

EPPC Meeting Report – March 15, 2011

Minutes from February 18, 2011 EPPC meeting distributed

- January 18, 2011 meeting minutes adopted.
- Three proposed Board Authorized Courses were presented.
 1. Outdoor Pursuits 11 – Derrick Shaw via video conference (Principal – McBride Secondary).
 2. Outdoor Recreation 12 – Matt Thompson (Teacher – PGSS).
 3. Soccer 11 – Rob Wood (Teacher – PGSS).
- Yearly Report on Research in SD 57 (Prince George).
- Yearly Plan review and update.

March 15, 2011 EPPC Meeting

- No changes to February 18/11 meeting minutes.
- 1. Career Prep/Secondary School Apprenticeship (SSA) – Bruce Northrop (District Coordinator)**
 - RCMP Youth Academy – starts this coming Saturday (March 19th) at Kelly Road Secondary.
 - 32 students participating – 17 from SD 57.
 - 9 girls & 23 boys.
 - Davy Greenlees – RCMP Special Constable has helped to get financial support from the community for the program – is a \$1000 surplus.
 - Skills Canada – Canada Skills Competition in cabinetry held on March 4th at CNC.
 - 11 students (9 from SD 57 & 2 from Quesnel) built small jewellery boxes.
 - Heavy Metal Rocks.
 - April 27th to April 30th.
 - 32 students – “hands on” opportunity to operate heavy duty equipment, i.e., graders, dump trucks, cranes, bulldozers, back hoes, etc.
 - Student interviews to be held on April 6th and 7th.
 - Walk-around and BBQ on the last day.
 - BC Ambulance Ride-Along.
 - Program suspended for now – high school students can't ride-along.
 - Only persons doing their paramedic practicum are permitted to ride-along right now.
 - Council of Forest Industries (COFI) Trades Tour.
 - COFI runs 3 programs – guided tour of local sawmill and pulpmill.
 - All day tour of UNBC/CNC.
 - Tentative dates – April 11th & 12th.
 - COFI offers Natural Resource Management Camp in May.
 - \$1500 provided to bus students to camp.
 - City of Prince George Fire/Rescue Firefighter Program.
 - SD 57 partnering with James Sweet (Chief Training Officer) and Captain Rob Ingram.
 - 4 students – 60 hours of job shadowing after school and on weekends from February to May.
 - Are considering expanding program into fall and next spring.
 - Secondary School Apprenticeship (SSA).
 - Faced some challenges this year – Save On is not a sponsor this year – meat cutters and bakers are qualified, but do not possess necessary certification for registration.
 - 52 students (apprentices) registered for this year – down from 72.
 - Good news – 19 students will receive scholarships.

2. CTC Update – Tim Power (Coordinator – Career Tech Centre)

- Had 2010/11 graduation on January 27th.
- 89% graduation rate – 65 students out of 73 students.
- Recruiting in ongoing for next intake – having difficulty recruiting.
 - Auto Service/Collision Repair – 8 students.
 - Carpentry/Joinery – 10 students.
 - Culinary Arts – 8 students.
 - Electrical/Electronics – 16 students (most popular program).
 - Heavy Duty/Commercial Transport Mechanical – 12 students.
 - Plumbing – 4 students.
 - Welding (Level C) – 11 students.
- Tim is putting forward proposal at March 17th CTC Advisory Board meeting – entrance to CTC to both Grade 12 semesters instead of one semester Grade 11 and one semester Grade 12.
 - Model used in number of other communities.
 - Some programs are 7½ months – require both Grade 12 semesters.
 - Some programs are 5 months, so can have 2 intakes – one in each Grade 12 semester.
 - Allow students more time to prepare for CTC – would have more mature students.
- Recruiting students for Grade 12 delivery in Dental Assistant – are currently working with interested Grade 10 students.
- CNC and Canfor Pulp exploring opportunity to offer CTC 4th Class Power Engineering program.
 - Tentative start date is September 2012.
- Tim is planning to retire at the end of June – will be Industrial Trainer at Canfor Pulp for 3 to 4 days a month.
 - Thanked SD 57 for being able to work as the CTC Coordinator.

3. Aboriginal Programs Update – Shelly Niemi (Aboriginal Education Officer)

- Gave presentation on Aboriginal Education Department.
- 5 Learning “Foci.”
 1. Culture and Language – attached to Centre for Learning Alternatives (CLA).
 - Also attached to Duchess Park Family of Schools.
 2. Rediscovery – attached to DP Todd Family of Schools.
 - Is about “land-based” education – taking kids outdoors.
 - Looking at grouping Grades 6 to 9 together – “culture camp.”
 3. Elders and Indigenous Knowledge – attached to Kelly Road Family of Schools.
 - Created an elders advisory council made up of 14 elders.
 - Aboriginal Education Worker hired to help elders.
 4. Restitution and Restorative Practice.
 - Twofold:
 1. To encourage all students within PGSS Family of Schools to start up youth leadership council and looking at having restorative conversations with kids.
 2. Youth conference (usually in May) – “circles” to talk and explore issues deeper.
 - Mentorship towards empowerment.
 - Currently connecting with the Native Friendship Centre.
 5. Youth and Leadership – College Heights and DP Todd Family of Schools together.
- Aboriginal Learning Team Grants.
 - Shelly acknowledged input of specific individual.
 - Call put out to all district schools for innovative ideas within the school
 - Should be linked to learning foci and have a team approach.

- No dollar amount attached at 1st.
- Have received some creative and innovative ideas.
- \$50,000 allocated to multiple schools, e.g., Mackenzie – working with McLeod Lake Indian Band implementing the Elders and Indigenous Knowledge Learning Foci.
 - Students come to the Indian Reserve and engage with the elders.
 - Gardening.
 - Harvest and smoke fish.
- Document and share experiences with the Aboriginal Education Department.
- Shelly showed YouTube video
 - “A look at Aboriginal Education in SD 57 This Year.”
 - Rediscovery Training.
- Aboriginal Education Symposium – October 2011.
 - 16 great presenters, e.g., Shawn Atleo (Grand Chief of the Assembly of First Nations), Marie Baptiste (speaker & lecturer) and others.
 - Everyone in SD 57 invited.
 - Aboriginal Education Workers. Support workers, teachers and administrators.
 - Friday – dinner and cultural event(s).
 - Saturday – break into 4 sections, i.e., talk about 4 components (areas) of the “medicinal wheel.”

4. **Yearly Plan** – Review & Update.

- Curriculum revision schedule – moved from April 19th EPPC meeting to May 24th EPPC meeting.
 - May not need April 19th EPPC meeting – depends on if there are other agenda items.
- Sharel Warrington brought up possible future topic of “Performance-based” schools.
- Re: Ongoing initiatives & items to be revisited.
 - Elementary report cards – had 1st meeting today (March 15th).
 - Currently at the research stage – looking at reports cards across Canada, i.e., Ontario.

Meeting adjourned at 4:57 pm.