



Month-end Report - August 2011

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EDUCATION

Professional Development (Staff)

- August Days 2011 went well. This year's initiative with WildBC has components that will continue during the course of the year. Each teacher can qualify for 2 hours of support from one of the facilitators, there is \$200 per teacher available for project work and every school has received a kit in one of the three areas of sustainability.
- The Monday sessions on the use of SmartBoards were well-attended by teachers. This complements our increasing number of SmartBoard installations.
- Thank you to the organizers of August Days 2011: Janine Fraser, Norm Sabourin, Darryl Turner, and Walt Osellame (retired). A big thank you to Susan Routley for putting the plans into action and to the IT department who were on site to insure that technology needed by presenters was working properly.

District Initiatives

- The Perley storage shed is completed to lock up. The Selkirk College Carpentry program ran out of time so the School District Maintenance Department completed the exterior of the building and will install the partition wall and shelves. They will not be completing the washrooms due to cost.
- A contract between PLnet and the District for the delivery of internet services to our school is nearing completion. Final reviews by Risk Management, our legal advisors and with our partner, the City of Grand Fork are nearly completed. Discussion on the master agreement on the ownership and governance of the community network commenced on September 9, 2011.
- Wireless access is now available in all schools. Students are invited to bring their wireless digital devices to school to further their studies.



Ministry Initiatives

- The provincial conversation continues regarding Personalized Learning and the role of Superintendents, school-based administrators, teachers, boards, parents and the community.
- The Ministry of Education has released revised ministry audit requirements, and these have been circulated to principals: there are enrollment, special education and aboriginal student enrollment and program delivery audits. All audits have an element of financial risk to the District if they are not adhered to.

Teacher Job Action

- Opening day and subsequent days are proceeding as expected. Our biggest adjustment was to ensure supervision of students.

- In the East Boundary teachers normally supervise before school, after school and recess. Excluded staff will supervise at lunch. During job action, teacher supervision will be handled by building administrators and excluded staff assigned to the school.
- In the West Boundary teachers only supervise at recess, CUPE personnel supervise in the mornings, lunch and after school normally. During job action recess supervision will be handled as follows:
 - Big White – teachers*
 - Beaverdell – teachers*
 - West Boundary Elementary – Principal and excluded staff
 - Midway Elementary – CYC from BCSS supervises at recess
 - Greenwood Elementary – Principal and excluded staff when available

*because Big White and Beaverdell are more than 45 minutes travel time away from the School Board Office, teacher supervision remains in effect.

Out-of-District Meetings for the Superintendent - September

- September 7 – Ministry meeting with other Superintendents, Michael Fullan, Valarie Hahnan, Tony McKay.
- September 15 & 16 – A SD51 team will visit Kamloops to learn about technology and methods used to deliver courseware between schools and as a tool for meetings.



Computer Technician, Anthony Bautista, putting the finishing touches on the new computer lab at BCSS.