**Simon Fraser Principal Report to PAC October 22, 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.

**Curriculum development**

Last month I provided an update about our school participating in the Communicating Student Learning initiative outlined on the VSB website <http://i3.vsb.bc.ca>. As a staff we have been looking deeper into our teaching and assessment practices as they relate to the redesigned curriculum and the reporting out of student progress. The newer reporting system comes from a strengths based approach as opposed to a deficit model. The guiding principles of assessment that the VSB has adopted are to help students answer three questions about their learning:

Where am I now?

Where am I going?

How do I get there?

The purpose of assessment is to move learning forward and to have the learner at the centre. On Friday several teachers will be looking at the online eportfolio being piloted by two of our teachers and we will be having a lunch and learn session next month to continue our learning.

**All learners welcome**

At Simon Fraser Elementary we value being able to provide unique learning opportunities for everybody regardless of their age or their position. We also recognize that everyone in the school has valuable skills and experiences to share with others. This term we have had three SSA practicum students from the Langara and the VSB training programs shadowing our SSA team. This year we have three student teachers from UBC who will be completing the teaching component of their courses in Divisions 1, 2 and 3. Later on in the year we are expecting to have some student teachers from Simon Fraser University. It is wonderful modeling for our students to see adults learning and for our staff to be recognized as mentors.

**Collaboration with Parents and PAC**

We are thankful for the ongoing support of all parents and the PAC who have undertaken many initiatives to support the staff and students at the school. You really contribute to the creation of a vibrant and engaged community- in the space of a couple of weeks we have volunteers helping at the book fair, on field trips, at Cross Country meets, coaching volleyball and families donating to the Walk-A-Thon, and PAC organizing the Pumpkin Patch, the Spiritwear sale, the Halloween Dance and the Casino night at the Heritage Hall on November 1st. Thank you.

**We are looking forward to-**

* A lot more field trips!
* Volleyball games- practices are underway and matches are starting
* Halloween Dance
* Remembrance assembly