



NORKAM SENIOR SECONDARY

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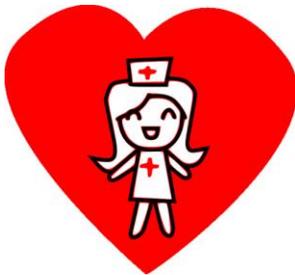
December 2017

Important dates to note:

Dec 20	Christmas Luncheon
Dec 25 – January 5, 2018	Winter Vacation
Jan 8, 2018	School re-opens Day 2
Jan 8, 2018	PAC Meeting 6:00 pm
Jan 24-29	Grad Photos
Jan 25	Eng 12 and Eng FP Exams
Jan 26	Com 12 Exam
Feb 1	Project Completion Day
Feb 2	Turn Around Day
Feb 5	Semester 2 begins – Day 1
Feb 5	PAC Meeting – 6:00 pm
Feb 12	Family Day – school closed
Feb 19 & 20	Grad Photo Re-takes
Feb 21	Honour Roll Assembly
Feb 22 & 23	Pro-D Day – no school for students

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

NorKam’s public health nurse is Jessi Minnabarriet. She can be reached at 250-851-7428. Please call Jessi if you have any health related questions. She also works in a youth clinic that can offer sexual health information, low cost birth control, morning after pills, pregnancy testing, sexually transmitted disease information and referrals to other health care professionals as needed. Service is confidential and free.



STUDENT ABSENCES

Students leaving school during class or arriving late in the morning must sign in/out in the office. Students are expected to bring a written note from their parent or guardian for each absence. Parents will receive phone notification through the computerized “Synrvoice” system for unexcused daily absences. Students who are going to be away for an extended period of time are asked to fill out a Planned Absence form. Forms are available in the office.

FROM THE LIBRARY

Seasons Greetings from the NorKam Library

Just a reminder to our avid readers – the NorKam Secondary/North Shore Public Library Book Club is up and running. We meet every month and the next meeting will be in January. Stay tuned and listen for the announcements. Currently the club is discussing books that have been made into movies. If you like to read and want to have a good time chatting about great books with like-minded readers, come to the meeting and hang out. Everyone is welcome. To get text notifications about Book Club, text @nkbooks to 604-265-4917.

Please remember to return or renew your library books before they go missing. Fiction novels go out for three weeks and non-fiction books go out for two weeks. This will mean books can circulate and be available to all students to use and enjoy. Don’t forget, if you have no overdues, you might be able to sign out one of our Kindle eReaders. Come and speak to Mr. Hafeli or Mrs. Renner for details.

Special fiction or non-fiction request forms can still be filled out by students – look for them beside the Circulation Desk. Check out our new fiction books – they are just waiting to be taken home for the holidays.

Don’t forget, Mr. Hafeli will proofread your works cited page any time. My proofreading is 100% guaranteed, so why not take a few minutes to let me give it a once over?

Have a safe and happy holiday season from Mr. Hafeli, Mrs. Renner and Mr. Regnier.



CURLING TEAM

Kamloops Junior Bonselpiel 2017

NorKam curlers competed on Dec 9th at the Kamloops Junior Bonselpiel, hosted by the Kamloops Curling Club. This bonselpiel had teams from the juvenile and junior leagues, as well as ad-hoc teams formed from other high schools

NorKam curlers entered two teams into the intermediate division tournament:

Team 1 – Colorado Marr (skip), Robert Beesley and Scott Brady

Team 2 – Rachel Johnson (skip), Keanna Savage, Kyla Christianson and Kate Hancock

Both teams had great performances and beat club teams. The girls' team won two of three against some pretty good competition and everyone had fun. Congratulations on a successful tournament and thanks to our coaches, Gord Marr and Steve Johnson who helped our teams at the bonselpiel.

NorKam will have a team entered into the local junior bonselpiel at the Kamloops Curling Club on Saturday, Dec 16th as well – good luck curlers. Mr. Hafeli, Curling Sponsor-Teacher



Gord Marr (coach), Colorado Marr, Scott Brady, Keanna Savage, Rachel Johnson, Kyla Christianson, Kate Hancock, Robert Beesley, Steve Johnson (coach)

CONGRATULATIONS!

Autumn Walkem

Autumn was a finalist in the 2017 Kamloops Ambassador Program. She felt it was a great way for her to show indigenous pride as well as learning about the nature of commitment and forming connections. Well done, Autumn.



Jana DeJong

NorKam student Jana DeJong placed ninth in the Junior Women's division of the BC/Yukon Skate Canada Sections in Parksville. Jana continues to train in at the Connaught Skating Club in Richmond. Keep up the hard work, Jana.



NEWS FROM TRADES AND TRANSITIONS

It's Application Time

Attention parents and students interested in Trades: Applications are now available for programs in 2018/2019 and 2019/2020. Please call or see Mrs. Monkman in the Counselling office for more information.

Mechanical, Industrial or Construction Sampler – spend a semester in the NorKam Trades Centre working with TRU instructors in 2018/2019. Students in grades 9 through 11 may apply.

The Industry Training Authority accredited **Hairstyling Program**, which will run from February 2019 through January 2020 (no classes in summer). Students in Grade 10 may apply.



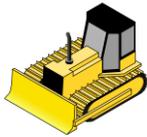
Early entrance to **Youth Train in Trades** programs, where students attend classes at TRU in their grade 12 year and are working towards their trade ticket (for 2019/2020). Students in grade 10 may apply.

There are a few remaining seats for **Youth Train in Trades** programs for the 2018/2019 school year. Students in Grade 11 should apply ASAP.

Digipen Academy – students attend classes at Sa-Hali Secondary for first semester, participating in an immersive game design, computer science and production art environment. Students in grades 10 or 11 may apply.

TRU Start – students can start their university experience early, taking up to two courses in English, Psychology and Sociology or a one year program in Health Care Assistant or Early Childhood Education (2018/2019). Students in grades 10 or 11 may apply.

Heavy Metal Rocks – students will work with industry partners to earn certification such as Level 1 Occupational First Aid and a Construction Site Safety Certificate. They will also attend three days of hands-on training at the Pit (requires some weekend participation) (Spring 2018). Students in grades 10 through 12 may apply.



RCMP Youth Advisory Committee

On December 13th seven NorKam students participated in the annual RCMP Youth Advisory Committee meeting. Students spent the day working with community leaders, including Trish Smillie, the SD73 Director Student Support Services, Sue Peterson of Child and Youth Mental Health, Meghan Wade, Chair of SD 73, Brad Mueller, RCMP Superintendent and many others. There were also provincial representatives from the RCMP’s Youth Services Division.

This committee is an integral place for community leaders and decision makers to hear from the youth of Kamloops. Students have an opportunity to learn about supports and services available in the community and to share their ideas about gaps there may be in services.

Thanks to the NorKam delegates, **Kally King, Kyla Christianson, Dax Nelson, Matthew Ciardullo, Christa Lester, Serenity Baptiste and Jessica Lester.**



Dax Nelson meeting with members of Car 40 where a nurse from Interior Health and an RCMP officer respond to people in mental health emergencies.



Christa Lester tries to complete a sobriety test with Constable Winkels while wearing (drunk goggles) to simulate impairment.

DEBATE TEAM

On November 24th, the NorKam Debate Team hosted its second annual debate tournament. A total of 18 teams from three schools battled in a variety of formal topics from “Canadian gun laws are too restrictive” to “Social media should have an age restriction.” The teams then squared off in a more informal debate including more humorous topics such as “Country music is the best music for Canada” and “Pies are better than cakes.” At the conclusion, Sa-Hali narrowly edged out NorKam for the tournament championship. Well done to all debaters.

NorKam’s top debaters included:

Experienced – **Joy Kwak** won Top Debater and **Monique Brunelle** was most Inspirational

Novice – **Mary Falade** won Top Debater and **Alberto Alvarez** was most inspirational

A big thank you goes out to all the teachers who volunteered as judges and coaches:

- Mrs. Dye
- Mr. Uyeda
- Mrs. MacFarlane
- Mr. Nicolas Karpluk
- Miss Johnson
- Mr. Hafeli
- Mr. Kern
- Mrs. Rinaldi

Mr. McMullen
Mr. Pendergast
Mrs. McLaughlin
Mr. Koppes (Sa-Hali)
Mr. Topp (SKSS)

Finally, a big thank you to the NorKam PAC who provided a financial contribution.



BOARD NOTES



NOTES FROM THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 4, 2017

MID-TERM INAUGURAL BOARD MEETING

The Board of Education conducted its inaugural Board meeting and election of Board Officers. The newly elected Board Officers are as follows:

Meghan Wade
Chairperson

Gerald Watson
Vice-Chairperson

Kathleen Karpuk British Columbia School Trustees Association
Provincial Council

Gerald Watson
British Columbia Public School Employers Association

SD73 Business Company Chair Appointment

Vice-Chairperson, Gerald Watson was reappointed to this position.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

- Superintendent's Report
- Chamber of Commerce Support Letter
- Notice of Motion
 - o Policy 201.1 Board Committees
 - o Policy 506.5 Graduated Adults
 - o Policy 912.2 Principal and Vice Principals: Process for Appointment
 - o Policy 1030.1 Interior Painting of Schools

EDUCATION TOPICS

The Board recognized Vice-Principal, Beth Dye, for the honour of being the 2017 recipient of the Geographic Literacy Award. Vice-Principal Dye was presented the award by the Governor-General in Ottawa. The award is given to educators who increase geographic literacy throughout a career. The Board thanked Vice-Principal Dye on this incredible achievement.

The Board heard Principal Mochikas speak about a MakerSpace Project. Principal Mochikas was joined by Brock Middle School teacher, Bev Brown. Three students spoke to projects completed through an Innovation Grant. Students studied projects that would support students with disabilities. The success of the projects led to their continued use at Brock Middle School.

REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Out-of-Province Field Trip – Kamloops School of the Arts (KSA)

Assistant Superintendent Hamblett brought forward a field trip request for the KSA band and choir to participate in the Edmonton Music Tour in Edmonton, AB. The motion was approved.

Student Learning Grant update

Director Carson spoke to the Student Learning Grant final allocations to schools. Final allocations were disbursed to schools with the expectation that dollars are spent by the end of January, 2018. A final report will go to the Ministry of Education in July, 2018.

Elementary Extra-Curricular Sporting Trips

Assistant Superintendent Schoen presented information regarding the cost of transporting rural students—those 50 kms or farther from Kamloops—by bus to Kamloops and area schools to attend elementary school extracurricular sporting events. The estimated cost of supporting extracurricular bussing is just over \$14,000 per year. The use of a bus is contingent on the availability of a bus and driver. The motion was approved.

REPORTS FROM SECRETARY-TREASURER

Staffing Request

Director Smillie spoke to a staffing request of 6.0 FTE Certified Education Assistants to ensure that students were supported for safety and personal care. The motion was approved.

Budget Update

Secretary-Treasurer Stretch reported that increased enrolment (170 additional students) created a surplus for allocation. Allocations included 6.055 FTE Teaching positions, 18.0 FTE CEA positions, and 2.0 FTE clerical as well as just over \$700,000 for supplies and services.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND CHAIR

Chair's Report

Chairperson Wade reported various presentations on the capital advocacy plan. She also represented the Board at the formal Remembrance Day Ceremony. The Minister of Education visit was another avenue to discuss the capital advocacy plan. The CUPE Retirement evening was well attended. A website design workshop was held and included input from students. Another successful DWIT conference was held. The IB parent night well attended.

Diversity Advisory Committee

Trustee Karpuk attended an advisory round table on updated social plan with the City of Kamloops. Input was provided on issues and opportunities.

TRUSTEE REPORTS, INQUIRIES, AND GOOD NEWS

Trustees reported presentations on the capital plan to several school Parent Advisory Councils.

MOTION for senior staff to look at the cost of Kamloops city schools to attend extracurricular in the outlying communities. The motion was carried.

The next public board meeting will take place December 11th at the School Board Office at 7 p.m.

December 11, 2017

CONSENT AGENDA

- o Finance and Planning Committee highlights
- o Policy Committee highlights
- o Education Committee of the whole highlights
- o Committee meeting dates for 2018
- o BC Winter Games

Details of the consent agenda can be found on the public agenda.

EDUCATION TOPIC

The Board was entertained by the talented Christmas caroling of the District Honour's Choir, which sang four songs for trustees and others who were present for the public meeting.

REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

2018 GRADUATION SCHEDULE — The Board was told that the 2018 commencement ceremony schedule for the District's 15 secondary school programs will be posted on the district's website.

REPORTS FROM SECRETARY-TREASURER

LONG RANGE FACILITIES PLAN — The Board learned more about how enrolment growth and changes to class size and composition requirements are impacting schools and classroom space. Trustees heard that in most schools, space is very limited. The report recommends adding more portables or repurposing classrooms at schools with growth pressure as an interim measure instead of reopening previously closed schools. As well, Grade 7 students in rural communities could be moved to secondary schools to better balance space and student populations. The Board debated the report and voted to move forward with its recommendations. Further steps and community consultation, when required, are expected in the new year.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Board discussed possible dates in January for community consultations in Barriere, Chase and Clearwater to discuss moving Grade 7 students to secondary schools. Dates will be set as soon as possible.

MOTIONS

- o Policy 506.5 Graduated Adults
- o Policy 912.2 Principals and Vice-Principals; Process for Appointment
- o Policy 1030.1 Interior Painting of Schools

Details of motions can be found on the public agenda.

The next public meeting will take place at the School Board Office on January 15th at 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Kamloops Minor Baseball

Kamloops Minor Baseball is offering indoor winter ball and outdoor spring and fall ball for youth ages 4 to 17. New players welcome. Registration details and dates can be found at kamloopsminorbaseball.ca.

