and recognize many of our retirees this year at the Burns Lake Ski Trails Lodge. As usual, **Debbie Simrose** and **Donna Benson** did an outstanding job organizing this event, and retirees were honoured by speeches from principals / managers.
- Trustee Pooley represented the Board of Education and thanked our retirees for their years of service to our students and schools while also providing a humorous glimpse into the reality of retirement.

## Mountain Biking Championships

- LDSS riders participated in the BCSS High School Mountain Biking Championships in Squamish on May 24<sup>th</sup>. The students had to race in two disciplines, cross-country and enduro. Both courses were extremely difficult but our students did well considering they had only a few weeks to train.
- During the trip, the students had opportunities to ride in Williams Lake, Whistler and Squamish. Fun was had by all.
- Special Thank You to: **Tahtsa Timber** for paying for the fuel for both the bus and shuttle van, **Burnt Bikes** for supplying the shuttle van (this trip couldn't happen without it!), and our parent chaperones. Of course, a big thank you to coaches **Pat and Patti Dube!**



## Student Leadership

- An [incredible story](#) of student leadership from FSJSS student, Jacob Bird, who organized a multi-day set of activities for students and staff at FSJSS to learn more local Dakelh culture.
- Day one of the event included hands-on learning about traditional medicinal plants with **Jonas Morris**, Dakelh language with **Sara Sam** and **Louise Thomas**, syllabics with **Francois Prince**, and traditional healing with **Jolene Prince**.
- Day two included a school assembly with Nakabun students drumming and singing, drumming lead by Jacob and Francois. Desiree Sampson from Burns Lake danced to separate dances and "wowed" the students.
- At the end of the assembly, the drummers and singers surrounded Jacob and honoured his work by singing him the Chiefs Honour song.
- Well done Jacob!**

## EBUS Academy – UNBC Visits / Science Talks



- EBUS Academy helped to plan and organize a unique opportunity for SD 91 students and students across the north this past spring by exploring 'Science Talks' lead by UNBC faculty. This culminated in a visit to UNBC for students for 2 days to participate in science labs.
- Thank you to EBUS Academy Vice Principal, **Megan Boniface**, for being a driving force behind this opportunity.
- [CKPG Story](#)



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## FSJSS Digital Media Showcase

- On May 22<sup>nd</sup> FSJSS digital media students showcased their work by presenting over a dozen films the students had produced. The students wrote, directed, filmed and edited all of their own films.
- The night concluded with student awards and a social. It truly felt like a red carpet affair.
- A big thanks to digital media teacher **Andrew Vogelsang** for helping to organize.



## Build-A-Whale

- Thank you to our Partner in Education, **Centerra Gold**, for sponsoring the Build-A-Whale program that allowed students at WL McLeod, Evelyn Dickson and David Hoy Elementary Schools to build a whale.
- Build-A-Whale is an interactive program that aims to educate participants about marine biology, anatomy, evolutionary science and conservation. The program is hands-on and engaging as the audience assists in constructing the skeleton of an offshore killer whale and participating in several fun educational activities and games.

## SD 91 in the News and Quick Facts:

- FSJSS Girls soccer team places 6<sup>th</sup> in provincials – first top 8 finish for team since 2009.
- [David Hoy / FSJSS host the Primary Fun Run](#)
- [Fraser Lake Class of 2019](#)