



## EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA

Wednesday, April 27, 2016, 4:00 P.M.

SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE

425 Jermyn Avenue

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Adoption of Agenda**

MOTION:

That the agenda be approved.

3. **Presentations**

### 3.1 **Through a Different Lens**

In September 2016, Through a Different Lens (TADL) received a second grant from the Vancouver Foundation (\$150,000 over three years) to continue the work and to grow it both deeper and broader.

The Through a Different Lens project is committed to supporting instruction in the regular classroom for ALL students; to help create environments where students can use their strengths to learn and to represent their knowledge in a variety of ways. The project is now in its fifth year.

Members of the TADL Leadership Committee will provide the Education Committee an overview of the work they have been involved in during the 2015-16 School year. As well, this group has been meeting regularly to plan for the next few years.

### 3.2 **New K to 9 Curriculum**

Kirsten Odian, District Early Learning/Literacy Helping Teacher, will provide an overview of the new K to 9 curriculum and competencies. She will also share both current and future plans for supporting teachers in the implementation of the new curriculum.

### 3.3 **Making Grading and Reporting Personalized at the High School Level**

Many educators at all three high schools have been working over the past decade to make grading and assessment more effective and to align it with practices that are contemporary and research-based. Recently a concentrated effort, largely centered at SSS, has been made to harness the effectiveness of performance scales, student self-reporting and personalized feedback within the framework of a provincial reporting structure that is percentage-based and often light on information specific to the student. Not only are these teachers energized in seeing the results of inviting our students into the reporting realm, but they have been featured in an internationally distributed DVD just released through ASCD showing the results of this work. Myron Dueck, Vice Principal at Summerland Secondary, will describe the 1-6 performance-based system that teachers at SSS are piloting and show clips of the DVD.

**4. Information Items**

**4.1 Artists in Education Grant Allocation for 2016-17**

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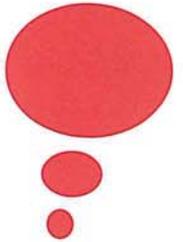
**5. Action Items**

**6. Upcoming Policies**

- Policy No. 211 - Distribution of Materials to Students
- Policy No. 230 - School Response for Critical Incidents
- Policy No. 240 - Parent Advisory Councils
- Policy No. 300 - Student Registration
- Policy No. 322 - Harassment/Threats/Intimidation/Racial Prejudice/Violence
- Policy No. 440 - Locally Developed Courses

**7. Question Period**

**8. Adjournment**



April 7, 2016

Wendy Hyer, Superintendent of Schools  
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**RE: Artists in Education Grant Allocation for 2016 – 2017**

The Artists in Education (AIE) grant supports BC school districts and associations by providing matching funds for artistic performances, workshops and residencies. AIE is an initiative of the BC Arts Council and funded through the Government of British Columbia's Creative Futures Initiative, part of an ongoing commitment to ensure all British Columbians are able to participate in a healthy arts and cultural community recognized for its excellence. The AIE grant is administered by ArtStarts in Schools, a not-for-profit organization that promotes art and creativity among BC's young people.

We are pleased to inform you that SD 67, Okanagan Skaha is eligible to receive **up to \$7800** for artistic activities planned for the 2016 – 17 school year. Please note the actual grant awarded may differ and will be confirmed once all applications have been reviewed in October.

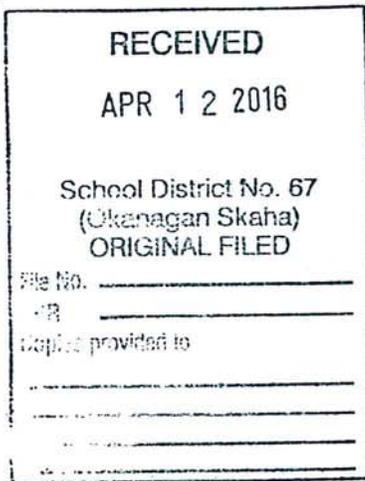
We have sent the Artists in Education program guidelines, application and final report forms to **Don MacIntyre**, your District's AIE coordinator. Completed reports and application packages must be submitted by the following deadlines:

- **AIE Guidelines**
- **AIE Application** for 2016 – 2017 activities due by **May 27, 2016**
- **AIE Final report** for 2015 – 2016 activities due by **September 23, 2016**

Please acknowledge the financial support given by the BC Arts Council and the Government of British Columbia in all correspondence and communication regarding use of these funds. If you have any questions, please contact me at 604.336.0626 ext. 102 or via email [aie@artstarts.com](mailto:aie@artstarts.com).

Sincerely,

**Sarah Kim**  
AIE Program Coordinator



ArtStarts in Schools gratefully acknowledges:

