

Staff Report



April 15, 2025

To Board of Education (Public Meeting)

From Sean Nosek, Superintendent/CEO

Re District Planning Team Update

This report is presented to the Board for information.

BACKGROUND:

The District Planning Team, whose mandate is to “support a system-wide focus for enhancing student learning in the district and reflect a public commitment to work together to continuously improve learning for each student” (Ministry of Education and Childcare Policy for Enhancing Student Success), resumed its work for the 2024-25 school year. The committee exists to support the engagement and implementation of the Board’s Strategic Plan. The District Planning Team consists of Trustees, district staff, principals and vice-principals, parents, teachers and secondary students.

The planning team met three times this year to discuss various topics, including:

1. Education in the Age of AI
2. Provincial K-12 Anti-Racism Action Plan Framework
3. Career Education

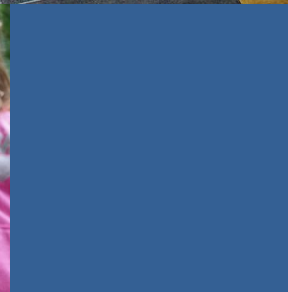
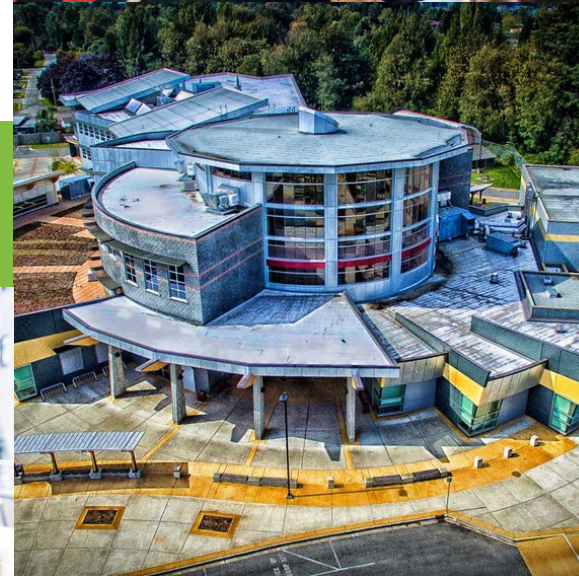
Superintendent Nosek will present some of the summaries and insights from the meetings and how the District Planning Team will continue to meet and identify ways to advance the goals of the Board’s strategic plan.



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Sean Nosek
Superintendent of Schools



Making us better.

"To continuously improve learning for each student."



Vision, Mission, Values

Our Mission

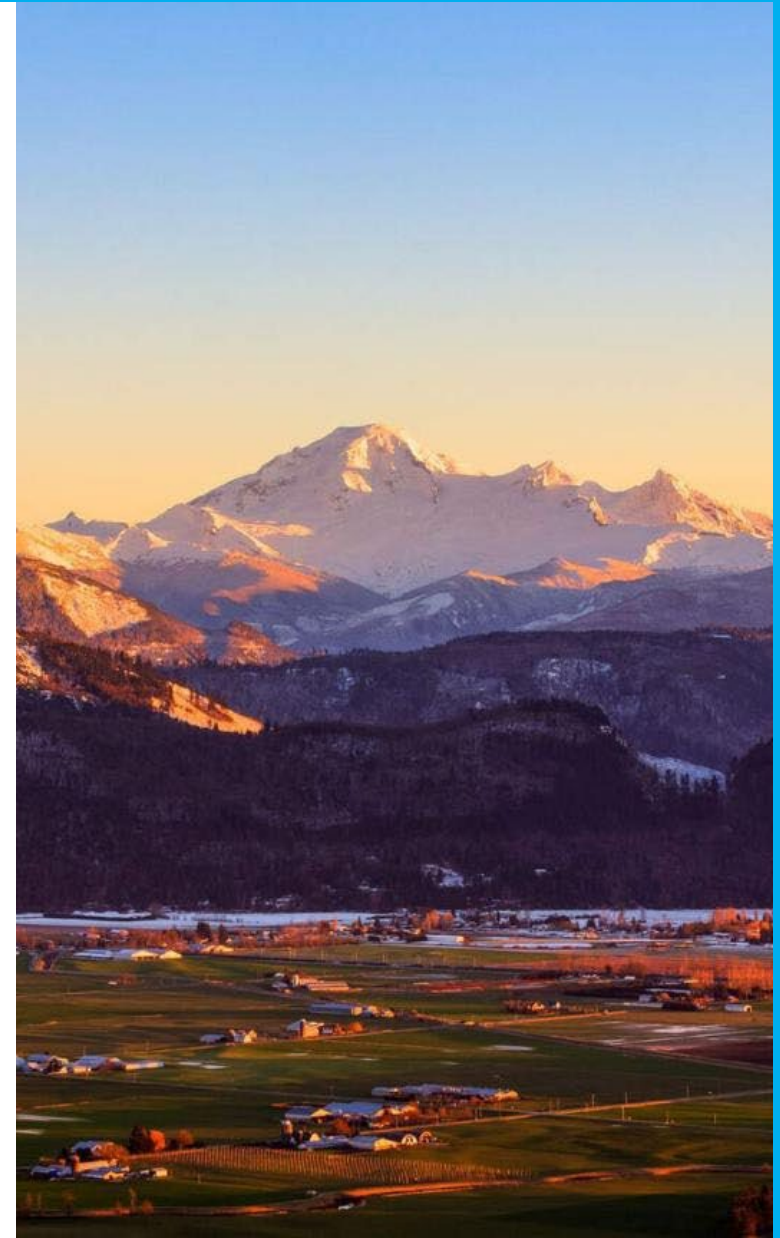
Preparing and inspiring our students for a lifetime of success.

Our Vision

A world-class, innovative, and individualized educational experience for every student.

Our Values

Respect, Trust, Integrity, Communication, Teamwork.



Strategic Plan Pillar Connected to Our Work...



Student Success

Our students will be engaged, challenged, and prepared for a lifetime of success.



Optimized Resources

We will be creative and responsible in the management of our educational resources.



Engaging Opportunities

We will provide engaging opportunities for every member of our organization to contribute to student success.

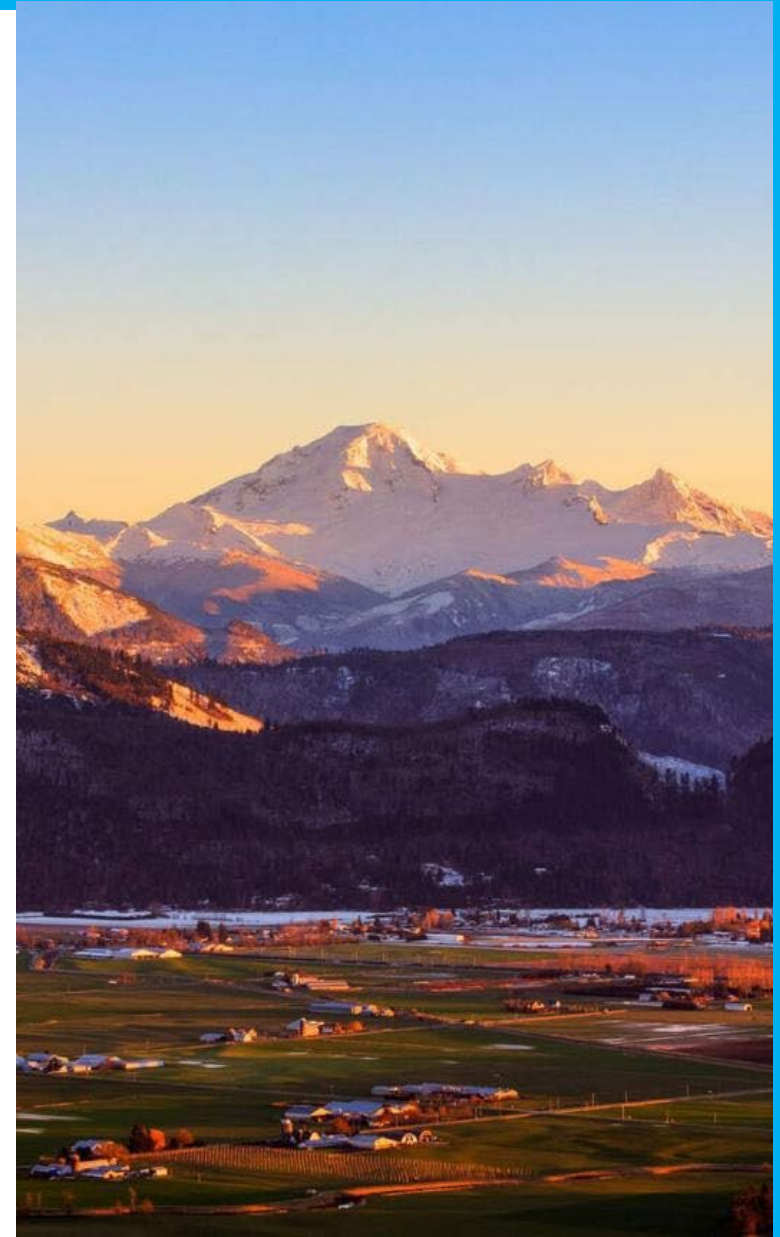


Progressive Workforce

We will provide a workplace that fosters creativity, inspires excellence, and challenges everyone to embrace growth.

Enhancing Student Learning

- Intellectual Development
- Human/Social Development
- Career Development (including post-secondary transitions)



Meeting #1 – October 28

Education in the Age of AI

What about Generative AI at school?

- How are students using it?
- How are teachers using it?
- How could AI help to personalize learning?

Education in the Age of AI

- Writing and Editing
- Study and Homework Assistance
- Creative Projects
- Organization and Planning
- Personal Assistants
- Entertainment and Media
- Health and Fitness
- Home and Daily Life
- Translation

Meeting #2 – January 20

Anti-Racism Action Plan

What does it look like and what do you wonder, or want to learn more about?

Anti-racism Action Plan

- There is an increased emphasis on recognizing and celebrating diverse cultures in schools
- Utilizing student-led initiatives, such as newspapers, survey, student clubs and leadership groups to foster greater student representation and problem-solving capacity.
- Need to continue to build community, awareness, and reporting mechanisms
- Equity toolkit could be promoted more than it is.
- Follow up on reports or racism is essential; racism needs to be called out
- Schools develop interesting and unique approaches

Meeting #3 – February 24

Careers and Life After High School

How does your school encourage you to think about life after high school, including post-secondary options and careers?

Careers

1. **Career Education Courses:** CLC and CLE courses have been helpful in exploring career options.
2. **Teacher Support:** Teachers encourage and introduce students to various careers, such as corporate law and teaching.
3. **ADST Classes:** Classes focused on making things, like mechanical engineering, are inspiring.
4. **Trades Programs:** High school offers trades programs like hairdressing and other trades, providing life skills.
5. **Parent Career Talks:** Parents sharing their career experiences helps students learn about different options.
6. **Exposure to Careers:** Opportunities to explore careers through internships, business, science, etc.
7. **Internship Programs:** Internships allow students to explore and understand their interests.
8. **Diverse Electives:** Electives like psychology, law, makerspace, woodworking, and photo help students discover their passions.
9. **Mentorship Programs:** Mentorship programs and capstones provide valuable guidance.
10. **MYBLUEPRINT:** The MYBLUEPRINT tool is highly praised for career planning.
11. **Post-Secondary Nights:** Events at the beginning of the school year provide information on post-secondary options.
12. **Career Advisors:** Career advisors at schools like Mouat and Abby are beneficial.
13. **Counsellor Relationships:** Good relationships with counsellors and teachers help students explore career options.

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Careers and Life After High School

What can we do better to prepare you?

Careers

1. **More Advertising**
2. **More Volunteering Opportunities**
3. **Parent and Adult Talks:** More parents and adults talking to younger grades about their careers.
4. **Focus on the 'How':** Career education should focus more on how to enter specific careers.
5. **More Hands-On Experiences**
6. **More Financial Literacy:** Teaching financial literacy, including taxes, budgeting, and credit planning.
7. **Real Life Skills Electives**
8. **More information on Post Secondary Programs**

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Thank you.

