



# School District 47 (Powell River)

## Westview Elementary

*2016-2017*



## School Improvement Plan



## Introduction

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Westview Elementary is located in the Grief Point/Westview area in the community of Powell River, BC. In 2015-2016 there was a student population of approximately 335, in 13 divisions/classrooms. Westview is part of School District #47 - Powell River and the largest elementary school drawing students from all over the Westview area. Below are the most recent Student Statistics provided by the Ministry of Education:

- 49.5% of the student population is male
- 50.5% of the student population is female
- 7.4% of students are Aboriginal
- 9% of students have Individual Education Plans
- 2% of the students are ESL



## School Profile

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2016-2017 will be the fourth year at Westview.

- Westview has a very dedicated staff who work hard to meet student needs.
- Academics are of utmost importance but Westview is also known for a commitment to music (choir, modules, jazz) programs and athletic programs.
- There is great support of the school by community members, many of whom were Grief Point/Westview students as well.
- We have a very active PAC who organize numerous fundraisers and volunteer throughout the school to support teachers, field trips, school wide events, and the purchasing of sports equipment for our students.
- There continues to be excitement within the school and our wider school community about the "new" school and its ability to provide an excellent learning environment for everyone.
- The staff are still learning the systems and nuances of the new building and playground and are continuing to adjust systems and routines to take full advantage of the building's abilities.



# Statement of Belief

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We are a community of passionate learners where we value -



created: June 2015  
revised: June 2016



## Goal 1 - Engagement & Connections

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### Action Item 1

#### **Building a Community.**

#### Goal:

**We will create activities that build a sense of community in and around Westview Elementary School for students, parents and staff.**

#### Strategies:

The "4 Cs"

Celebrate, Communicate, Collaborate, Continue

- 1- **Celebrate**-we will increase and adopt new ways that we celebrate student learning through: assemblies, showcases, challenges, bulletin boards, performances, school wide events.
- 2- **Communicate**-we will increase school wide communication through: email list, YAPP, Twitter, school web page, school displays, celebrating student work in the commons, monthly videos and coffee with the principal.
- 3- **Collaborate**-we will increase school wide collaboration through: buddy classes, a redesigned parent night, teachers working



together on the re-designed curriculum, creating collaboration time in the schedule for teachers and staff get-togethers.

- 4- **Continue**- we will continue many of the valuable practices begun in the past such as: intramurals, athletics, sustainability practices including composting, gardening and recycling, Science Fairs and Challenges and our dedication to the Fine Arts.

### Indicators of Success

The Westview staff will create a survey that measures the index of community to be administered to students, staff and parents at both the start and conclusion of the school year. It will then become part of the Satisfaction Survey each year to keep tabs on progress.



## Goal 2 - Educational Excellence

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### **Improve Westview Elementary student's achievement in Writing.**

Westview began this goal in the 2015-2016 school year and did not achieve all the indicators of success. In light of a new/redesigned curriculum being implemented, we would like to regroup and refocus on this goal for the 2016-2017 school year.

#### Indicators of Success

- Create a Writing Focus/Planning Committee
- School wide writes(only 1 on Literacy Day)
- Collaboration time for shared assessment and marking,
- Creation of a scope and sequence for Writing,
- Professional development with a writing focus.
- A greater percentage of students will be meeting or exceeding expectations by the final report card of the 2015-2016 school year.(TBD)



## Summary

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The Westview staff continue to define their vision for a dynamic Westview Elementary School. The experienced and skilled group of teachers, with many different strengths are committed to making the learning environment for students and teachers more challenging and rewarding. We continue to work together toward a collective identity that drives student learning forward in a safe and engaging environment here at Westview Elementary.

