



NORKAM SENIOR SECONDARY

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Mrs. Jane Viventi, Mrs. Deb Collins (Counselling) **PAC Chairperson:** Mrs. Glenda Grether

March 2018

Important dates to note:

Mar 8	Parent Teacher Interviews 2-3:00 and 6-8:00
Mar 8	Aboriginal Family Dinner
Mar 19-23	Spring Break
Mar 30	Good Friday – school closed
Apr 2	Easter Monday – school closed
Apr 3	PAC Meeting – 6:30 pm
Apr 6	Day of Suwewtwec
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

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.

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.



ABORIGINAL FAMILY DINNER

Aboriginal students and their families are invited to the NorKam Aboriginal Family Dinner on Thursday, March 8th at 5:00 pm in the cafeteria. Chili and bannock, coffee, tea and juice will be provided and families are invited to bring their favorite dessert. Please join us for dinner . . . and prizes!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Girls Rugby - Kally King and Halle Smith

NorKam staff and students congratulate Kally King for being selected to play on the Women's National Rugby Team and Halle Smith for making the Women's Provincial Rugby Team. All your hard work has paid off girls – way to go!



Kally King



Halle Smith

Speed Skater – Martina Antifay

A big “Great job!” to Martina for her performance at the BC Winter Games where she finished with a bronze medal in the 500m race and a silver in the relay. Martina also competed in the Long Track Nationals where she won two golds and a silver and finished third overall in Canada for her age group.



Martina Antifay

Madame Kabotoff

NorKam’s own Susan Kabotoff is the recipient of the 2018 ProMotion Plus Leadership Award. The award was given at the Kamloops 2018 BC Winter Games Civic Lunch at TRU. The ProMotion Plus Leadership Award honours an outstanding member of the community. Madame Kabotoff has been dedicated to coaching rugby, having pioneered the female rugby program at NorKam Senior Secondary and helping girls play by organizing fundraising to hurdle financial barriers. Organizers said she encapsulated the essence of the award: passion for sport, commitment to volunteering and focus on the local community.



FROM THE LIBRARY

Happy March!

Freedom to Read Week

February 26 to March 4 was Freedom to Read Week in Canada. Have you ready any *Harry Potter*? *To Kill a Mockingbird*? *Are You There God, It’s Me Margaret*? *Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl*? *The Bible*? You may not realize this, but all of these works have been banned at some point in one or more jurisdictions of North America. The NorKam learning commons staff feel strongly that our students deserve to be exposed to the broadest range of age-appropriate reading materials possible. We also support the right of students to read a variety of texts that express different perspectives. As such, our staff upholds the principles behind Freedom to Read Week and facilitating students’ exposure to books throughout the month of March that have been banned in other jurisdictions. We invite the community to come and see what we offer.



New Fiction

Come into the library and choose one of our fantastic new fiction arrivals. New CanLit novels look cool, including *Munro vs. the Coyote* by Darren Groth, *Kat and Meg Conquer the World* by Anna Priemaza, *The Biker’s Brother* by Peter Edwards, *Game’s End* by Natasha Deen and *Escape from Syria* by Samya Kullab, just to name a few.

Book Club

The NorKam Book Club will be meeting Thursday, March 8 in the library to discuss our theme “If you liked this book, you should try this one . . .” Readers who liked a particular book read another one that is connected or similar in some way. Everyone is welcome, even if you just want to come and listen. We will be choosing our next reading choice at the meeting, so come join us.



Quick Reads

Don't like long novels? Then come and check out our selection of Quick Reads fiction on our book carousel. We have a fantastic bookrack loaded with teen-focused topics that will keep your interest without becoming boring or overly wordy. These novels are all less than 200 pages (most are less than 150 pages) and are manageable and interesting for all reading levels.

Don't forget – Mr. Hafeli will proofread your works-cited page anytime. His proofreading is 100% guaranteed so why not take a few minutes to let him give it a once-over?

Reminders:

- If you eat in the library, please respect the space and clean up your garbage and crumbs
- Food is only allowed at the large brown tables. No food or drink near the bean bag chairs, in the project room, or near the leather chairs or the sofas
- Graphing calculators are available only with a signed and dated teacher's note

Thank you

Have a super spring break from Mr. Hafeli, Mrs. Renner and Mr. Regnier

NORKAM STUDENT ARTICLE

On February 20th all the grade 10's from schools over Kamloops went to TRU. We learned about several different tricks and tips on how to have a successful life, and the program was part of Planning 10. Planning 10 is a program all over BC and teaches us how to live a better life. At TRU, we sat in a room and had two speakers speak to us about their successful lives and how they managed to achieve them. The speakers were very prepared and always had a smile. The speakers introduced themselves and handed us a booklet called "The Book of Preparation." "The Book of Preparation" had four lessons, budgeting, planning household expenses, investment and how to get a job. There were little games we played and abbreviations the speakers used to help us remember things. This day was very helpful and insightful, it taught us how to live a better life financially and how to deal with money and job searching and careers.

By Kellan Breen and Alexia Harnett

LA BELLA SAINTS HAIR SALON

On February 20th, students from the La Bella Saints hairdressing program visited the Jump men's shelter to provide the clients with new hairstyles. Our amazing young stylists gave each of the nearly two dozen people a haircut along with a renewed feeling of style and confidence. The students did such a wonderful job that they have been invited back on March 27th. The La Bella Saints students will also be

going to the New Life Mission on April 11th. Giving back to the community is what NorKam's La Bella Saints students are all about and both stylists and clients had a great day.



Alexis Baptiste



Simone Lacroix

BOARD NOTES



NOTES FROM THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 19, 2018

CONSENT AGENDA

- o Policy Committee Highlights
 - o Education Committee of the Whole Highlights
- Details of the consent agenda can be found in the public agenda.*

EDUCATION TOPIC

PRESENTATION TO PRINCIPAL KENT BREWER — Principal Kent Brewer was recognized by the Board following his recent award as one of Canada's Outstanding Principals. The award came from The Learning Partnership, a national not-for-profit organization that works for the improvement of public education in Canada. Kent is the principal of the Twin Rivers Education Centre, which provides alternative education services for adults and teens who need different ways to access education.

SECONDARY ATHLETIC COUNCIL — Sa-Hali Secondary School Principal Sean Lamoureux, chair of the Secondary Athletic Council, told the Board about the value of athletics in schools, noting sports touches a huge portion of the secondary school population across the District. Student Sydney Gould, a Grade 8 student athlete, told the Board she chose Sa-Hali Secondary because of the success of the school's sport programs and the quality of the coaches. Sports helped her to make new friends, learn how to work with others and overcome adversity. Athletics are so important and have the ability to impact the live of students in positive way, she said.

REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

SAFER SCHOOLS TASK FORCE — Supt. Alison Sidow told the trustees about an initiative being launched to explore the difficult but important subject of sexual misconduct, violence and harassment in District schools. Recent events have led her to look closely at District policies and protocols. The *Superintendent's Task Force on School Safety* will look at policies and protocols governing the investigation and handling of these issues with the goal of ensuring the District's policies serve all parties, especially those who make complaints to the District. The task force will provide a report to the Superintendent and to the Board by June 30. "We have a duty to protect our children and we have a duty to stand by them, as a community," Sidow told the Board.

WESTMOUNT ELEMENTARY TRAFFIC UPDATE — The Board was told the District is working with the City of Kamloops to explore solutions to the long-standing issue of traffic congestion at Westmount Elementary School and its impact on student safety. A traffic engineer will conduct an

independent study of the problem and propose possible solutions.

REPORTS FROM SECRETARY-TREASURER

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL — The District has received several public complaints this year about snow and ice maintenance at schools. The Board was told that this year has proved to be exceptionally difficult for maintenance staff due to the many snowfalls and the frequent freeze-and-thaw cycles. Changes to improve District response to snowfall and ice removal would ultimately require changes to the budget, which could impact educational funding, the Board was told.

AMENDED ANNUAL BUDGET BYLAW 2017-18 — Trustees approved an amended annual budget bylaw that sets out the estimated revenues and expenses for the 2017-18 fiscal year. The total (balanced) budget for this year is \$176,129,253, the Board was told.

MOTIONS

- o Policy 201.1 Board Committees
 - o Policy 300.1 School Boundaries and Student Transfer Requests
 - o Policy 303.1 International Student program
 - o Policy 1136.1 Travel Expenses, Insurance and Cell Phones
 - o Policy 1012.1 Smoking and Vaping Free Environment
- Details of the notices of motion can be found in the public agenda.*

The next public meeting will take place at the School Board Office in Kamloops on March 12th at 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Kamloops Search and Rescue

Once again, Kamloops Search and Rescue is pleased to offer several outdoor safety programs including Survive Outside, Snow Safety and Hug-A-Tree and Survive. For more information on any of these presentations or to book a session call Cliff Giolma at 250-372-5489 or email cagio@shaw.ca

Kamloops Basketball Academy

Kamloops Basketball Academy is presenting spring training 2018 with TRU head coach Scott Reeves. For registration info email sreeves@tru.ca

Kamloops Minor Fastball Association

Kamloops Minor Fastball Association is swinging into their 2018 season. Open to boys and girls ages five to 19. Register online at kamloopsminorfastball.com.

Kamloops Tsunami Summer Swim Club

Come out and learn how to improve your swimming technique while having fun at the Brocklehurst Pool all summer. The summer season starts in May and runs until the middle of August. For more information go to kamloopstsunami@hotmail.com.