



Month-end Report - October 2011

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EDUCATION

Bill 33

- All classes are in compliance

Professional Development (Staff)

- October 21st was the Provincial Non-Instructional Day. We had so many teachers attending out of district conferences we ran out of TOCs. Other teachers that stayed in-district submitted plans for the day – a condition was that teachers work in groups.

District Initiatives

- The district has purchased a license for ThoughtStream. ThoughtStream is an easy, flexible process for collaboration and engagement. By taking effective and proven methods of face to face facilitation and putting them into software, ThoughtStream allows you to reach out to diverse groups of people who can contribute ideas equally, efficiently and honestly. This software has been demonstrated at the Kootenay-Boundary BCSTA Fall Branch meeting. SD51 administrators have had a 1 hour demonstration using responses to questions they received. For more details [click here](#).

Numeracy

- The District Numeracy Committee discussions have commenced. [JumpMath](#) is being explored by several schools. Math has been identified in several school Growth Plans



Grant Announcement

- Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development has identified the next 6 communities that are eligible to receive funding through the After School Sport Initiative. The community of Grand Forks has been selected for funding eligibility in phase 2 of the program. This initiative provides funding to schools to expand or enhance existing after school sport and physical activity programming which is targeted to vulnerable students. As a condition of funding there are some expectations of the school district and some eligibility criteria that schools need to meet. The process to develop a plan to qualify for the funding will begin on November 10/11.

Ministry Initiatives

- The Ministry of Education has announced BC's Education Plan. Our district [web site](#) has several items for students, parents and teachers to explore.

Job Action

- The District has received notification that report cards must be sent out. Before any report cards are sent we will wait for the LRB ruling on report cards. BCPSEA has made a request to the LRB to require teachers to complete report cards.



Meetings out of District for the Superintendent

- Friday, Nov 18, 2011 - BCSSA Board Meeting, Vancouver