

BOARD BUSINESS



The Board of Education acknowledges that we are on the traditional territories of the K'òmoks First Nation. We would like to thank them for the privilege of living on their land and the gift of working with their children.

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BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Board of Education Adoption of the Regular Public
Board Meeting Minutes

Board Chair's Report - Janice Caton

Presentations / Delegations

Comox Valley Social Planning Society (CVSPS) by
Bunny Shannon, President, and Betty Tate, Vice
President.

Superintendent Report

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Secretary Treasurer

- Briefing Note - Menstrual Products supplied in schools

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Board Committee Reports

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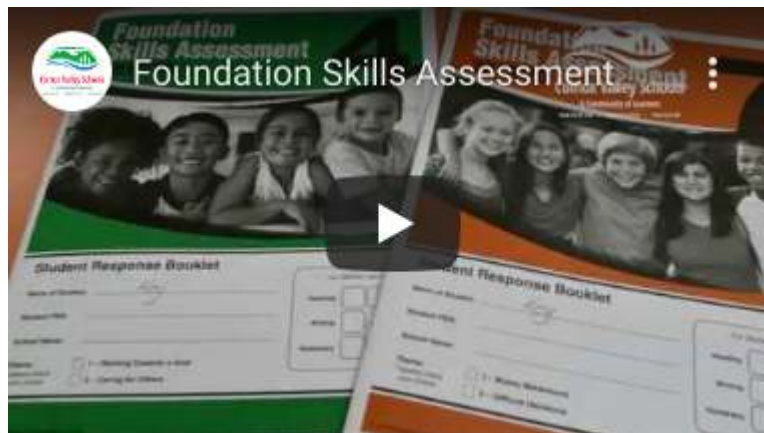


Board Business/Correspondence

- Trustees' Reports
- Letters to B.C. Ministers, community partners and local businesses.
- Letters from community, Kamloops MLA and Mark R. Isfeld secondary student.

Video recording of Board meetings available on our [YouTube channel](#)

Foundation Skills Assessment



For this video message and more visit [YouTube](#)

Allan Douglas, Director of Instruction K-12, gave an important video message to parents and the community to explain the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA).

The FSA is an annual province-wide assessment of all B.C. students' academic skills in grades 4 and 7. Results of the FSA provide parents, teachers, schools, school districts, and the Ministry of Education valuable information on how well students are progressing in the foundation skills of Reading, Writing, and Numeracy.

For more details about FSA visit Comox Valley Schools website - Parents - Foundation Skills Assessment [here](#).

Boundary Catchment Consultations

Consultation sessions begin Nov 4th. Complete details and a link to the survey can be found online on a dedicated [School Catchment webpage here](#).



In the News

GORD DOWNIE & WENJACK FUND

Valley Becomes the first in Canada to go District-wide with the Downie-Wenjack Legacy Schools Program

Comox Valley, B.C. - The Gord Downie and Chanie Wenjack Fund (DWF) announced in August that Comox Valley Schools became the first District in Canada to sign on all schools to the Legacy School project. The Legacy School program is a national initiative to engage, empower and connect students and educators to further reconciliation through awareness, education and action (#reconciliACTION).

"To be the first school district in Canada to commit all schools to the Legacy School program is quite an honour," shared Tom Demeo, Superintendent. "Embracing Indigenous ways and knowing is one of our key goals in our Strategic Priorities Plan that sets the direction for education for the next four years. The Legacy School program was the perfect fit to help us in this journey."

DWF provides educational resources and program material for educators to develop lessons and programs that will ensure the unique interests, rights, and perspectives of Indigenous peoples are recognized and implemented in schools and communities across Canada.

Read more online at comoxvalleyschools.ca/apps/news/



For more information about the Downie-Wenjack Fund Legacy Schools program visit <https://downiewenjack.ca/our-work/legacy-schools-programs/>

District Developments

Journey of Hope



On October 11th, Indigenous Education hosted The Journey of Hope - Ancestral Teachings of Mind Body & Soul. More than 250 youth across the district gathered to share a day of mental wellness through local teachings, food, inspiration, and song, and to learn more about the supportive community resources that address mental health. Students learned the lyrics of our District song *Am'lala sa Kumuxse* led by Elder, David Dawson JoAnn Restoule and Jesse Everson, and the healing practice of cedar brushing led by Tsow-Tun-Le-Lum Society Knowledge Keepers. Special guests included Wedlidi Speck (emcee) and Mamarudegyal and Hope, co-founders of Indigenous Hip Hop and multimedia group Rudegang Entertainment. The event was made possible in partnership with Garfinkel Publications I-Hos Gallery and Sid Williams Theatre. Thank you to the K'omoks First Nation for opening the Kumugwe Ceremonial Big House for this valuable and meaningful "healing" gathering. Visit [flickr](#) for more images!



Carol Walters, a Comox Valley Schools Literacy Support Teacher, was involved in some creative work around literacy that have benefitted children both near and far. Walters belongs to a network of teachers on Vancouver Island who recently took on a literacy project to create books for young learners. Walters' network consists of 10 teachers who meet five times a year for various projects. One of their recent undertakings has brought the joy of reading into the hands of students in Kenya. Approximately 70 beautiful books were created using in-house services at our Print Shop. The books were delivered in person by Walters' fellow VI educators during their annual trip to Africa this past summer.



Books for Kenya



Orange Shirt Day

September 30th, the District honoured Orange Shirt Day - **#EveryChildMatters** Campaign.

Images of students and staff wearing their favourite orange shirt can be viewed on our [flickr](#) account or click on the YouTube video!





School Stories

Ecole Puntledge Park Sensory Path

Ecole Puntledge Park unveiled their video created by Island Soul Films of their Indigenous stylized Sensory Path. Visit [YouTube](#) and enjoy the show!



Mark R. Isfeld Red Dress Campaign

Inspired by the original REDress project by Jamie Black, students at Mark R. Isfeld have created a display to raise awareness of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in Canada. View on [YouTube here](#).



Student Vote

National Student Vote Week
From our district, 3,917 students participated in school mock elections in the days leading up to the federal election.

How did the results compare to the rest of Canada?

Check out Civix at studentvote.ca/results/

Hint: **Green** and **Orange**



The first **SD71 Community Appy Hour** on October 3rd was a great success. A big round of applause to the **Work 2 Wellness crew** for putting on a fabulous event to kick off the new school year. Be sure to check in with **W2W online** for upcoming events, wellness tips and community deals and discounts especially for **Comox Valley Schools** staff!

GLACIER VIEW

Thanks to a newly renovated kitchen, Glacier View Secondary is offering Food Studies 10 and Food Studies 12 to NIDES and Glacier View students this year. This is truly a blended learning environment as students prepare and cook food in the new kitchen and then complete the rest of their coursework online.