



March 2010 Report

Director of Instruction
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Aboriginal Education

- February 22: Residence Pole event review @ GFSS – Bob Grieve co-coordinating
 - This project will see a Residence Pole carved on site at the Arts and Culture Centre at Christina Lake from May 3-6. A team of internationally recognized Squamish Nation carvers and experienced local First Nation and Métis artists will work with a small group of Secondary students. – Much more information to come.
- March 17: Ab Ed Elementary planning team site visit and planning @ Christina Lake to plan and organize elementary student activities around the Residence Pole carving.

Early Years

- March 18: Early Years Screening committee mtg
- March 25: ASQ – Social and Emotional survey in-service - Kindergarten Teachers and Early Years Service providers will be attending

Special Education

- Youth Transition planning –on-going locally as per Fall 2009 signed protocol– with secondary sped teachers and adult community living personnel. Joint in-service sponsored by SD 51 and Boundary Adult Community Living coordinator Jason Zwal
- Regional discussions regarding implementation of the Youth Transitions protocol happening throughout the E.& W. Kootenay/Boundary districts and other signees.
- Essential Skills Assessment training – Linda Dolezsar, Marisa Johnson and Karen deWynter attending 5 days of training at the Trail Skills Centre. (SD 51 is a partner in this project)
- District School Psychologist has been awarded a certificate in Advanced Clinical Supervision in Psychology from the University of Calgary (December 2009)
- March 25: Health Promoting Schools Teleconference

Community and Regional

- **Connect Program:** – developed uniquely by researchers at SFU, Maples Adolescent Treatment Centre and MCFD for parents and caregivers of youth based on research examining: Attachment, Child and Adolescent Development, Mental Health, Parenting and Family Functioning, Prevention and Intervention Research, Parents' Feedback, Short and Long-Term Effectiveness. This is a 10 week program to help parents and caregivers of preteens and teens who are struggling to respond to difficult behaviour. A pool of Family Counselors and Child & Youth Counselors will be trained to work in teams to implement this program in the Boundary. **Recommendation that \$10,000 of Community LINK funding be available to support this initiative.**
- March 24: Child and Youth Committee meets in the West Boundary
- February 25: CBAL Strategic Planning Consultation re: Boundary Community Literacy