

Livingstone Range School Division #68

Superintendent's Report

September, 2011



Celebrations

I want to begin the year by acknowledging the enormous amount of work that was accomplished by Don Olsen, Mike Mahaffy and the maintenance staff to not only secure alternate sites for WCCHS students but for also completing major renovations in a very condensed time frame. At the moment, WCCHS students are attending classes in 5 different sites and the school year has begun smoothly. We appreciate the effort that has gone into ensuring that the sites were ready for the beginning of the new school year and thank those who worked tirelessly to make it happen.

It has also been a very busy year for the tech department. They are to be congratulated for their work with evergreening technology and meeting schools' technology needs for the new school year.

Professional Development

It was exciting to listen to the animated conversations that took place on August 29th at the 'Schools Cannot Do It Alone' session that was offered in Fort Macleod. Jamie Vollmer stimulated our thinking and underscored the importance of change in 'how we do schooling.' While communities are at different starting places and we need to continue to adapt and develop his process, we are clearly moving towards increasing community engagement in education.

Senior management staff have the opportunity to hear Sir Ken Robinson speak this Fall and will bring forward ideas and suggestions that can be incorporated into our work. Further, we will help build understanding by connecting the need for change to our assurance framework. The work ties together well and supports our priority related to offering students a broader range of programs.

Information

Livingstone Range School Division staff serve on several committees with the ATA and the University of Lethbridge. Following is the committee membership for 2011-2012:

Ian Baxter:

- Lethbridge Area Field Experiences Committee
- Membership Eligibility Board
- University of Lethbridge Faculty of Education Teacher Education Advisory Committee

Stephen Harris:

- University of Lethbridge Faculty of Education Graduate Studies in Education Committee

Kathy Olmstead:

- ATA Curriculum Committee

Darryl Seguin:

- ATA Professional Practice Review Committee

Important Dates

September 14, 2011 - 10:00	Zone VI Meeting, Lethbridge
September 14, 2011 - 2:00	Meeting with Kainai Board of Education, Standoff.
September 16, 2011 - 5:30	ATA Retirement and Induction Banquet. Heritage Inn, Pincher Creek.
September 27, 2011 - 1:00.	Board Planning meeting. Location to be determined.
September 29-30, 2011.	Beginning Teachers' Conference. Edmonton
September 30, 2011 - 9:00	Superintendent Evaluation. 1:00. Board Self-Evaluation.
October 5, 2011.	Release student results to the media.
October 6, 2011 - 10:00	Transformation Agenda discussion, Alberta Education. Lethbridge