



**February 24, 2015
Regular Board Meeting
Superintendent/Secretary Treasurer Report**

Head Count Student Enrollment at February 24, 2015 – 486 students

School	Sept 30, 2013	June 24, 2014	October 17, 2014 (1701 snapshot count)		February 24, 2015
			Head Count	FTE	
Arrow Lakes DL	24	38	24	16.875	32
Burton Academy	0	0	12	3	13
Edgewood School	23	23	30	30	27
Lucerne School	89	87	95	96.375	96
Nakusp Elementary	188	191	165	165	167
Nakusp Secondary	160	159	148	146.4375	151
Total Enrollment	484 students	498 students	474 students	457.6875 students	486 students

1. Larry Espe – February 17th Visit Report

- Student sessions elicited good interactions from all Grades 7-12 in the district; students in both schools identified current successes in hands-on learning and made good suggestions about more opportunities in the future
- Community Session held evening of Feb 17th with 28 participants at Bonnington
- Very positive engagement with community – these themes emerged
 - Create a database of community mentors who can assist individual or small groups of students – great crowd of employers and industry partners attended and there are many more in our area who could help our youth
 - Work toward greater partnerships with Selkirk College and our community partners in trades and other career areas (eg – solar energy renewable resources; forestry/sustainability; biomass energy project; construction projects in our communities...)
 - Start earlier – expose our younger elementary students to more opportunities for hands on learning

2. New Hands-On Learning/Shop Teacher position

- After consultation with principals, staff and parents at NES and Lucerne, a new Hands-On Learning and Technology Teacher position was posted (closes Feb 27)
- Teacher Education LIF funds will support this important position aimed at providing earlier opportunities for hands-on learning and proactively increase support for intermediate students at both schools to meet high social-emotional needs
- Student safety is enhanced when there are positive options for students and support in successful and engaging hands-on learning
- Shop classes at Lucerne Secondary will also be offered as this has been identified as a significant need by parents, students and staff

3. School Safety Concerns

- Concerns were expressed at last week's NES PAC meeting regarding student safety
- PAC President was contacted last week after the PAC meeting and advised that plans are underway and greater support will be in place to address their concerns
- The school principal and staff are working alongside the district Director of Learning to effectively plan for and ensure student safety
- Some of these plans include a full time Education Assistant re-assigned to one classroom, the addition of a temporary vice-principal to assist with daily supervision and support for teachers, contracted counselling services, and VTRA consultations with community partners to provide support and planning ahead

4. Policy Review Process

- The Board is committed to this process and will meet next on March 31st to begin review of our policies

5. Winter Conditions/Power Outage Protocol

- Draft Winter Conditions/Power Outage protocol is being shared with partners
- District website under "Recent News" has any school closure or bus cancellations, posted no later than 7 am in the event of any changes to regular operations
- KBS and CBC Radio are contacted with updates no later than 7 am
- Phone trees are now in effect at Edgewood and Lucerne schools
- Discussions held at NSS and NES about the best way to contact parents including the school Facebook page, as phone trees may not be as effective

6. Edgewood Busses

- Due to the recent Highway 6 closure near the Edgewood ferry, busses to and from Edgewood were cancelled for one day due to safety
- A temporary Forest Service Road is being used as a detour for all traffic

7. 2015-16 Budget Consultation Process Update

- a. Staff and parent meetings at schools will be held
 - i. Feb 25 – NSS; 3:30 – 4:30 pm staff; 5 – 6 pm parents
 - ii. Feb 26 – NES; 3:30 – 4:30 pm staff; 5 – 6 pm parents
 - iii. March 3 – Lucerne; 3:30 – 4:30 pm staff; 5 – 6 pm parents
 - iv. March 4 – EES; noon - 1 pm staff; 1 – 2 pm parents
- b. 3 Finance Committee meetings – 4:30 - 6 pm:
 - i. Tuesday, February 24th
 - ii. Tuesday, March 10th
 - iii. Tuesday, April 14th

8. Fauquier School Property

- a. Board has charged the Superintendent with researching possible disposal of the Fauquier School property
- b. For the past 15 years since July 1st, 2000, there has been no school in operation on the property, though there is a Strong Start Centre with several children attending
- c. Since the school closed, the community of Fauquier has used the building extensively for a Reading Centre, activity centre, community gathering place and for the community internet society

- d. Fauquier Communications Club Society has a lease agreement with the school district and maintains and operates the building at their cost; the property is still owned by the district
- e. SD 10 owns the property which is zoned Institutional
- f. In late April/May, the district will commence initial community consultations with the Fauquier community and other stakeholders