



OPERATIONS/TRANSPORTATION REPORT

September 2011

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Ministry Forms - The Ministry has extended the deadline for the submission of reports by one week. The official snapshot date for reporting is still September 30th. We work closely with school secretaries, aboriginal education and special education teachers throughout September and so we are dealing with very few discrepancies. We do test downloads the last week in September and run the data through the Ministry verification software to analyze the information and address any issues before September 30th. This process enables us to submit our forms on time.

Technology – The technology department is continuing to trouble shoot issues created by the installation of new equipment. BCSS is using their 10 Mbps to its capacity. We purchased software to monitor why this is happening. There are several blocks when the technology is being used to access the new Academy of Reading and Math software that is housed on a server in Grand Forks. We have been asking PLNet to upgrade that school to 100 Mbps but we are not sure when that is going to happen. The only way to alleviate the problem at peak times is to house software locally at BCSS -- nothing money can't solve! We have ordered a server and will be installing it and imaging it during the month of October. That will leave room on the outside fibre for web based traffic.



A strand of fibre at the Boundary Learning Centre, installed many years ago, broke during a wind storm. Unfortunately that strand was also connected to the Bus Garage and Midway Elementary. We had to call in Axis from Vancouver to string the line which we have put underground this time. This was an unexpected cost and will be covered under the Annual Facilities Grant. We may or may not have internet for the upcoming Board meeting.

Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Pro D

On September 30th we brought in a team of teachers from School District No. 23 to provide an in- service for Education Assistants, Child and Youth Counselors and all Principals on nonviolent crisis intervention. We had a few teachers attend as well. The day was a huge success.



Trustee Election

The nomination period for the election is from October 4 to October 14, with the election being held November 19. On October 3 I held a School Trustee Orientation meeting to explain to prospective candidates the time commitment, roles of a trustee and also shared information about our District.