January 22, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Trustee Derrick, Chair
      Education Programs and Planning Committee

SUBJECT: REVISED - COMMITTEE REPORT – JANUARY 2019

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RECOMMENDATION

That the report of the Education Programs and Planning Committee meeting held on January 22, 2019 be received.

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REPORT:

1. The Education Program and Planning Committee met on January 22, 2019.

2. The meeting’s agenda items were:

   a. Minutes of the Previous Meeting - The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

   b. Board Authorized Courses Update – Ms. Kaban, District Principal of Learning Innovations provided an overview of the school district’s Board Authorized Courses. The overview included the process and timeline with the important notes and changes for the Board Authorized Courses. Ms. Kaban noted that the school district’s Board Authorized Courses need to be reviewed and updated to ensure they align with the new curriculum requirements.

   c. Proposed Board Authorized Course, Hockey 12 - This item appears on this evenings agenda for consideration of the Board’s approval.

   d. Information Technology, Skills, Trades and Careers Update – Mr. Molcak, District Principal Information Technology, Skills, Trades and Careers provided a PowerPoint presentation on the various programs under the Careers Program. The presentation included updates on Elementary and Secondary Trades, and Community Career Awareness Programs. Further information regarding the Skills, Trades and Careers Programs can be found on the school district’s website.

      Mr. Molcak provided an update on the school districts’ technology and goals to support all aspects of student learning.
Trustee Bekkering drew attention to a recommendation and rationale for the appropriation of surplus in the amount of $50,000 to support the implementation of the Information Technology goals as outlined in *Inspiring Learning Anywhere*, School District No. 57 (Prince George) Strategic Plan 2016-2021. This implementation is to include but not be limited to, consultation services from George Couros, author *The Innovator’s Mindset, Empower Learning, Unleash Talent, and Lead in a Cultural Creativity 2015.*

This item will appear on the February 26, 2019 regular public agenda for consideration of the Board’s approval.

e. **Report on Research** – Ms. Kaban, District Principal Learning Innovations delivered a PowerPoint presentation that included a summary of research projects in the school district. Ms. Kaban advised that research is an integral part of the education system. It provides direction for policy makers, for school-based initiatives, and for classroom instruction. The broad purpose of educational research is to provide information for decision-making at all levels.

f. **Yearly Plan** – The Committee reviewed and updated the yearly plan.

3. The next Education Programs and Planning Committee meeting will be held on February 19, 2019.

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