



# NORKAM SENIOR SECONDARY

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April 2018

## Important dates to note:

Apr 19	Report Cards
Apr 23	Pro D Day – no school for students
Apr 30	PAC Meeting – 6:30 pm
May 18	Pro D Day – no school for students
May 21	Victoria Day – school closed
June 4	PAC Meeting - 6:30 pm
June 7	Principal’s List Luncheon
June 11	First Nations Grad
June 12	Commencement Ceremony – 7:00 pm
June 14	Year end awards
June 25	English 12/English 12 FP Final Exams
June 26	Projection Completion
June 28	Report Cards

## GRAD

Grads are reminded to get their baby photo to Mrs. Perry as soon as possible so that it can be incorporated into the commencement ceremony. Bring in a photo with your name on the back, or email your digital picture to Mrs. Perry at [tperry@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:tperry@sd73.bc.ca).

Planning 10 must be completed by the end of May, 2018 in order to meet graduation requirements.

Prior to crossing the stage at the commencement ceremony, all school fees must be paid. Please pay any outstanding fees to the office at your earliest convenience.



## CONGRATULATIONS!

### Concours d’art oratoire

Concours d’art oratoire is Canada’s French public speaking contest. Recently, several NorKam students participated in a local competition where Joy Kwak placed second in her category of French Immersion Grade 12 and Julye-Anne McKenny and Kyla Christianson placed first and can now go on to the provincials in Surrey on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Should they qualify at Provincials, they will travel to Ottawa for Nationals and be eligible for scholarships. Well done to all the participants.



Joy Kwak, Julye-Anne McKenny and Kyla Christianson

## FROM THE LIBRARY

### Happy April

Come into the library and check out our new arrivals rack. Students who really love a particular novel and strongly recommend it for their peers are asked to bring your suggestions to Mr. Hafeli or Mrs. Renner for the school to purchase.

Some of our latest selection of new titles are Milk and Honey and the Sun and Her Flowers by Rupi Kaur, Turtles All the Way Down and Looking for Alaska by John Green, Dead Zone and Dark Energy by Robison wells, and It by Stephen King. We also have a new Manga series of ten books, Tokyo Ghoul by Sui Ishida.

### It’s Research Time

The next time you are researching in the library, be sure to take a look at the Library Learning Resources page - all the internet links you need to find information for your classes or for your own personal interest.

- Follow the link from the NorKam Secondary home page.

- Check out EBSCOhost, which you can log into from home:
  - o EBSCOhost – pre-screened authoritative resources with authors. Includes full-text articles from reference books, newspapers, magazines, journals as well as an image database and all of the citation information a student needs. Username: norkam, password: bcsd73. Be sure to use the off-site login link on the Learning Resources Page or use <http://goo.gl/cmva7O>

**Citations/Bibliography Login**

Students planning on using Easybib.com to create works cited pages, please remember to do the following before you create your page:

1. Create an account or login using your SD73 GEDU google account.
2. Start a “new project”
3. Make sure you “export – save to Google Docs”
4. Use a url shortener to shorten long urls (website address)

Login and you will get better results that will auto-save.

Happy spring from your friendly NorKam learning commons crew – Mr. Hafeli, Mrs. Renner, Mr. Regnier and Mark Butler.



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**NORKAM STUDENT ARTICLE**

***My Experience with Encounters with Canada 2018 by Kyla Christianson***

During the first week of March, 2018 I had the privilege of attending Canada’s largest youth forum: Encounters with Canada. This program is offered every week of the school year with different themes such as Medicine and Health to Global Affairs; mine was First Responders.

During my week I flew to Ottawa and met tons of youth from communities all over Canada. Our activities were catered to our theme; we visited the RDMPs Technical and Protective

Operations facility, met with first responders . . . . Nonetheless, we also toured the Parliament buildings and a cold-war bunker, explored downtown Ottawa, visited the Arts and Science museums as well as attended an NHL game!

At Encounters you can expect great food, discovering our country’s capital, and overall the experience of a lifetime! I value this opportunity so much because of the friendships I made with youth all over our country. This was a tremendous experience that I would recommend to anyone willing to participate! The program fee of \$750 covers all expenses for the week long trip.



Visiting the Parliament buildings



At the banquet on our last night

**BOARD NOTES**



**NOTES FROM THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

March 12, 2018

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- o Finance and Planning Committee Highlights
- o Day of Suwentwecw 2018
- o Let’s Talk Cannabis Project

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

#### **EDUCATION TOPIC**

**WHAT SUSTAINS US? EXPLORATIONS PROGRAM, BROCK MIDDLE SCHOOL** — Grade 8 students from Brock Middle School joined school teacher Nikki Stewart to tell the Board about a unique inquiry-based program that saw them explore the concept of what is required to sustain life. The students explored everything from rudimentary wilderness survival skills to building more complex living structures such as yurts. They explored the history of the area's homesteading pioneers as well as First Nations history and how they lived. The program was made possible by an Innovation Grant from the Board.

#### **PUBLIC INQUIRIES, PETITIONS AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS**

**SMOKING AND VAPING REDUCTION, INTERIOR HEALTH** — Jeff Connors told trustees that tobacco will kill five times more people this year than opioid abuse, making the use of tobacco and vaping products an ongoing and persistent health crisis. He suggested districts can better integrate wording regarding tobacco and vaping products into existing school alcohol and drug prohibition policies.

#### **REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

**SAFER SCHOOLS TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP** — Supt. Alison Sidow told the trustees the membership of the Superintendent's task force has been decided and the work of the committee will get underway shortly. The group will be chaired by Michelle Marginet, who retired last year from SD 73 from her position as Health and Safety Manager. The task force will provide a report to the Superintendent and to the Board by June 30. Full details of the task force members and their credentials can be found in the public agenda.

**RURAL SCHOOLS CONSULTATION UPDATE** — Trustees will begin Phase 2 of a consultation effort designed to explore the possibility of moving Grade 7 students from elementary schools to secondary schools in Clearwater, Barriere and Chase. Public meetings with the Board will happen March 13, 14 and 15 in all of the communities. The Board is expected to make the decision regarding this proposal at the public meeting on April 23.

#### **REPORTS FROM SECRETARY-TREASURER**

**PROVINCIAL BUDGET UPDATE** — Trustees were provided a summary of the recent provincial budget. Education in B.C. will receive \$409 million in additional funding to accommodate a range of initiatives, including \$207 million for enrollment growth. As well, changes to MSP will see SD 73 save \$425,000 this year but will increase costs by \$250,000 per year starting in 2020.

*The next public meeting will take place at Haldane Elementary School in Chase on April 9th at 7 p.m.*

April 9, 2018

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- o Finance and Planning Committee Highlights
- o Policy Committee Highlights
- o District Parent Advisory Council Highlights
- o Superintendent's Update

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#### **EDUCATION TOPIC**

**BUILDING SCHOOL CULTURE WITH OUR SCHOOL AND ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY** — Haldane Elementary School Principal Katrina Sewell told trustees about her school's goals and the historic "stars-based" matrix that had been used to measure and encourage participation and progress in regards to the goals. The Board heard that staff and students were given a chance to give their feedback about how to integrate the goals into school culture and make them meaningful at Haldane. The work led to the creation of a "circle of courage" that better reflects the school and student community while maintaining the integrity and vision of the school's goals.

#### **REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

**DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY PLAN** — Trustees were told the district will re-form a technology committee to ensure SD 73's technology plan, created in 2015, remains relevant and in alignment with the five-year strategic plan. As well, the committee will set the goals for the next iteration of the technology plan.

**COMMUNICATING STUDENT LEARNING** — The Board learned about a plan to form a new committee to examine the issue of compliance with a Ministry of Education interim order issued in July 2016 regarding how to report and communicate student learning to parents. The local reporting policy was last updated in January 2013. The membership of the committee will consider a balance of urban, rural, elementary and secondary perspectives and will be comprised of members from the KTTA, the KTPVPA, senior District management, DPAC and the Aboriginal Education Council. The committee's work is expected to get underway this school year.

#### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Trustees heard about the 19 SD 73 students who took part and graduated from the RCMP Youth Academy, which took place at Brock Middle School over the spring break. Of the 19 graduates, at least two indicated they intend to apply to and enlist in the RCMP as soon as possible after they graduate.

*The next public meeting will take place at the School Board Office in Kamloops on April 23 at 7 p.m.*