



World Class Learning in a Rural Environment

**January 13, 2015
Committee of the Whole Board Meeting
Superintendent/Secretary Treasurer Report**

1. Head Count Student Enrollment at January 13, 2015 – 490 students

School	Sept 30, 2013	June 24, 2014	October 17, 2014 (1701 snapshot count)		January 13, 2015
			Head Count	FTE	
Arrow Lakes DL	24	38	24	16.875	36
Burton Academy	0	0	12	3	13
Edgewood School	23	23	30	30	29
Lucerne School	89	87	95	96.375	96
Nakusp Elementary	188	191	165	165	166
Nakusp Secondary	160	159	148	146.4375	150
Total Enrollment	484 students	498 students	474 students	457.6875 students	490 students

1. Professional Development Day – January 16th – at the Bonnington

- Two excellent sessions will be offered on January 16th Pro-D day:
 - 9 am to noon – *Keeping the “Public” in Education: The Dangers of Privatization*, Becky Blair from the BCTF
 - 1 pm – 3 pm – *Place-Conscious Learning* with Dr. Linda Farr Darling, UBC
 - Public is invited to the afternoon session where district examples of innovative place-conscious learning will be shared

2. Larry Espe, Superintendent of Skills and Careers Pathways - February 17th Visit

- Larry Espe will meet with students, staff and parents from both high schools during the day – Larry will present about 21st century learning and the need for hands-on skills and trades training.
- Students, staff and parents will examine our current hands-on and skills learning and gaps and challenges in this area to build on.
- An evening session in Nakusp with Larry, will be open to a range of community partners, staff, parents, and students as we continue the discussion about working together to increase opportunities for hands-on skills in our school district
- Ulli Mueller from Selkirk College and the Director of Learning and Superintendent are planning the evening community meeting

3. Conflict Resolution Training with Raj Dhasi from Turning Point Resolutions

- 7 district teachers attended this voluntary session on Sunday the 1st of January
- Teachers felt the session was very valuable and a number had wanted to but were unable to attend
- The ALTA has approached the district about having Ms. Dhasi back next year to work with all teachers on the shared district/ALTA Pro-D day

- Raj also worked on Monday with the district Leadership team on neuro-science and conflict management skills

4. Saving Energy in SD 10 – Current Initiatives

- The district is following up on the recommendations of the Operations Review report which indicated we are spending \$94,000 more than average on energy costs
- Hydro costs last year were \$110,000; from Nov 7 – Dec 5 2014 we paid \$12,556.46 for one month!
- **Energy Cost Reduction initiative #1 – Turn down the heat:**
 - Current classroom temperatures are set at 21° C with night temperatures which reduce heat to 17°C starting at 9 pm
 - Draft plan is to reduce temperatures from 3:30 – 6 pm to 19°C and then from 6 pm – 6 am to 17°C – though this is a small change; we will monitor for impact
- **Energy Cost Reduction Initiative #2 – Solar Energy Project Proposal:**
 - District submitted a CNCP (Carbon Neutral Capital Project) proposal Jan 9th, 2015 to the Ministry of Education for installation of roof solar panels on two schools
 - NES and Lucerne were selected as the two initial projects based on recommendations, manageable costs and also payback as identified in our 2014 CNCP Solar Engineering Study
 - NES – Total project cost: \$25,453; grant request \$12,726; district cost \$12,727; cost savings annually - \$2670
 - Lucerne – Total project cost: \$74,200; grant request \$37,100; district cost \$37,100; cost savings annually - \$6940
 - District costs have been budgeted to come from our AFG (Annual Facilities Grant) budget
 - Future developments – electric power tools to reduce both GHGs and fuel costs and potential electric vehicles as well as solar expansion at other sites
- **Energy Cost Reduction Initiative #3 – CNCP Study Grant for Energy Savings Overview**
 - Susan Brenna-Smith, Art Olson and Superintendent are planning in consultation with the Ministry for our 2015 CNCP Grant to fund Energy Audit in the district with recommendations for savings and alternatives
 - This study will be conducted in the spring once we have our annual CNCP study funds
- **Energy Cost Reduction Initiative #4 – Research into Infrastructure Upgrades**
 - Maintenance Lead Hand, Art Olson is investigating costs of occupancy sensors, and more efficient lighting and energy systems as well as increases in roof insulation

5. Policy Review Process

- Scheduled meeting with the Board of Education, Anne Cooper, retired Superintendent from Revelstoke and Secretary-Treasurer on January 20th is now postponed to February

6. Draft District Protocols re: injured or ill students -

- Superintendent has distributed draft protocol to Leadership and trustees for feedback and it has also been shared with Lucerne PAC at Jan 7 meeting
- Aim is to gather input and then have final version of protocol in place for presentation at February 10, 2015 COW meeting

7. Winter Conditions/Power Outage Protocols

- Superintendent is working on a draft protocol to guide winter conditions and power outage procedures in the future and to inform staff and parents about these protocols
- No current district protocols, but general wisdom has been congruent with school districts across BC – to keep schools open with the proviso that student safety is uppermost in decision-making
- Given extraordinary winter snowfall on January 5 and 6 followed by January 7th's power outage, there have been questions and concerns expressed

8. 2015-16 Budget Consultation Process

- Leadership team met this evening with the Board to give feedback on impact of the 2014-15 budget and give input on building the 2015-16 budget
- Budget survey link will be sent out later this week; survey open till February 2nd with input sought from staff, parents, secondary students, trustees
- Staff and student meetings at schools are organized as follows: Feb 25 – NSS; Feb 26 – NES; March 3 – Lucerne; March 4 – EES
- Finance Committee Meetings are held Tuesday, Feb 24; Tuesday, March 10 and Tuesday, March 14th

9. Rocking the Page Initiative (see attached invitation letter to teachers)

- SD 10 is leading in innovative practice again with a Virtual and F2F Writers Festival involving 7 professional writers, 25-30 classrooms across BC, dozens of teachers, three teacher education programs, and hundreds of students collaborating and learning to become better writers
- From January to May 2015, writers will work online with students from all across BC, post to an online **Rocking the Page** website linked to our SD 10 site, and
- Richelle Johnston, English 7-12 teacher at Lucerne is Project Manager with assistance from Signy Fredrickson, District Aboriginal Education Support Teacher
- May 11-13, 2015 will feature a District Writers Festival in all our schools with five professional writers attending
- Support from ArtStarts in the amount of \$10,000 and from Growing Innovations in Rural Sites of Learning in the amount of \$2200 is the prime support for the initiative

10. School and District Website Updates

- New content added to district site (Stories of Success videos, Sup Reports)
- **Recent News** tab added to top right of main page on district site for easier navigation
- School and district calendar and content update sessions being scheduled with Nikta and each principal as well as Board Office staff
- International Education resources and information in process