



April 2009 Report

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Aboriginal Education

- Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement 3rd annual report process
 - April 3 – Talking Circle and lunch with Ab Ed staff and the Boundary Aboriginal community @ Glanville Centre – points to ponder include how to ‘teach’ or talk about Aboriginal culture with students
 - April 27 – Ab Ed report working session, 12 – 4pm, SBO
 - May 5, Ab Ed parent mtg, WBES, 6 pm
 - May 6, Ab Ed parent mtg, GFSS, 6 pm
- Aboriginal Network of Performance Based Schools: Boundary schools involved-reports with poster board results available in May

Early Years Programs

- Boundary StrongStart Outreach formally announced
 - Outreach pilot begins April 2009 at Christina Lake, Midway, West Boundary and Beaverdell Elementary schools. Registration now available with sessions beginning before end of April in the school based Family Centres
 - Dr. D. A. Perley Elementary to begin in September – not formally announced
- Ready Set Learn pre Kindergarten school events completed
- Boundary Early Years Coalition mtg – May 19, 2 principals joining this Advisory
- Early Learning Framework/ROE debrief – mtg and Kindergarten teacher in-service planning in May

Student Services/Special Education

- April 6– Special Education Audit training in Victoria-MOE no longer wants to see a parent signature on the IEP – want evidence of parents being asked to consult about the IEP – such as a letter or memo with the invitation sent to a parent. (SD 51 IEP’s stood up well in the training process)
- April 15– Boundary Child and Youth Committee mtg at Beaverdell FC, 1-3 pm
- April 16, 17 BC CASE meeting in Vancouver
- April 20 - BCeSIS Individual Education Program & IEP in-service for special education teachers

- Walker Resource Program – presentation to the Board at April 14 meeting
- April 29 – Spectrum Solutions mtg in Nelson
- Walker adult program .25 staff increase (Bob Grieve) 17 adults plus wait list
- May 8 – POPARD and CUPE in-service for Teaching Assistants

Literacy and Learning

- April 9 - – Boundary Adult Literacy mtg to determine who our adult learners are, needs, gaps and program availability & accessibility etc. – attended by reps. from SD 51, Selkirk College, Boundary Community Futures, and Local and Regional Community Literacy partners
 - April 15,16 - Rural Schools Steering committee mtg in Vancouver – planning for October provincial conference
 - May 1– Schnellert group follow-up session at GFSS – 25 staff involved.
 - TA/Student Support staff Appreciative Inquiry group to continue to identify ways to keep current with professional development and in-service.

Partnership Projects

- April 7, 3 pm Safer Boundary Initiative –steering committee mtg @ Selkirk College
- April 8, 1 pm, City of Grand Forks Safety Focus Group mtg
- April 20 dinner, April 21, full day session with John McKnight – Building Community from the inside out –all trustees welcome – must register with Selkirk, \$25 fee for dinner and \$25 fee for full day session includes lunch
- Respectful Relationships –three year evaluation now underway.
- McCreary Foundation student survey released April 14 – results will be reviewed with the BC Safe School student survey data for 2008. We will also be sharing some or all of these results with Freedom Quest and with the Safer Boundary Initiative Steering Committee.