

# CURRICULUM UPDATE

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Exciting news – the Grade 10 curriculum is finalized and available on the [Curriculum website](#). We look forward to the posting of the Grade 11 and 12 program as well, planned to be posted by June 29, 2018.

A few current events that are supporting the shift to new curriculum across the province, and at which we have teams in attendance:

## BCLCA Conference May 4 in Nelson

- Over 80 teacher participants from all around the Southern Interior of BC ( Kelowna, Revelstoke, SD20, SD10 etc.)
- Well attended with 8 French Immersion Teachers from SD8, Vanessa Finnie from Innovative Learning Services, and Carol-Ann from Trafalgar
- Amazing Welcome Speech (completely in French) given by Superintendent Christine Perkins
- A wide range of workshops for participants to sign up for; teaching proper French pronunciation, First Nations perspective in a French immersion setting, Core Competencies, Inquiry, Design Thinking, etc
- Ed Camp (opportunities to ask questions) with Linda Beddouche from the Ministry of Education
- Vendors from 5 different publishing companies stocked with French books and resources readily available for teachers to buy
- Human Resources had a booth to promote French jobs in SD8
- Many Opportunities for networking and collaboration
- There is a lot of enthusiasm to have this event happen again, possibly every 2 years. Great relationship with the BCLCA organizing committee.
- Ran smoothly without any issues

*It is with great pleasure that I can tell you that the **BCLCA là-bas** in Nelson was a success. It is my hope that we will be able to have this conference take place every second year in Nelson and continue to serve French educators' needs in the Southern Interior.*

*-Armelle Moran, French Immersion Consultant  
Central Okanagan Public Schools*

## Career Ed Regional Meeting

- 10 teachers and administrators from all of our secondary schools attended on May 3-4, along with Innovative Learning staff Brent Firkser and Naomi Ross – the largest district representation for our region,
- Great presentation on the realities of the workforce that our students are entering.
  - We need to prepare our students to transition job to job, not as much skills for the job,
  - Students are entering a workforce where life isn't as separated from work,
  - Students will really need to know themselves and their goals if they want to succeed,
- Presentation from Ministry of Education on Career Life Education Curriculum
  - Within this region it is apparent that our district is ahead of the curve on development and support of the Capstone Project,
  - With Capstone, we are in a position where we could lead the province in how this curriculum can be developed in the classroom,

- The team came back with a number of ideas for moving forward for our district – examples such as Junior Skills BC, Junior Achievement and Project Heavy Duty
- SD8 is planning to present workshops on ‘Discover the Trades’ and ‘Capstone’ at the Career Education Conference in the fall!
- Opportunity for networking and sharing best practice on the new Career Education curriculum

### **Network of Inquiry and Innovation**

- A team of two teachers and a vice principal from PCSS are heading down this weekend to the Network of Inquiry and Innovation, an annual conference focused on collaboration and leadership with colleagues from B.C., the Yukon and around the world. Led by Judy Halpert and Linda Kaser, this symposium provides a combination of speakers and small group case studies. The team that is attending from SD8 has plans to work with Linda and Judy in the fall as part of the Focus, Learn, Excel initiative

### **Growing Innovations**

- Through the Rural ‘Growing Innovations’ project, one of our South Nelson teachers attended a networking and sharing event this week-end at UBC. South Nelson is participating with a project in the ‘Growing Innovations’ initiative this year, and commented as follows:

*"The Growing Innovations Symposium was AWESOME. So many FABULOUS initiatives across the province, and just about every one of them I would LOVE to be a part of. So fun and inspiring to be with such fired up educators doing inspirational things. Thank you for this fantastic opportunity and support."*  
 - teacher, School District #8

### **Small Secondary Schools Think-tank**

- A team of two teachers and the principal from Crawford Bay are heading to Kelowna next week to participate in the Small Secondary Schools think-tank, a collaborative inquiry opportunity where a number of small secondary schools from across the Okanagan and Kootenays meet to discuss a case study challenge faced by our small secondary schools, and to participate in a design challenge and solution seeking conversation to support the school with the case study. Our team will connect with colleagues who face similar challenges, and develop a network of support for creating opportunities for students in rural areas