

EDUCATION COMMITTEE AGENDA



June 11, 2025 – 4:00 p.m.

WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This meeting is being held on the traditional and unceded territory of the Secwépemc People.

1. No Committee Report for review
2. Early Learning Presentation
3. Staff Presentation on Speech and Language
4. Future Meeting Dates

MEETING	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
<i>See you in September.</i>			

“Learning, Growing, and Belonging Together”

TO: Education Committee

FROM: Wendell Hiltz, Director of Instruction

DATE: June 11, 2025

RE: Early Learning Activities 2024 - 2025

BACKGROUND:

Throughout the school year, our Early Learning Coordinator, Beulah Smith, has been very busy engaging in a variety of activities to support early learning throughout the school district. We are all aware that early learning is important. The work of Beulah and our Early Childhood Educators at our StrongStart Centers is foundational to helping set a strong path for our young learners before they enter school. Beulah has also worked to build relationships with teachers as they work with students in the early years of their school career.

INFORMATION:

Ms. Smith will share some of the many projects she and our team have been involved with over the past year, highlighting the importance of the work in the early years area. Our StrongStart Educators and primary teachers are key in providing foundational learning for our young students. The work that we do with these educators is key in helping to ensure success in the early years.

Strengthening community partnerships by working with Childcare Resource and Referral Centre staff, band schools, and staff from HeadStart programs helps strengthen our connections with others in the community. Building these relationships and learning together is not only fun but also helps promote positivity for all our children.

Changing Possibilities 4 Young Children 2025 was a huge success as well. Unfortunately, this is the last year for this Ministry of Education and Child Care-funded program. This program had our Early Childhood Educators and Kindergarten teachers who were involved follow a 'wonder child' for the year and track their growth throughout the school year. We also had participation from other Early Childhood Educators in the community. Our District participated in this program for 5 years. We are hoping to develop a 'home-grown' version in moving forward.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information only.

TO: Education Committee

FROM: Sean Cameron / Charlotte Lundeen

DATE: June 11, 2025

RE: SD 27 Speech and Language Program

INFORMATION

The school district is composed of various positions, departments, and staff who support the work of teachers occurring directly in the classroom. A key service to the success of students is the Speech and Language program. Charlotte Lundeen will provide a presentation on the speech and language program currently in place in the district. The presentation will include background information on the critical importance of language development for learning, prevalence and impact of communication disorders, speech language program overview, case load overview, key initiatives, and recruitment challenges.

The intent of the presentation is to provide background on the services the position provides and also to celebrate and recognize the work being completed.

RECOMMENDATION

None. For information only.