



February 2009 Report

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Aboriginal Education

- February 4 – Boundary Aboriginal Education Advisory mtg @ Perley 3:30 pm
- Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement 3rd annual report process
- Aboriginal Network of Performance Based Schools: 5 Boundary schools involved
- BANAC bringing in Dr. Lee Brown on February 13 for a full day session
- Aboriginal Culture Scope and Sequence initiated for grades 8 to 10

Early Years Programs

- StrongStart Outreach pilot – Boundary District invited to apply –deadline Feb 20
- February 5, 1 pm StrongStart Greenwood Grand Opening
- Ready Set Learn pre Kindergarten school events ongoing
- EDI community report – see chart of ‘sensitive’ periods in early child development

Student Services/Special Education

- February 3 – SD 51 case study featured on ‘Dual Diagnosis’ Video Conference
- BCeSIS Individual Education Program training for Special Education teachers happening in February.
- Walker Resource Program – new teacher Marissa Johnston replacing Leyland Hauser
- February 18 – attending tri-ministry Interior Regional CYSN meeting in Kamloops
- February 23 – Spectrum Solutions meeting in Nelson
- February 18 – Boundary Child and Youth Committee meeting at the School Board Office from 1 to 3 pm

Literacy and Learning

- February 5 – Community Literacy stewardship meeting, 4 pm @ RDKB Meeting Room
- Elluminate on-line sessions available Mondays’ from 3:30 to 4:30 pm – many different opportunities available and includes a pilot strategy on connecting classrooms around the province – literature and writing circles.

- Leyton Schnellert: February 12, 13 at GFSS. Two demonstration sessions at GFSS on February 12, the morning in a Science 9 class with Terry Nuyten, the afternoon demo with Kristen Merry in a Humanities class. Each demonstration will feature a pre meeting with 'observing' teaching followed by a debrief. February 13 session will continue on using the Literacy Framework to meet the needs of struggling students in regular classrooms.
- February 17, 3:45 pm @ SBO – August Days Planning committee

Partnership Projects

- Safer Boundary Initiative –January 8, program evaluation session @ Selkirk College
- Respectful Relationships –three year evaluation now underway.
- SD 51/Freedom Quest Collaborative Partnership pilot project. This involves Youth Drug and Alcohol prevention program services teaming with the Walker Resource program working onsite for up to six hours per week from February to June.
- BC Safe School student survey data for 2008 now being reviewed We will also be sharing some or all of these results with Freedom Quest and with the Safer Boundary Initiative Steering Committee.
- The Safer Boundary Initiative and community partners have decided to offer a one-time-only grant for projects in the Boundary that put the Circle of Courage concepts - Belonging, Mastery, Independence, and Generosity - into action. We will be offering small grants for projects that will be completed by June 2009. All schools in the Boundary are encouraged to apply. (see attachments)