

Education Programs and Planning Committee [EPPC] Meeting Report – November 18, 2014

1. Minutes of October 21, 2014 EPPC Meeting

- Minutes of May 20, 2014 EPPC meeting adopted as circulated – June 17/14 meeting cancelled → no quorum.

2. Learning Innovations Update

2.1 Essential 8 – Sherry Thibault (Seconded Principal) & Priscilla Prosser (Seconded Principal)

- Model/Framework – built on “Success for each student”
 - Personalized Learning – 3 “blocks”
 1. Early Learning
 2. Literacy
 3. Numeracy
- Essential 8 = Conditions for Learning
- Goal: To improve conditions for learning for students
- “Foundation” of Essential 8.
 - Assessment for Learning
 - Data driven Evidence for Learning
 - Cultural Competencies
 - Social Emotional Learning
 - Poverty & Student Learning
 - Differentiation & Universal Designs for Learning (UDL)
 - Enhanced Learning through Technology – utilizing technology as a learning tool.
 - Technology enables more self-directed learning.
 - Growing as Adult Learners – supervision of instruction, and mentorship & training
- Once Cultural Competencies, Social Emotional Learning & Poverty & Student Learning have been met → can begin work on learning.

2.2 Numeracy – Brian Hatcher

- Regular school visits – 50 so far this year.
 - 1 time visit; or
 - Ongoing daily string of visits; or
 - Regular weekly sessions.
- Math liaisons – 1 liaison/family of schools.
 - No positions filled at DP Todd & PGSS.
- Small working group continuing to make connections between development of literacy strategies & numeracy skills.
- Grade 5 District Math assessment – continuing to collect & enter data for easier teacher access.
- Professional Development.
 - October 24th – “Made in PG Math Day” held at Spruceland Traditional
 - Math Coaches – 1st meeting is December 5th → topic is “place value”
 - Purpose – to develop school site experts for each topic.
- Parent Night.
 - 1st – November 17th – 5 parents attended.
 - December 1st – Valemount.
 - December 2nd – McBride.
 - Math video tutorial that parents & students can access – <http://mail.sd57.bc.ca/~bhatcher/>.
- UNBC.
 - Brian is teaching 2 numeracy courses to 1st year education students.
 - Math fair held at Beverly Elementary today – 23 stations – Kindergarten to Grade 7.
 - Guest spot for secondary education students, i.e., students training to be secondary teachers, around Assessment for Learning (AFL) practices in a secondary math class.

- November 27th – Brian meeting with UNBC professors re: transitioning to post-secondary.

2.3 Literacy – Mike Carson (Secondary Literacy Resource Teacher) & Tracy Cole (Elementary Literacy Resource Teacher)

- What's Happening in Literacy in Learning Innovations?
 - Providing support to new teachers, i.e., Hixon Elementary.
 - Modelling lessons for teachers in schools.
 - Writing lessons in schools.
 - Videos – DART → Grades 3, 6, 9 & DRA → Grade 2 (Reading Assessment utilizing text correlation chart).
 - Primary Progress Schools (Tier 1).
 - 5 schools up from 4 → Van Bien has joined for Professional Development meetings this year.
 - Presentation today at Quinson Elementary – Orton Gillingham
 - Followed by “school snoop”
 - Changing Results for Young Readers.
 - Sessions begin November 19th.
 - Teacher volunteers.
 - Inquiry based literacy project → increase literacy skills.
 - Each teacher will conduct a case study on 1 identified student.
 - www.youngreaders.ca
 - 3rd Annual Early Learning Conference – January 23rd at Coast Inn of the North.
 - 8:00 am – 3:00 pm.
 - Keynote speaker – Katie Keier (co-author of “*Catching Readers Before They Fall*”
 - She will conduct 2 breakout sessions.
 - Adrienne Gear – author of “*Reading Power, Writing Power and Nonfiction Writing Power*”
 - 2 breakout sessions on writing.
 - Carole Fullerton – co-author of “*Read a Story Explore the Math: Linking Math and Literature in Primary Classrooms*”
 - Mathematical knowledge sharing session.
 - Christine McLean – share her expertise on why play is important in learning.

2.4 Early Learning – Andrea Maurice (Early Learning Coordinator)

- Strong Start in District.
 - 13 Strong Start programs in the district – 5 are “outreach centres” (Edgewood Elementary is one of the outreach centres).
 - Program is currently full (both parents & children).
 - “Poverty & Learning” has a strong link to Strong Start.
 - Provide free bus passes.
 - Parent/child interaction.
 - “Social Emotional Learning → certain amount of “frustration” expressed.
 - Implementing parent goals – relationship with child strengthens.
 - PG hosted Strong Start training last year – data driven.
 - Inviting Early Childhood educators to Strong Start.
- “Ready, Set, Learn”
 - Introduce 3-year olds and their parents to skills that will increase their skills at school.
 - “Success by 6”
 - At every elementary school.
- “Roots of Empathy”
 - 7 programs when Andrea Maurice started.
 - 11 programs last year.
 - 15 this year.

- Program run by facilitator so teachers are able to watch children's reaction as they're being taught.
- "Welcome to Kindergarten"
 - Is partnership with "Learning Partnership"
 - 24 schools last year – most of 24 schools came back.
 - Another school has expressed interest in program.
 - Focus is on parent/child interaction and parents' readiness for school.
- "Finger in the Pot" – Andrea Maurice, Early Learning Coordinator – sits on a number of organizations.
 - "Success by 6"
 - Child, Youth & Family Network.
 - Children's Services Advisory Council.
 - Northern Attachment Network Advisory.
 - Central Interior Native Health Society
 - Prince George Public Library.
 - Child Care Resource & Referral (CCRR).
 - November 19th – information night to brainstorm daycare providers here.
 - Project Parent North (PPN) – families on file with Social Services (MCFD) attend parent classes with their children.
 - All families graduate from PPN program in some way or other.
- "Parent Child Mother Goose Program" at Ron Brent.
 - 10 week literacy program – is work in progress.
 - From birth to age 3.

3. Yearly Plan – Review & Update (Cindy Heitman)

- District Awards & Mentorship Program – October.
- Learning and Innovation - November.
 - Essential 8
 - Numeracy
 - Literacy
 - Early Learning
- Board Authorized Courses, Skills training programs & "Take our Kids to Work" program – January.
- Program Updates – February.
 - Aboriginal Education.
 - Special Education.
- Program Updates – March.
 - CLA.
 - CTC.
- Report on Research & Curriculum Revision Schedule – April.
- Schedule of Fees and Deposits – May.
- District Literacy Plan and District Achievement Contract – June.

Item

- Student learning – Ongoing.
- School learning Resources and Supplies – Ongoing.
- Learning initiatives update – Ongoing.

Next Meeting – January 19, 2015

Meeting adjourned.