**Simon Fraser Principal Report to PAC November 19, 2019**

I acknowledge that we are learning and working together on the traditional and unceded territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil Waututh Coast Salish people.

**Programming**

Leslie Germain the school Area Counselor and a number of our teachers have recently taken a course called Everyday Anxiety Strategies for Educators- the EASE Anxiety prevention program developed by Anxiety Canada. The EASE program is a 12 week cognitive behavioral based anxiety and stress prevention program for grades K-7. The lessons are very well organized and engaging, grade level appropriate, and include extensions such as picture books and videos. It connects to the redesigned curriculum in that each lesson highlights the core competencies being covered, as well as what aspects of the career and physical health curriculum that is being covered. More information can be found on the Anxiety Canada website- <https://anxietycanada.com/ease/>

**Assemblies**

I believe that school assemblies are an important way to build community, to develop a positive school culture and climate and to celebrate success. The Remembrance Assembly was an excellent example of our school coming together and sharing a respectful and solemn occasion. Our older students were excellent role models and really helped to set the tone.

This Thursday, we will have our star student assembly and the theme is kindness, following World Kindness Day last week. At the end of my report, I am going to share a video that the assembly presenters have made asking the question to members of our school community- What does Kindness mean to you?

**Collaboration with Parents and PAC**

Thank you very much for your hard work and fund raising at the Casino night. We are thankful for your time and energy and look forward to provide many additional teaching and learning opportunities.

We have now spent the direct drive money- thank you! The laptop cart is on the way and I have managed to top up the number of laptops we can purchase to 20- they will be delivered then configured by VSB staff and expect them to be ready to use in January. This week we have 200 chairs being delivered which means we can now set our own dates for concerts and also sit in comfort.

**We are looking forward to-**

* Movie night- November 28th
* Winter Concert- December 19th- am and pm performances