

Executive Board Report – for September 11, 2017

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School District

June 20th – School Board Meeting (Gillian Burnett)

(Draft of) Presentation to Board – June 20th

Good evening, I'm Gillian Burnett presenting on behalf of the District Parent Advisory Council. Another school year is coming to an end and this is a good time to reflect on all our successes and challenges.

It's an exciting time for education in BC and particularly SD57. This past year started with our first stakeholder, Community Voices Key Directions event. Our community was introduced to the two newest members of our senior administration team, Superintendent Marquis-Forster and Assistant-Superintendent Rossi and provided a summary of the 2016-2021 Strategic Plan.

In our classrooms, teachers were busily incorporating the exciting new curriculum and District Principal of Learning innovations, Cindy Heitman delivered many parent information nights around the district.

Our teachers were challenged to work with a new reporting format, but most feedback was positive. Student led conferences and new formats were explored all over the district.

Much work was underway in Mackenzie to ensure a successful transition to a new grade configuration in their schools.

We received the long anticipated capital funding to replace our aging Kelly Road Secondary.

Radon testing was completed and the work to mitigate the lead in the water at some schools is nearing completion.

Our school organization efforts will result in compliance with the restored language in the BCTF collective agreement and we will re-open Springwood Elementary in the fall.

At the last board meeting, you passed a balanced budget, approved the operationalization of the Strategic Plan and approved the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning. We're almost ready for the next school year and all the success and challenge that awaits.

Our remaining challenge is to figure out how to effectively communicate with the public. I wish every parent knew about the fantastic work being done in this district.

June is always a busy time of year for the parent volunteers in our schools. They work to support celebrations of student successes from pizza parties, school wide field trips, year-end assemblies, through to graduations. I thought this was a great way to end for the parent volunteers of our district to recognize just what has been accomplished this year by our district and to send a word of appreciation for everyone's contribution to this success; to trustees, senior administrators, principals and vice-principals, teachers, professionals, support staff, clerical, custodian, maintenance, etc.

School district 57 is a great place to be. We wish you all a safe and restful summer. I know our volunteers are looking forward to a much needed break. We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively in our never ending quest for improvement next year.