

Superintendent's Report to DPAC

December 14, 2015

Student Services

Parents' Networking Session: The next Parents' Networking Session will be held on Wednesday, February 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the École Glenbrook Middle School library. District Vice-Principal, Maryam Naser, will be presenting information on the new redesigned BC curriculum. The evening will offer an excellent opportunity for parents to learn about the changes to the BC Curriculum that will be implemented starting in September 2016.

Teaching and Learning in Diverse Classrooms: We are asking for feedback on the draft Teaching and Learning in Diverse Classrooms report. Please go to our District website, www.sd40.bc.ca, and follow the link to the report and feedback survey. Your comments are appreciated.

Voila!!! Our district is providing FREE Online Homework Help in French for all of our Core French and French Immersion students from grades 5-12.

The online tutoring is available Monday through Thursday from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Families must register at <http://voilalarning.com/en/free-online-tutoring/>. The program offers support by phone or in a fun, avatar-based virtual classroom that is one-on-one with a live tutor. For more information, please watch the video at <http://voilalarning.com/frenchresources/our-online-homework-help-program/>.

Human Resources Department

With the Fraser River Middle School opening next September, plans are underway to engage a staffing process to fill all teaching and non-teaching positions in plenty of time for opening day. HR is hoping to start the post and fill process in early March 2016. This somewhat earlier start to the process will give all staff an opportunity to fully consider the opportunities that are available at our newest school. It will also allow HR staff the time to focus on both the staffing needs of the new school and the filling of vacant positions at all other school sites.

Facilities and Operations Department

The custodial department has been busy planning their work for the upcoming break. The district is committed to providing the custodial staff with the newest equipment and training to assist them with their duties.

Maintenance staff have completed the remedial work from the roof leak at NWSS and are continuing with the lighting upgrades at Lord Kelvin and Lord Tweedsmuir. The department has been, and will continue to be, busy supporting the school celebrations held over the December weeks. There are the additional seasonal work demands in the supply and delivery of stages, tables, and chairs to sites and programs around the district.

Inclement weather preparations and procedures are now in place in case should there be a requirement for this service. We are also mapping the strategies for moving forward with the relocation of services and programs currently provided at the SBO and NWSS.

The maintenance department has been successful in procuring \$310,000 from the Ministry for lighting upgrades and staff are currently working on submissions for Carbon Neutral funding grants.

Respectfully,

Pat Duncan