



**Ken Minette
Superintendent of Schools
Month-End Report October 2018**

School Visitations

- I visited all schools in the District since the October Board Meeting.

District Planning

- Still hiring teachers
- Framework for Enhancing Student Learning will be shared at December Board Meeting

Grand Forks Secondary School Gr 9-12 Band Trip to Atlantic Music Festival in Nova Scotia (April 30 – May 6, 2019)

- Requires Superintendent approval 4 months before and Trustee approval 2 months before
- 31 students
- Shannon Wolf (Band Teacher), Scott Stewart (VP of Grand Forks Secondary), and one parent will chaperone
- Stay at Mount St. Vincent University Residence
- Workshops at Acadia University
- Cost approximately \$57 000
- Fundraising approx. \$16 000



Learning51

- First People's Principles of Learning -Joanne Chrona
- Numeracy Teaching and Learning – Carole Fullerton
- Inquiry in Action – Judy Halbert and Linda Kaser
- Inclusive Practices – Shelley Moore
- Computational Thinking – Shawn Lockhart and SD51 teachers



ASSAI Newsletter Fall 2018 SD51 Grand Forks Segment

Ropes for Hopes – SD 51 – Grand Forks

Contributor: Carol Mitchell – ASSAI Coordinator

Following the devastating floods that hit Grand Forks in May, many neighborhoods and businesses were shattered. All of downtown and four neighborhoods as well as many rural properties were evacuated and when they were finally able to return to their homes and businesses many were in ruins.

Some have been able to return, some will return in the future and others will never return. Going into winter there are still many households in RVs. One neighborhood is slated to be bought out and the final outcome of the others is still unknown. The whole town was impacted.

If you weren't evacuated, you likely had someone who was staying with you. The schools were hugely impacted both students and staff. Many youth were sent home before the flooding, to become landlocked as roads washed out. Students came out of classes to sandbag and many lived out of their homes worrying about their families, pets and properties. Others were living in over-crowded temporary homes or RV's.

The after school art program resurrected the "Ropes for Hopes" project. In 2015, we had been asked to create banners that displayed words of encouragement and inspirational pictures to be hung in the fire ravaged blackened forests around Rock Creek and Westbridge.

In 2018, all our groups worked on banners and flags. We also put the word out to all of SD51 that we would supply kits that included cut fabric, felts, paints and directions if the classes could make inspirational messages.



Above: Carol and other ASSAI staff and participants show some of the flags with messages of hope

Meetings out of the District

October 19 – K-16 Working Together to support the Changing Learner

- ✓ **WORLD CAFE: FOCUS ON DOING** - Facilitated by Dr. Judy Halbert and Dr. Linda Kaser - Teaching from Big Ideas, Core Competencies and Owning Learning (Self-reflection/direction, emotional regulation), Collaboration (peer learning), Capstones, Indigenization, Worldviews, EPortfolios, Critical and Creative Thinking, Service and Community.
- ✓ **Curricula, Competency and Concrete Progress in BC: Dr. David Burns**

“Capstone experiences, and career education, must recognize both that our capacity to understand Student achievement has expanded dramatically, and that our responsibility to do so has moved with it. “

Nov 8 &9 – BCSSA Fall Conference – Transforming Education: Well Being in Schools

- ✓ The Coping Crisis – Dr. Bill Howatt
- ✓ Reconciliation through Education: FPPL as Frame for Transformation, Equity and Well-Being – Joanne Chrona
- ✓ Chief Medical officer FNHA – Dr. Evan Adams
- ✓ Deputy Minister of Education – Scott MacDonald
- ✓ The challenge of understanding wellness and the promise of mental health literacy
- ✓ The heart of the matter: How relationships grow brains – Dr. Vanessa LaPointe

Meetings in District

- ✓ October 10
 - Visited Grand Forks Secondary and J.A. Hutton – Carol Fullerton sessions GFSS
- ✓ October 11
 - Park Day – At Rock Creek Park – West Boundary Elementary & Big White
 - Turkey Lunch at Boundary Central Secondary School
 - Outdoor Day at Eholt for Kindergarten classes of Dr. D. A. Perley Elementary
- ✓ October 12
 - Gr 6/7 Soccer Tournament at J.A. Hutton Elementary
 - Observations at Hutton
- ✓ October 15
 - Meeting with CUPE
- ✓ October 16
 - District Leadership Team Meeting – updates around the Boundary
 - Skype with UVIC teacher candidates about teaching in the Boundary
- ✓ October 17
 - Meeting with Boundary Metis Community Association
- ✓ October 18
 - Visit GFSS classes
 - Great BC Shake Out at Grand Forks Secondary & Christina Lake Elementary at 10:18 a.m.
- ✓ October 24
 - Interior Health teleconference
 - Youth Substance Use Prevention Program – Guest - Dr. Dave Smith
 - New Guidelines for School staff: Helping a Student with a Suspected Eating Disorder – Guest - Carla Mantie
 - Legalization of Cannabis - implications for schools (Trish Hill- IH Integrated Tobacco Team Leader)
 - SOGI - IH support with Out in Schools presentation at October HPSC education session

- Meeting with CUPE
 - Meeting with Boundary Aboriginal Ed Advisory Council
- ✓ October 25
 - Maker Day at Christina Lake Elementary
- ✓ October 26
 - District Leadership Team Meeting
 - SOGI, SAFE Schools, FLEX , FSA, GM – Brain Plasticity and Brain Centric Teaching
- ✓ October 29
 - Meeting with City regarding Community Fibre and Tech Infrastructure
- ✓ October 30
 - Visited J.A. Hutton and went through the Spooky Haunted House built by Ms. Angus' Grade 6/7 class.
 - Meeting with CUPE
- ✓ October 31
 - Visited West Boundary, Beaverdell and Big White's Haunted House for some Halloween Fun
- ✓ Nov 1
 - Meeting about School Plans
- ✓ Nov 5
 - Monthly BISM (Boundary Integrated Services Model) Meeting
- ✓ Nov 7
 - Visit Beaverdell Elementary and Big White Community School