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 **SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73**
(KAMLOOPS-THOMPSON)
1383 9th Avenue
Kamloops, BC
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NOTES FROM THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 11, 2017

CONSENT AGENDA

- DPAC Highlights
- Summer School Update
- Revised Early Closure Dates for 2017/2018
- Revised Schedule of Board Meetings
- 2017-2018 Committee Appointments

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

EDUCATION TOPIC

The Board heard from the Young Filmmaker's Program from Arthur Stevenson Elementary School, which was made possible by a District Innovation Grant. Principal Grant Reilly and teacher Terri-Anne Wilson told the Board how the program helped students develop new collaborative skills while exploring the medium of film, filmmaking and digital publishing technology.

REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

FACILITIES REVIEW PROCESS – Significant enrolment pressures in some parts of the district has created the need for a full facilities review to determine if there are options to consider as the District grapples with these growth pressures. Options may include the opening of schools previously closed, reconfiguration of existing schools or new bus routes to move students from some schools to others.

OWL AWARD – The District is now seeking nominees for the Owl Award for Excellence in Public Education, an award that recognizes individuals, groups or organizations who have made significant contributions to public education. Nomination forms can be found at www.sd73.bc.ca.

PRELIMINARY ENROLMENT REPORT – Based on the most current data available, the numbers suggest that there has been enrolment growth of approximately 470 students over last year. Final numbers will be reported to government by September 30th.



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PRELIMINARY INTERNATIONAL ENROLMENT REPORT – This year the international student program will see 172 students compared to 166 students last year.

STAFFING REQUEST – The Board was asked to approve a staff request to hire more teaching positions (approximately 7.5 FTEs) in elementary schools as a result of increased enrolment. Two of the positions are related to the revised class size and composition requirements.

COMMUNITY LINK REPORT – The Board asked for a list of community grants to schools and District programs. The information will be provided as requested at a later date.

REPORTS FROM SECRETARY-TREASURER

2016-17 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – The Board received and approved the audited financial report for the 2016-17 school year. The full report can be found attached to the public agenda.

CHAIR REPORT

The Board Chair provided trustees with an update regarding upcoming activities, including the Raise-A-Reader program and the Howling Coyote Golf Tournament, which is held to support First Nations scholarships in the district.

The next public board meeting will take place September 25th at the School Board Office in Kamloops at 7 p.m.