EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Presentation: Breckin Baillie

The Superintendent introduced Merritt Bench Elementary School student Breckin Baillie to go over his Where Challenge, 'Made in China' contest submission. Mr. Baillie provided a thorough overview of the contest and his submission. He noted that he received a National award for Best Research and received over \$300 in prize money.

Chairman Comeau thanked the young earth scientist and asked what is next. To which Mr. Baillie replied, "The Noble Peace Prize".

Learning Improvement Fund (LIF)

The Superintendent reported that the total LIF funds for the 2013/2014 school year is \$311,007 of which \$39,936 is allocated to CUPE Certified Education Assistants and the remaining \$271,071 is allocated to schools. He noted that Principals meet at the school level and provide proposals to the Superintendent for allocation of dollars. The next step involves the Superintendent meeting with the local unions to discuss the proposals.

Preliminary Enrolment

The Superintendent provided information on the preliminary enrolment. Projected enrolment for elementary schools was 1,099 students and to date, current enrolment is 1,142, representing an increase of 43 students from projections. Projected secondary school numbers were for 809 students with a total enrolment to date of 817, representing an increase of 8 students from projections.

Annual School Plans

The Superintendent advised that school plans will be presented to Trustees on October 9, 2013 in Merritt and October 10, 2013 in Princeton, both meetings beginning at 5:30 p.m. He also noted that these are open meetings and the public is invited to attend if interested.

Field Trips

The list of Superintendent approved field trips was circulated for review.

The Gideons Re: Youth Testaments

A letter was received from The Gideons International in Canada requesting a list of district elementary princi-[a7-169(pr)T1c521 0 0 1 144.02 .(ntar)5(ntar)5fr)6(om)arurpois

from these two schools were sent to Nicola Canford and Collettville Elementary Schools.

13/123 It was moved and seconded:

THAT approv

Tender Summary Kengard Learning Centre Fire Protection Upgrade

The Secretary Treasurer also circulated the list of tenders received for the Kengard Learning Centre Fire Protection upgrade.