



**June 9, 2015  
Committee of the Whole Board Meeting  
Superintendent/Secretary Treasurer Report**

**Head Count Student Enrollment at June 9, 2015 – 488 students**

School	Sept 30, 2013	June 24, 2014	October 17, 2014 (1701 snapshot count)		June 9, 2015
			Head Count	FTE	Head Count
Arrow Lakes DL	24	38	24	16.875	40
Burton Academy	0	0	12	3	13
Edgewood School	23	23	30	30	28
Lucerne School	89	87	95	96.375	92
Nakusp Elementary	188	191	165	165	164
Nakusp Secondary	160	159	148	146.4375	151
<b>Total Enrollment</b>	<b>484 students</b>	<b>498 students</b>	<b>474 students</b>	<b>457.6875 students</b>	<b>488 students</b>

**1. Safe Schools – Emergency Management Update**

- Director of Learning/Safe Schools Coordinator and Superintendent attended this conference last week in Vancouver with an ear for gaining more information on this topic for the Board and discussing strategies with other districts
- Across the province, there is general consensus on implementation of the Emergency Management Planning Guide for Schools, Districts and Authorities' 6 required fire drills, and 2 recommended lockdown drills and 3 earthquake preparedness drills
- Most districts have these in place at present; all the Kootenay districts have 2 lockdown drills per year in addition to the 6 fire drills in place; SD 51 for decades
- Experience of our neighbor and cross-province districts is that awareness and preparedness reduces anxiety not increases anxiety
- Presenter, Jeff Kaye, Director of Public Safety for Desert Sands Unified School District shared that the last time in North America, a fire in a school killed students was in 1958, yet the benefit of these safety drills is well-known
- Mr. Kaye shared that emergency preparedness is "20% planning; 30% training and 50% practice"

**2. Graduation at our Secondary Schools – June 5 and 6; June 12 and 13**

- Splendid Graduation ceremony and banquet at Lucerne last week
- This Friday, June 12 is the NSS banquet; Saturday, June 13 is the ceremony
- Congratulations to our graduates and thanks to all our staff for their support over the years for our young people!

**3. Solar Project Update**

- The tender for the solar panels is in its final stages of preparation – tender is for solar panels and infrastructure only as the installation will be done by our local carpenter and electrician and students from both high schools in New Denver and

Nakusp will be trained

- As the roof at NES has needed repair and replacement work prior to the installation of the panels, the project start date is now planned for September 2015 once students are back in school

#### **4. Inquiry Research Invitation**

- SD 10 is one of fifteen districts across BC participating in a multi-year research project led by Dr. Catherine MacGregor from UVic and Dr. Judy Halbert and Dr. Linda Kaser into the impact of teacher professional inquiry and student inquiry on improving student learning
- Superintendent Taylor is on the Steering Committee which meets this summer in both July and August to frame the research inquiry template
- Learning from other districts about structures and practices that are most impactful to improve student and professional learning, as well as sharing our own experience with the province is a primary goal of the multi-year research

#### **5. Innovation Partnership Grants – June 17<sup>th</sup> deadline**

- Last Tuesday, the Ministry of Education announced the next stage in the BC Innovation Strategy – an action research and inquiry initiative
- The Innovative Partnership grants are being reviewed by an IPWG (Innovative Partnership Working Group) comprised of representatives from the BCTF, the BCSSA, BCPVPA, Fed of Independent Schools and the Ministry of Education
- June 17<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to submit proposals of innovative practice.
- Applications highlight where schools or districts have forged partnerships with post-secondary, engaged with like-minded schools and districts, engaged a diversity of voices, students and perspectives, engaged in collaborative professional learning, included community inside and outside the school, and demonstrated a willingness to take risks and learn from experience  
<http://www.k12innovation.ca/docs/Innovation-Partnership-Guidelines.pdf>
- Superintendent is working on a proposal encompassing the whole district and will include links to the district's video library of films showcasing SD 10 innovation

#### **6. 2015-16 Job Postings**

- Interviews proceed this week and next for 9 teachers and one VP position
- VP meetings with staff and parents are scheduled for June 15 at NES with interviews on June 16<sup>th</sup> – feedback on criteria was gathered on June 9<sup>th</sup> from NES staff and parents
- We have had excellent response to these postings from both internal and external candidates
- The job interviews consist of Part A: a 10 min prepared “Performance Task” and Part B: a 35 minute interview with 15 minutes time in advance of the interview to review the questions and plan for the interview