



World Class Learning in a Rural Environment

**May 26, 2015
Regular Board Meeting
Superintendent/Secretary Treasurer Report**

Head Count Student Enrollment at May 26, 2015 – 488 students

School	Sept 30, 2013	June 24, 2014	October 17, 2014 (1701 snapshot count)		May 26, 2015
			Head Count	FTE	
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
Total Enrollment	484 students	498 students	474 students	457.6875 students	488 students

1. Welcome to our new Executive Assistant!

- Please join us in welcoming Ms. Michelle Grenier who has started training and transition this week to the position of Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and the Board of Education
- Ms. Grenier brings a wealth of experience to the role including previous Exec Assistant positions, excellent interpersonal and teamwork skills. and skills in accounts payable, using technology, and communications

2. May 15 Pro-D day – A Celebration of Learning

- Very successful district day of sharing – 13 sessions featuring SD 10 teaching and learning practices and professional learning programs from K-12 were presented
- Feedback from staff and community attendees was very positive
- Tremendous thanks to all the teachers who presented! In all, 21/33 teachers in the district presented one or more sessions at this day of professional learning

3. Rocking the Page! F2F Writers Festival May 11-13, 2015

<http://rockingthepage.sd10.bc.ca>

- Students writers from NES and Lucerne shared their writing at Writing Coffeehouses in both Silverton and Nakusp on May 11 and 12
- Authors **Nikki Tate, Stuart Ross, Morgan Taylor, Linda Crosfield, Eloise Charet, and Owain Nicholson** facilitated workshops with students across the district
- We presented our *Rocking the Page* work to enthusiastic audiences of educators at the annual *Network of Inquiry and Innovation* conference Friday, May 8th and Saturday, May 9th and at the *Growing Innovation Symposium* Saturday, May 23rd

4. SD 10/Burton Community Learning Centre Society Partnership Agreement

- On May 12th, the Burton Learning Centre Society and the School District finalized

their shared use agreement for Burton School – a Letter of Agreement was signed that day and all of the Shared Use Agreement items were agreed upon

- The Burton community uses the school for various recreation and community activities under the auspices of the BCLC Society, while the district's Burton Academy Outdoor Education and Entrepreneurship program continues to thrive
- RDCK Director Paul Peterson's role in assisting with discussions was very helpful

5. International Education Update (report attached)

- The district continues develop an International Education program with the target of 10 full time International students for the 2015-16 school year
- Currently we have three students in the district from China who each pay \$12,000 tuition, the going rate in BC
- International Education programs are offered in school districts across BC and they serve two main aims:
 - 1) International Education programs increase current students' understanding and learning about other cultures, languages and customs in this global world
 - 2) International Education programs generate additional revenue to support K-12 district programs
- International Ed programs operate on a business model, and after a modest investment in the 2014-15 school year, the district plan is to be self-supporting by 2015-16, with increased revenue to return to the district budget by 2015-16
 - i. 2013-14 – net profit: \$21,924*
 - ii. 2014-15 – net loss/investment: \$30,404 less \$21,924 from 2013-14 = net loss of \$8480*
 - iii. 2015-16 – net profit: \$7,784*
 - iv. 2016-17 – net profit: \$53,123*
- Additional teachers will be hired to provide ESL/ELL support once we have met our 2015-16 enrolment targets

6. Edgewood Bus Issues

- Last week, EES parents were contacted both Monday and Tuesday regarding problems with the Edgewood bus
- Bus did not run on Monday as it could not start/hold a charge
- Tuesday, the transportation and maintenance department shuttled down a second bus which proved to also experience mechanical issues on its afternoon run
- Mechanic and Operations Manager on Tuesday early evening travelled to Fauquier and were able to get the bus back to the district bus garage for repairs
- Thanks to driver Jim Prentice, Mechanic Tim Fox, and Manager Art Olson for their teamwork, commitment and problem-solving
- This raises the issue of our bus fleet needing reliable extra busses – the team is examining next steps to ensure reliable bus service

7. District Van Update

- The 2014 Toyota Sienna van purchased a year ago for over \$33,000, has had another accident – this time with an NSS sports team colliding into a deer with the front bumper. Repair estimate is \$3000.
- Last fall the van was involved in an accident while on another NSS sports trip – cost to repair was over \$7100
- Our mechanic reports that the van brakes were also replaced recently as they were glazed from drivers using brakes rather than slowing and gearing down on hills

- Finally, the Manager of Operations reports that in a recent cleaning of the van by transportation staff, in addition to scuffs, dirt and other signs of use, a container of chocolate milk had been spilled on the seats and roof of the van
- Costs to provide support to extra-curricular teams are mounting
- District currently charges .25/km to use the van

8. NGN (New Generation Network) Update and Costs

- The New Generation Network (NGN) installation by the Ministry of Education with our district is proceeding as planned in July and August 2015
- Most of the infrastructure costs for this Ministry of Education project which will increase Internet speed and bandwidth, and provide higher level firewalls and security to the district is being borne by the province, as is costs for significant technical support by the Ministry team to the district
- District costs of new equipment needed for the NGN upgrade will be \$30,000 for all schools from our 2015-16 district budget

9. 2015-16 Job Posting News

- Ten positions at district schools are currently posted or will be posted by May 29:
 - i. **NES** – 1.0 Intermediate teacher; .6 intermediate teaching/.4 Vice-Principal; .4 intermediate teacher
 - ii. **Lucerne** – 1.0 K/1 teacher; .5 Learning Resource teacher; .75 secondary Science and elementary prep position; .9 secondary English/Fine Arts teacher
 - iii. **NSS** – 2 positions TBA once course selection is completed and timetable finalized
 - iv. **District** –1.0 itinerant elementary counselor and 1.0 itinerant Hands-On Learning/Technology teacher position (EES, NES and Lucerne)

10. Input to Changes to Accountability Framework (BC's Framework for Enhancing Student Learning – Discussion Draft attached)

- Since Bill 11 has passed, there are no longer School Planning Councils in the current format, nor District Literacy Plans, Superintendents Reports on Achievement, or District Achievement Contracts – new and more useful aspects of reporting on student learning are being discussed with all partner groups
- Ministry of Education has invited BCSTA and Boards of Education to give feedback on the changes to the Accountability Framework during conference calls this week
- Kootenay Superintendents and Directors of Learning are invited to give feedback and co-plan the new Framework for Enhancing Student Learning on June 22 in Creston
- The work ahead is to find more powerful ways to gather evidence of student learning, to better share this evidence with the public and education partner groups, to better communicate about aspects of the framework, and to better include partner groups as we develop school and district plans