



# School District No. 51 (Boundary)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

April 9, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Boundary Learning Centre

## Agenda

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### Call to Order

### Presentations/Delegations

Aboriginal Education Student Support Plan – Marilyn Hanson and Sarah Bond

West Boundary Elementary Parent Delegation – Jody Klein

### 10 Minute Comment Period

### Adoption of Agenda

### Adoption of Minutes

March 12, 2013 – Regular Meeting

### Report on In-Camera Meeting from March 12, 2013

The Board discussed personnel issues, properties/facilities, business items, as well as approving an administration plan. There was also discussion on the bandwidth issue in Midway/Greenwood.

### Correspondence

Gallery 2 (Attachment)

### Business Items

#### 1. Superintendent's Report

- March Report 2013
- Monthly Class configurations (In Compliance with Bill 33)
- Edmonton Band Trip – final approval

**MOTION:** "That the Board approve the Edmonton Band Trip application and itinerary as presented."

#### 2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

- March Report 2013
- Enrollment March 2013
- Expenditure Report

#### 3. Director of Instruction's Report

- March Report 2013

#### 4. AFG – Trustee Advocacy ([Attachment](#))

#### 5. Value of Public Education – ME TOO

**6. Talking Break**

- Value of Public Education

**7. Greenwood/Midway Bandwidth Issues** (Briefing Note)

**8. Committee Reports**

- Operations Committee (Attachment)

**MOTION:** "That the Board approve the proposed AFG Plan for 2013/2014."

**9. Trustee Reports**

- All Candidates Forums
- BCSTA AGM 2013

**10. Around the Boundary April 2013**

**11. Trustee Activities and Upcoming Events**

BCSTA AGM 2013	April 25-28, 2013
CSBA Congress	July 4-6, 2013

Finance Meetings –	April 29 <sup>th</sup> at BCSS Library at 5:15 p.m. April 30 <sup>th</sup> at GFSS DLC Room at 6:00 p.m.
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Community Engagement -	April 29 <sup>th</sup> at BCSS Theatre at 6:15 p.m. April 30 <sup>th</sup> at GFSS DLC Room at 7:00 p.m.
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**Future Agenda Items**

**Next Board Meeting:** May 14, 2013 – 6:00 p.m.  
School Board Office

**Adjournment**

**QUESTION PERIOD**

The purpose of this portion of the Agenda is to provide the opportunity to members of the public, press, radio and staff to ask questions or request clarification on items placed on this evening's Regular Meeting Agenda.

Questions which do not arise from the Agenda may certainly be addressed. Points may be raised before or after the meeting days by approaching the Executive Officers or Chairperson. If such queries require formal address by the Board, they can be submitted, in writing, and considered for placement on the Agenda for subsequent meetings. Such inquiries are welcomed as many routine questions can be handled by the staff.

# School District No. 51 (Boundary)

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 51 (Boundary)  
held Tuesday March 12, 2013, 6:00 p.m. at School Board Office

The Chairperson called the Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present:	Mrs. T. Rezansoff	Chairperson
	Ms. V. Gee	Trustee
	Mr. K. Harshenin	Trustee
	Mr. D. Reid	Trustee
	Mrs. C. Riddle	Trustee
	Mrs. C. Strukoff	Trustee
	Mrs. R. Zitko	Trustee
	Mr. M. Strukoff	Superintendent
	Mrs. J. Hanlon	Secretary-Treasurer
	Ms. M. Ruzicka	Director of Instruction
	Mr. Kevin Argue	Superintendent Designate
	Mr. Doug Lacey	Director of Learning Designate

## Presentations/Delegations

Arts Council Delegation – Michele Garrison, Ted Invictus, and Anya Soroka were present to talk to the Board. Michele Garrison read a letter to the Board requesting review of the policy regarding perceived censorship practices of the District.

Shawn Lockhart presented information regarding the usage of the Fitness Centre at Grand Forks Secondary School as well as the use of electronic books starting to be utilized at the DLC/Library at GFSS.

## Adoption of Agenda

MOVED       Zitko  
2ND       Riddle

*“That the Agenda for March 12, 2013 be adopted with the addition of Me Too Value of Public Education as item #5.”*

CARRIED

## Adoption of Minutes

MOVED       C. Strukoff  
2ND       Reid

*“That the minutes of the January 8, 2013 and the February 12, 2013 Regular Board Meetings be adopted as circulated.”*

CARRIED

## Report on In-Camera Meeting from January 22, 2013

The Board discussed personnel issues, properties/facilities, business items and that the Board will be initiating a self-review process.

## Business Items

### 1. Superintendent’s Report

- The Superintendent’s monthly report was presented. He highlighted the Freedom of Information forms schools will be required to have signed if they and/or the District want to use student images in their newsletters and other public documents.
- School Calendars for 2013-2014 were presented.

MOVED       Zitko  
2ND       C. Strukoff

*“That the Board approve the School Calendars for 2013-2014, as presented.”*

CARRIED

**2. Secretary-Treasurer’s Report**

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the Operations/Transportation and enrolment reports for February 2013. The February expenditure report was also circulated.

**3. Director of Instruction’s Report**

The Director of Instruction report for February 2013 was presented highlighting the work being done to compile the annual report.

**4. Notice of Motion**

Trustee Reid presented the following notice of motion at the February 12, 2013 Board meeting:

MOVED Reid  
2ND Gee

“That the Board look into making John A. Hutton Elementary a K to 3 school and Dr. D. A. Perley Elementary a grade 4 to 7 school for the 2013/2014 school year.”

DEFEATED

**5. Me Too- Value of Public Education**

The BCSTA intends to use this program to raise the profile of public education.

MOVED Riddle  
2ND Harshenin

“That the Board Chair investigate if a portion of the All Candidates meeting for the upcoming Provincial Election on April 23 and 24 could be dedicated to questions on education and that the Board approach CUPE and the BDTA to see if they are willing to partner with the Board on this initiative to develop questions and to make sure that the local candidates are aware of the value of public education.”

CARRIED

**6. Talking Break**

The talking break focused on the e- readers and the value of public education.

**7. Community Engagement**

The topic for the Community Engagement will be Erase Bullying. The committee is considering a movie night and discussion on this topic. The dates will be April 29<sup>th</sup> in the west and April 30<sup>th</sup> in the east. Times will be announced.

**8. Request for Letter of Recognition**

The Board Chair will write a letter for all trustees to sign thanking Michael McEvoy for his service as President of the BCSTA.

**9. Vice Chair Briefing Note**

The Board discussed whether to have a Vice Chair and made the following motions:

MOVED Gee  
2ND Zitko

“That a Vice Chair position be elected immediately and the election for this position take place annually at the same time as the Board Chair Election”

CARRIED

MOVED Gee  
2ND Reid

“That the Vice Chair indemnity be at 90% of the Board Chair indemnity.”

CARRIED

MOVED            Zitko  
2ND                C. Strukoff

“That the five remaining trustees be assigned two month intervals and act as alternates during months the Chair or Vice Chair are absent.”  
CARRIED

The Secretary-Treasurer conducted an election by ballot and Trustee Riddle was declared the Vice Chair.

10. Policy 1342 - Held in Abeyance

MOVED            Gee  
2ND                Riddle

“That the Board hold policy No. 1342 (Distributing Union/Political Information) in abeyance pending the award of Arbitrator McPhillips, at which time this policy will be reviewed.”  
CARRIED

11. Committee Reports

Trustee Gee reported on the policy committee.

MOVED            Gee  
2ND                Riddle

“That the Board approve for circulation the following policy: Fundraising No. 1320.”  
CARRIED

Changes to Committee Meeting dates were presented. The Board approved the dates, with the times to be confirmed.

12. Trustee Reports

- BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting- Trustees Riddle and Reid reported.
- Rossland Visit – Trustee Gee reported.

13. Around the Boundary

February and March Around the Boundaries were presented.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer

Good Morning Teresa:

Further to the G2 Board discussions last night, G2 would like to request that a G2 link be placed on the School Board's website, in a manner consistent with your policies. For details on our side, our contact is Ted Fogg.

Many thanks for your consideration

Steve Hollett, co-chair, gallery 2



## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **March, 2013**

### **EDUCATION**

#### Class Size & Composition

- All classes are in compliance

#### Professional Development (Staff)

- August Days 2013 planning is underway. The theme being developed is “Teacher Inquiry”. Linda Kaser and Judy Halbert have been booked and they are the authors of “Spirals of Inquiry”. The Monday session will then lead into Tuesday sessions which will have speakers with an inquiry based approach in other subject areas.

#### District Initiatives

- As the Director of Instruction has reported, the Data Analytics project is moving forward. Purchase of FileMaker software is proceeding and discussions are underway of availability to Administrators for 2013-2014 planning.
- Interior Health has confirmed two more years of Health Promoting Schools Coordinators' funding - \$30,000/year. On behalf of the District I have confirmed our District's participation for two more years.

#### Literacy

- The Community Literacy Advisory Committee of the Boundary is proceeding with the development of a new District Literacy Plan for 2013-2014 and beyond. Sheila Dobie is the Community Literacy Coordinator. A planning meeting was held on March 25<sup>th</sup> and then on April 19<sup>th</sup> a community session will be held to develop the foundation of a new Community Literacy Plan. District representatives on the committee include Jennifer Turner, Ken Harshenin and Michael Strukoff. Other trustees are welcome on Friday April 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 4:00 at the Grand Forks Art Gallery – main floor Heritage Gallery. RSVP [sdobie@cbal.org](mailto:sdobie@cbal.org) if you intend to come. A youtube video you may find interesting in preparation is [Literacy is Like Velcro](#).

#### District Co-operation

- SD10 (Arrow Lakes) has been a supportive partner. Their District Principal, Terri Taylor has provided SD51 assistance on several occasions. On March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, SD51 returned the favour. Our Director of Instruction, Maxine Ruzicka was in SD10 sharing our Special Education practices. In February both Jennifer Turner and Maxine Ruzicka were in SD8 (Kootenay-Lakes) sharing our Internal Special Ed audit practices.

### **Meetings out of District for the Superintendent**

- April 11 & 12, 2013 - Vancouver, BCSSA Spring Conference
- May 2 & 3, 2013- Kootenay-Boundary Spring Chapter Meetings



# MEMO

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**TO:** Michael Strukoff  
**FROM:** Doug Wille  
**DATE:** March 14, 2013  
**RE:** Edmonton Music Tour – Final Approval

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Please find attached an application for a field trip requiring your approval and the itinerary for the Edmonton, AB music tour from May 7-11, 2013.

Thank you.

Doug Wille

APPENDIX B

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 51 (Boundary)  
APPLICATION FOR FIELD TRIPS  
Requiring Superintendent or Board Approval

TEACHER \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL G.F.S.S.  
DATE OF APPLICATION \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF TRIP May 7-11/13  
ACTIVITY/DESTINATION Concert & Jazz Band Concerts - Edmonton, Alberta  
GRADE(S) 9-12 SUBJECT Band  
Please Check One Box: 1. Curricular ☐ 2. Extra-Curricular ☒

PLANNING:

GOALS OF TRIP Performing at different venues outside of Grand Forks.

ATTACH OUTLINE OF EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES (OUTLINE FOR PARENTS)

Include educational activities prior, during and after the trip; worksheets and projects if applicable; names of chaperones; and itinerary

DATE OF PARENT INFORMATION MEETING (as required by policy) to be announced

Number of Students Involved 48 Number & Names of Chaperones 4  
Mr. Wille, Mr. Garrison  
Mrs. Argue, Mrs. Chapman

TRIP COSTS:

METHOD OF TRAVEL	<u>Western Bus Lines</u>	\$ <u>200</u>
LODGING ARRANGEMENTS	<u>Cedar Park Inn</u>	\$ <u>140</u>
MEALS	<u>Breakfasts &amp; one dinner provided</u>	\$ <u>80</u>
ADDITIONAL	<u>Attractions</u>	\$ <u>130</u>
TOTAL COSTS		\$ <u>550</u> per Student

SOURCE OF FUNDS: (If more space is required, use back of form)

Parents \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the School District Field Trip Policy

Approved By

[Signature]  
Principal

[Signature]  
Teacher

Superintendent of Schools

- PLEASE NOTE:
1. Prior to planning a trip, approval in principle must be obtained from the Superintendent or the Board, as per this policy
  2. The Superintendent is to be provided with an updated itinerary and chaperone list if these were changed or unavailable at time of original submission.
  3. Applications for final approval must be submitted three months in advance for Board approval, 30 days in advance for superintendent approval.
  4. Attach a completed Field Trip Qualifications Checklist (Appendix C)
  5. Attach an itinerary
  6. A follow-up report is to be submitted to the principal

# APPENDIX C

## Field Trips Qualifications Checklist

The teacher in charge should complete this checklist and return it to the Principal for the initial planning stages of the activity. The Principal will use this checklist in conjunction with discussions with the teacher in charge to determine the risk tolerance of the activity.

Instructions: Rate each of the following sub categories out of a possible 3 marks.

(0 = Unqualified, 1 = Minimally Qualified, 2 = Moderately Qualified, 3 = Qualified)

(0 = High Risk, 1 = Moderate Risk, 2 = Low Risk, 3 = Minimal Risk).

Add up your scores and plot your total score on the Qualification/Preparedness Continuum.

Activity & Date: Band Trip May 7-11/13 Lead Teacher: Mr. D. Wille

Training & Experience	Unqualified	Minimally Qualified	Moderately Qualified	Qualified
Local Knowledge	0	1	2	3
Certification/Qualifications	0	1	2	3
Equipment	0	1	2	3
Proven Decision Making Ability	0	1	2	3
Field Trip Experience	0	1	2	3
First Aid Training	0	1	2	3
Instructional Experience	0	1	2	3
Student Preparation	0	1	2	3
Chaperones/Supervisors	0	1	2	3

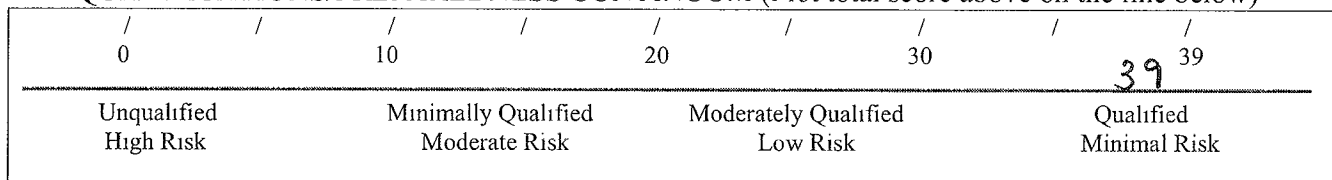
Location	High Risk	Moderate Risk	Low Risk	Minimal Risk
Severe Weather Probability	0	1	2	3
Terrain	0	1	2	3
Isolation	0	1	2	3
Environmental Hazards/Conditions	0	1	2	3

TOTAL = 39 /39

Potential Hazards: \_\_\_\_\_

Other (A statement(s) regarding such factors as Emergency services availability, access to communications or other factors as may be applicable: \_\_\_\_\_)

QUALIFICATIONS/PREPAREDNESS CONTINUUM (Plot total score above on the line below)



Teacher's Signature: D. Wille Principal's Signature: [Signature] Approved Yes ☐ No ☐ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## EDMONTON MUSIC TOUR

May 7 – 11, 2013

### ITINERARY

#### TUESDAY

May 7, 2013	7:00 a.m.	Depart GFSS Band Room
	11:00 a.m.	Lunch Stop - in Cranbrook
	2:00 p.m.	Radium Hot Springs (Bring Bathing Suit)
	9:00 p.m.	Arrive in Edmonton

#### WEDNESDAY

May 8, 2013	10:00 a.m.	<u>Concert #1</u> - St. Teresa School
	12:30 p.m.	Lunch @ Food Court
	2:00 p.m.	<u>Concert #2</u> – Monsignor William Irwin School
	5:30 p.m.	Group Dinner – Pacific Buffet
	7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Gateway Entertainment Center (Bowling, Arcade Games, Etc )

#### THURSDAY

May 9, 2013	9:30 a.m.	<u>Concert #3</u> – St. Martha School
	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch & Set-up for Concert #4 at West Edmonton Mall
	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<u>Concert #4</u> – West Edmonton Mall – Center Stage
	3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Mall Time & Dinner
	7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	IMAX Theatre/Space Science Center

#### FRIDAY

May 10, 2013	9:30 a.m.	Edmonton Zoo
	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch & Set-up for Concert #5 at West Edmonton Mall
	1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	<u>Concert #5</u> – West Edmonton Mall – Center Stage
	3:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Waterpark-( <i>Bring Bathing Suit</i> )/Galaxy Land/Dinner Shopping
	8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Brandi Carlisle Concert-Windsphere Theatre

#### SATURDAY

May 11, 2013	6:00 a.m.	Depart for Grand Forks
	7:00 p.m.	Arrive GFSS Band Room

Again, the balance of \$450 is due on April 15, 2013 along with the permission slip.  
Please make cheque payable to G.F.S.S.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr Wille at 250-442-8285 (School) or at 250-442-0228 (Home).



**Month End Report  
March 2013  
J. Hanlon, Secretary-Treasurer**

**Carbon Offset**

The Carbon Neutral Government Regulation of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets Act requires reporting of greenhouse gas emissions. Consequently, the District owed the Pacific Carbon Trust \$22,443.76 for our emissions for 2012. SD51 also received a Carbon Tax Rebate in the amount of \$26,727.36 for carbon taxes already paid. Therefore the net result this year is a positive of \$4,283.60. The carbon offset purchase was budgeted as a \$20,000 expense in the amended budget, but we did not account for the rebate in revenue, making the bottom line \$24,283 to the good.

We also submitted our draft Carbon Neutral Action Report to the Ministry, reporting initiatives the District took in 2012 to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. They will review the report and send it back with suggested changes. Charlene has taken over this task and completed the forms by accumulating data from the principals, teachers, maintenance and IT Departments.

**Finance**

In March we received the funding announcement for 2013-2014. We will receive \$15,249,835 which is 98.5% of last year's funding. The decrease in funding is \$232,231; which was expected. Once again we will receive additional monies as a supplement for the Education Plan in the amount of \$25,839. This is a decrease of \$1,639 from 2012/2013. The monies for 2012/2013 were to be used on the Changing Readers initiative. The announcement for the use of these funds for next year will be coming out shortly.

The funding for other Special Purpose funds has not yet been announced. These grants include the Learning Improvement Fund and Community Link.

We will be having public Finance meetings on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m. at Boundary Central Secondary School Library and April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Grand Forks Secondary School DLC/Library.

**Annual Facilities Grant**

Our District will receive an Annual Facilities Grant in the amount of \$533,063. Prior to March 31, 2013 we received \$75,259 from the 2012/2013 holdback monies held back for increases in enrolment for the February and May counts for Distributed Learning Schools. Below is how the funds are accounted for:

From Holdback (2012/2013)(Also operating)	\$ 75,259
Remaining Operating Portion	\$ 105,631
Capital Portion (Bylaw required)	\$ 337,700
Amount to Fund CAMS (Capital Asset Management System)	\$ 14,473
Total Annual Facilities Grant	\$ 533,063

The Ministry requires a plan for the expenditure of the funds by April 30th. The attached plan will be discussed at the Operations Committee on April 8<sup>th</sup> and therefore is still subject to some changes. The Operations committee will report out to the entire Board at the April Board of Education Meeting during Committee Reports.



### **Audit Pro D**

On March 8<sup>th</sup>, the Principals and clerical staff participated in a Pro D on compliance audits. We brought in an external auditor, Ann Dumas, from the Ministry who walked us through the auditing process. The schools have been asked to make sure that their records are up to date and complete by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Head Count				
	March 31, 2013	September 30, 2012	Increase (Decrease)	February 18, 2013
GFSS	339	343	(4.0000)	339
Perley	261	259	2.0000	261
Hutton	246	250	(4.0000)	246
CLES	102	101	1.0000	102
BCSS	131	131	-	130
MES	31	29	2.0000	31
GWD	34	34	-	34
WBES	118	113	5.0000	118
BES	11	11	-	11
Big White	25	18	7.0000	25
Walker	29	24	5.0000	29
Total	1327	1313	14.0000	1326

Fund : 0 General Operating

OB	TITLE	MAR	YEAR TO DATE	ENCUMBERED	FULL YEAR BUDGET	AVAILABLE	PERC
10	Principal & Vice Principal Sal	92,060.98	819,323.65		1,108,903	289,579	26
11	Teacher Salaries	607,362.70	4,200,016.59		6,019,488	1,819,471	30
12	Non-Teachers Salaries	321,430.88	1,895,777.11		2,747,734	851,957	31
13	Management Salaries	32,713.75	298,015.43		404,946	106,931	26
14	Substitute Salaries	31,439.92	293,867.50		550,316	256,449	47
19	Trustees Indemnity	6,169.94	55,529.46		74,042	18,513	25
21	Statutory Benifits	81,135.15	369,562.51		581,154	211,591	36
22	Pension Plans	122,637.12	887,698.14		1,296,747	409,049	32
23	Medical And Life Benifits	57,197.05	440,194.18		614,237	174,043	28
31	Services	36,269.10	354,305.90	4,316.61	580,397	221,774	38
33	Student Transportation	19,428.55	66,915.95		83,985	17,069	20
34	Training & Travel	19,839.63	174,054.34		252,395	78,341	31
36	Rentals & Leases	2,819.02	25,371.18		33,528	8,157	24
37	Dues And Fees	142.84	60,349.52		71,790	11,440	16
39	Insurance		60,280.00		67,400	7,120	11
51	Supplies	52,640.10	465,887.87	11,102.49	853,345	376,355	44
52	Learning Resources	2,140.01	25,279.06	4,099.97	48,830	19,451	40
53	Library Books	854.58	4,944.75	1,343.19	24,880	18,592	75
54	Electricity	42,385.81	181,663.13		285,000	103,337	36
55	Heat	29,480.04	101,202.36		163,000	61,798	38
56	Water And Sewage	1,990.71	11,577.08		20,000	8,423	42
57	Garbage And Recycling	1,229.04	11,549.27		16,000	4,451	28
58	Furn. & Equipment Replacement	5,380.25	14,073.91		65,000	50,926	78
59	Computer Equipment Replacement				100,000	100,000	100
TOTAL FOR Fund - 0		1,566,747.17	10,817,438.89	20,862.26	16,063,117	5,224,816	33
GRAND TOTAL		1,566,747.17	10,817,438.89	20,862.26	16,063,117	5,224,816	33



## **March 2013 Board Report**

Director of Instruction

Maxine Ruzicka

### **Aboriginal Education**

- March 6: Aboriginal Education Advisory Council met at the School Board Office. The Boundary Metis Association and BANAC reported on the numerous projects that they are involved with. A poster has gone out to be shared with parents on the Traditional Parenting groups to be offered in Midway and Grand Forks. Starting on April 2, from 12 noon to 3 pm, a four week session will take place in the Family Centre at Midway Elementary School. In May, a four week group will be offered in Grand Forks at the Hutton Hideaway. Joan Holmes and Erika Schoenfeld will be facilitating all sessions.

### **Special Education**

- March 11: I participated in a Transition Planning meeting for a student who will be integrating into community settings next year.
- March 12: Individual Education Plan goal setting, and evaluation of objectives meeting with student services teachers.
- March 13, 14: I travelled to SD 10 to provide a special education in-service for teachers re: file organization and IEP Goals and Objectives.
- As of March 15, there have been 16 level C student assessments completed by school psychologist, Jennifer Turner. Additionally, there are 2 assessments in progress – expected to be completed in the middle of April.

### **Collaborative Partnerships/Regional**

- March 5: Data Analytics planning, information and in-service session with Ministry of Education reps. Gerald Morton and Sean Cameron.
- March 13, 14: Chris Gibson from Freedom Quest was in SD 51 providing drug and alcohol abuse awareness and prevention sessions with classes at Walker Development Centre and Big White Community School. He will be back for a day each week in April to do sessions at the remaining Secondary and Elementary schools
- March 8: I attended some sessions of the ECD/CYSN Regional Alliance mtg. via teleconference. Of particular note was the work done with Community Living, adult program transition referrals, that will now accept a simplified assessment statement from School Districts for adult eligibility applications. (I didn't attend in person as SD 51 had a compliance session with school secretaries and AO's scheduled for that day)
- March 11: Attended a meeting with Selkirk College personnel to review possible opportunities and programming for Community and Classroom Support Worker training and certification to happen in the Boundary. At this time, we do have a projected shortage of qualified Education Assistants for casual work. There are 8 or 9 individuals in Grand Forks who are looking to take this program to become an EA, but they are not able to attend a full time program in Castlegar.

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**BC School Trustees Association, March 14, 2013**

## Ministry releases 2013-14 Funding Allocations

The Ministry of Education today informed Boards of Education of their operating grant allocations for the 2013-14 school year. Specifics will vary among boards, but key aspects of the announcement include:

- Next year the per-pupil allocation will increase to \$6,900 (up \$116 per pupil). This is related to a projected decrease in overall enrolment of 6246 students.
- Funding protection will continue at 98.5 per cent.
- The Annual Facilities Grant (AFG) will continue to be funded at \$110 million overall. However, \$15.6 million of that will be taken from this year's 2012-13 holdback funds, which will be distributed this month.
- The BC Education Plan will continue to be funded. Superintendent of Achievement Rod Allen, will be communicating in the near future regarding the focus for these funds.
- There will be no change for distributed learning, adult learning or special education.
- The Ministry will use \$1.6 million to fund a portion of BCPSEA's operating costs for 2013-14, down from \$2.1 million in 2012-13.

**Ministry officials have advised that these are preliminary figures that could change because of provincial uncertainty between May and September. Once again, this does not provide the predictability and stability for Boards to work with while developing their budgets, which is a significant concern to BCSTA.**

While an increase in the per-pupil rate is a positive measure, we are still very frustrated that the overall education budget remains flat, not providing full funding for the increased cost pressures on Boards. More specifically, we are concerned that the full amount of this year's holdback funds will not be distributed as expected. The diversion of holdback funds to pre-pay a portion of next year's AFG and to fund BCPSEA adds further pressure to budgets that are already stressed. The AFG funding has previously been in addition to regular operating grants, not taken from them. This unanticipated budget change severely challenges long-term planning and stability.

BCSTA will be expressing our concerns directly to the Minister of Education and will be requesting that the full amount of holdback funds be distributed to boards while continuing to provide full AFG grants.

Thank you to the BC Association of School Business Officials (BCASBO) for assisting with this e-Alert.

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# Briefing Note

**Date: April 9, 2013**

**Topic: Bandwidth in Midway and Greenwood**

## Bandwidth Improvement Greenwood & Midway

The CAO's of Grand Forks, Greenwood and Midway along with Sr. Management from the School District met on January 16, 2013. The purpose was to bring together all the new civic and education leaders in the Boundary (attached). We also discussed the Community Network and the lack of bandwidth in the Midway/Greenwood area.

Boundary Central Secondary School's (BCSS) internet provider is Telus and the service is paid for by PLnet. The school is receiving the basic service of 10 Mbps. The school's needs exceed this capacity. The best improvement we can purchase is 30Mbps for \$1600/month.

Telus does have a work plan to improve bandwidth in the West Boundary. Their timeline is implementation in 2015 at the earliest. In our efforts to get PLnet to increase the bandwidth from 10 Mbps to 100 Mbps we have been advised by Ministry staff that the most economical course of action would be to convince Telus to modify their work plan. To do this we would need the backing of local government, the business community, education and residents and together make a case to the Telus ambassador.

Our initial plan was to get support for this initiative from local government through conversations with the CAOs and mayors. To this point we have had these conversations. We have not gained enough support or momentum to approach Telus for a meeting.

We have several choices:

1. We can just leave things as they are and wait for Telus to improve their systems
2. The Superintendent can initiate follow-ups with his civic counterparts
3. The trustees can consider becoming actively involved in gaining civic and community support
4. Go on our own to get business and resident support in hopes that civic government will join us
5. Include this issue in the development of a future strategic plan
6. Or we can develop another action plan

April 4, 2013

## Boundary Region Meeting

11:00 a.m. Thursday, January 16, 2013

Midway Village Offices

Lunch 12:00 – Mile Zero Restaurant

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### Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Internet Connectivity in the Region
3. Strategy for Improving Connectivity
4. Community Fibre Optic Network (Grand Forks) - f
5. Other Common Interests



**School District No. 51 (Boundary)**

**Annual Facilities Grant EXPENDITURE PLAN**

**Period: April 1, 2013 - March 31, 2014**

	<b>Project</b>	<b>Facility</b>	<b>Cost Estimate</b>
1	HVAC Controls Upgrade	GFSS	80,100
2	Upgrade of Air Dampers	GFSS	25,000
3	Flooring	GFSS	7,000
4	Exterior Door Replacement	GFSS	10,000
5	Lighting Upgrade	GFSS	5,000
6	Flooring	Perley	30,000
7	Exterior Door Replacement	Perley	10,000
8	Concrete	Perley	8,000
9	Switch	Hutton	54,000
10	Flooring	CLES	8,000
11	Flooring	BCSS	30,000
12	Metal siding	BCSS	10,000
13	Roof top Unit Repalcement	Midway Elementary	30,000
14	HVAC Controls Upgrade	Midway Elementary	16,000
15	Metal Siding	Greenwood	10,000
16	HVAC Controls Upgrade	WBES	32,000
17	Sidewalk Repair	WBES	5,000
18	Exterior Paining of Mansard	Walker Development	3,000
19	Flooring	Big White	10,000
20	Fire System Inspections	District	15,000
21	Ashphalt/Concrete	District	30,000
22	Interior Painting	District	40,000
23	Board Room Upgrade	Board Office	10,000
24	Roof	Board Office	23,000
25	Miscellaneous Projects	District	17,500
	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 518,600</b>