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**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73**  
(KAMLOOPS-THOMPSON)  
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## NOTES FROM THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 23, 2017

### CONSENT AGENDA

- o Remembrance Day assignments.

*Details of the consent agenda can be found on the public agenda.*

### EDUCATION TOPIC

The Board congratulated the successful participants of this year's Leadership Development Program. The two-year program, which started in Kamloops nearly 50 years ago, is designed to develop the District's future leaders from within the ranks of current employees. This year, 10 teachers completed the two-year program. The LDP integrates courses, TRU-based instruction, senior leader mentorship and in-school practicums to develop leadership and enhanced pedagogical skills.

### PUBLIC INQUIRIES


City Coun. Arjun Singh introduced the Board to seven secondary students from schools across the city who are the inaugural members of a newly formed student city council. The students - will address, debate and provide insight into City issues and the decisions made by council, particularly those issues that are important to youth. The group asked to the Board about the possibility of forming a similar student school board. Trustees agreed the initiative would provide interesting opportunities to engage students while providing the Board with valuable insights from young people.

### REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

DISTRICT LEARNING PLAN – The Board heard a presentation from senior staff regarding the district learning plan, which is the high-level document that sets the educational direction District staff will follow. The plan identifies trends based on student success rates, and offers new directions for education stemming from the B.C. government's revised curriculum, the District's new five-year strategic plan and the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement. The Board was told the implementation of the plan will lead to better strategies and structures to improve outcomes and benefit all of the District's students.



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**ENROLMENT INCREASE ANALYSIS** – The District’s data shows the net number of students coming to School District No. 73 has increased this year. The majority of those new students came from other districts in B.C. but significant numbers of new students also came from other provinces as well as from independent schools. The number of international students is also up significantly.

**ENROLMENT COMPARISON BY SCHOOL** – The Board was provided a school-by-school breakdown of enrolment numbers across the district. Twenty-seven schools have more students than last year, with the largest increases being seen at Sa-Hali and Valleyview secondary schools, as well as Aberdeen, Kay Bingham, McGowan Park and Westmount elementary schools.

**OUT-OF-PROVINCE FIELD TRIP** – The Board unanimously approved an out-of-province field trip for NorKam Secondary Grade 11 and 12 biology school students, who intend to travel to Hawaii for a number of biology-oriented activities, including the Hawaii Marine Institute, the Honolulu Zoo, the Foster Botanical Gardens and a tropical rain forest. The trip is planned from March 29 to April, 5, 2018. The cost of the trip will be covered by participants, although no student will be denied the opportunity to attend the trip because of financial hardship.

### **CHAIR’S REPORT**

Chair Wade reported she attended the official community opening of the new BCAA playground at Marion Schilling Elementary on October 14. Despite the poor weather, the event was well attended.

Chair Wade, along with Superintendent Sidow and Trustee Sim attended the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of Raft River Elementary on October 19. Many former students and staff joined community members, current students and staff to celebrate the event.

*The next public board meeting will take place at Logan Lake Secondary November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.*