



# March 2019 Report

Director of Learning

Doug Lacey

- March 4<sup>th</sup> – Chaired Regular Meeting of the Boundary Integrated Services Model (BISM) Table
- March 5<sup>th</sup> – Participated in the regular meeting of the Boundary Early Intervention Advisory Council
- March 5<sup>th</sup> – Participated in conference call meeting of the Kootenay-Boundary Environmental Education Steering Committee
- March 5<sup>th</sup> – Participated in Trustee Budget Meeting #4.
- March 7<sup>th</sup> – Met with representative of Educational Impact professional development online platform
- March 11<sup>th</sup> – Facilitated an education-focused data analysis learning session in School District 20 in Trail B.C.
- March 13<sup>th</sup> – Attended Hutton’s Got Talent Show
- March 13<sup>th</sup> – Participated in the Closed and Regular meetings of the School Board
- March 13<sup>th</sup> -- Attended regular meeting of the Boundary Interagency Group
- March 15<sup>th</sup> – Completion of the Early Initiative Action Grant Provincial funding to focus on mental health and addiction prevention, early intervention, treatment and recovery programs and services (building school capacity). (See Below)

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## Boundary Early Initiative Action Grant

1. Mental Health First Aid Training for twenty-five school administrators, teachers, counsellors, and CYW’s from all District schools. Two-day, 12-hour evidence-based course by the Mental Health Commission of Canada. To give participants:
  - a. Confidence and skills to engage someone with an emerging mental health problem or in a mental health crisis
  - b. Greater recognition of mental health problems  
(April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 2019)

2. Jesse Miller Social Media Literacy/Safety Presentations (April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 2<sup>nd</sup>)
  - a. Evening Parent/Family Presentation (April 30<sup>th</sup>)
  - b. Presentations for East Boundary students at GFSS (May 1<sup>st</sup>)
    - i. Grade 6 and 7
    - ii. Grade 8 and 9
    - iii. Grade 10 – 12
  - c. Afternoon Educator Facilitated Session (May 1<sup>st</sup>)
    - i. Invite to interested educators
    - ii. Hosted at GFSS Bistro with ZOOM participation for educators outside of Grand Forks
  - d. Presentations for West Boundary students at BCSS
    - i. Grade 6 to 8
    - ii. Grade 9 – 12
3. Trauma-Informed Practice online professional development platform for individual school staffs to engage together on professional learning to support trauma impacted children and youth in their schools and classrooms over the 2019-20 school year. There are also modules focused on parent learning to support children and youth demonstrating problematic behaviour.
4. Supporting the facilitation of six Gratitude Dinners – Table Talk Discussion Sessions to support a number of targeted struggling youth and their families in the Boundary (April and May 2019)
5. Commissioning of Shawn Larson of Child and Youth Mental Health to facilitate up to nine presentation sessions to support targeted youth and families, school staffs, our general student and the general parent community on Mental Health Literacy to combat risk-taking behaviours like self-harm and suicidal ideation (April and May 2019).
6. Supporting the BDTA Environmental Education Local Specialist Association (EEPSA) to send three members to a Kootenay-Boundary Regional Networking and Learning session with EEPSA counter parts to learn together and strategically plan for getting more children and youth outside for their learning and connecting to nature as part of Social-Emotional Learning and positive mental health (May 2019).
7. Support the travel of one early years community provider and a District staff member to attend a networking and learning session for the Changing Results for Young Learners (CR4YL) to kick off the 2019-20 Initiative (May 2019)