




CONNECTING STUDENTS
TO THEIR FUTURE

 **SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73
(KAMLOOPS-THOMPSON)**
1383 9th Avenue
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BOARD NOTES

May 7, 2018

EDUCATION TOPIC

PRESENTATION — Set to the rhythm and meter of a popular Christmas poem ('Twas The Night Before Christmas), Summit Elementary School students presented the District's strategic plan goals to trustees. The students creatively substituted the words to the poem with new ones sharing the six pillars of the District's five-year strategic plan. "I am amazed, I am speechless," said Board Chair Meghan Wade. "It was wonderful to have you here!" The students were accompanied by their principal Linda Hneeda.

PUBLIC INQUIRIES, PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION — The Board heard about Farm2School, an agency with a vision to connect schools to local food systems and provide healthy, local food to students. The Kamloops hub Farm2School works with 11 schools locally. More than \$100,000 in money or volunteer time has been donated to those schools since 2014, the trustees were told. School programs encouraged by Farm2School include field trips, cooking lessons, composting systems, microgreens, garden boxes, curriculum connections and community partnerships. Locally, the agency works with community partners such as Interior Health, Kamloops Farmers Market, Community Futures, Kamloops Food Policy and the Learning Abundance Project.

REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

BOARDS AUTHORITY AUTHORIZED COURSES — Trustees approved eight Grade 10 secondary courses being offered in District schools, such as DigiPen 10 (Sa-Hali Secondary), Fly Fishing 10 (Clearwater Secondary) and Peer Mentorship 10 (Valleyview Secondary). These courses have been previously approved by the Board of Education but were revamped to better fit directions set by the provincial government in regards to implementation of the new curriculum. Full details of the courses can be found in the public agenda.

The next public meeting will take place at Clearwater Secondary School in Clearwater on May 28 at 5:30 p.m.