

OPERATIONS TRANSPORTATION REPORT

February 2009

J. Hanlon, Secretary-Treasurer

Operations Manager

Dean Higashi is the new Operations Manager. Dean is very excited about his new role. We presently have an ad out for a Plumber and hope to have someone hired over the Spring break.



Green Initiatives

I attended the Green Initiatives meeting on February 13th. The group consisted of representation from the School District, City, and the Regional District. They are hoping to develop a plan to involve all those who are interested in making our region more environmentally friendly. Since not all schools were represented at the meeting, I am going to ask Principals for an update on the carbon neutral initiatives that are happening in each of their schools. A big thank you to Jessie McGraw for doing a great job on Chairing the meeting and getting all community stakeholders to the table.

Technology

The IT department installed the new lab and a new server at West Boundary Elementary School at the end of February. The Provincial Learning Network and Telus will be installing fiber to the Walker Development Centre during Spring Break. In early April the IT building across the street and Midway Elementary will also have fiber, and by September 2009, West Boundary Elementary will also be up and running. All this is great news! We are still working with PLNet on Greenwood and Big White.

All the computers at GFSS and BCSS were replaced in September 2006 with the same model, Seanix computers. In the fire we lost 30 computers from BCSS and GFSS and our spare computers for these two schools. Unfortunately we can no longer get the same Seanix computers, so instead we have replaced them with 30 Lenovo computers. In order not to have to create two lab images, a classroom image is not as complex to develop, we will be putting these new computers in each classroom at GFSS and using the Seanix computers in the classrooms as spares for the GFSS and BCSS labs. This work will also be done over Spring Break.

Anaphylaxis Training

The Bus drivers in the District were given the Anaphylaxis training in February. Linda Manson and Julie Damore were the two health nurses that provided the training. This provides us with more staff back up for students that are anaphylactic.

Fire Claim – IT Portable

We have been working on this claim, as you all know, since last August when the fire occurred. I was hoping to have everything replaced by March 31st. I submitted the invoices for the items we replaced up to January 31st to the adjuster. We have not ordered anymore items until I made sure everything we ordered so far would be covered. I just got the response back and they are funding for most things at 100%, other than the computers and servers which they are funding at 90% and hard drives at 50%. This leaves us with a cost of around \$25,000. I now need to prove that we are not getting an upgrade on our computers. This can be difficult as computer companies are always changing features. I am hoping to be successful with the Apple hardware but the IBM servers and some of the IBM models are going to be more of a challenge because we order basic and then add components to them.

To date we have replaced 505 of the 1,183 line items. That leaves 678 more to go! Out of the 678 items, however, we will not be able to replace 298 items. So we will continue with the other 380 items!

1701 Second Count – February

The 1701 second count was done on February 13, 2009. This February I trained Charlene to do it for me so that she may take this job over in September 2009. It was a great opportunity to show her. With all of our schools being on BCESIS and the Walker Development Centre now being categorized as an Alternate school, it is a much easier process than it has been in the past. Charlene did a great job and mastered both BCESIS and the Ministry verification process.

Pro D Attended- February

February 6-7 - BCELC Leadership Track – Seminar Series (Session 1 of 5)

February 19-20 - Productive Work Place Conversations Level 1



Productive Workplace Conversations—Cranbrook