

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A Monthly Report to the Eastern School Board

December 2011 Board Meeting

Assessment & Evaluation Advisory Committee

The newly formed Assessment and Evaluation Advisory Committee met on November 9, 2011 and November 29, 2011. The Committee will work with the following goals:

- Goal 1:** Increase teacher engagement and adoption of the administrative regulations;
- Goal 2:** Examine the administrative regulations and report their recommendations to the Assistant Director of Education – Programs;
- Goal 3:** Develop a communication strategy for teachers, school administrators, parents/guardians and community stakeholders; and
- Goal 4:** Develop a professional development plan for all teachers and school administrators within ESD.

Committee members have been tasked with seeking further feedback and have reported back following the first meeting. The committee does recognize a sense of urgency with this process. Following the first two meetings, committee members felt that both meetings were productive and a good process has been established for moving forward.

Academic Intervention Initiative

The District is continuing with the Academic Intervention Initiative this school year. This initiative provides specific supports to struggling students in the areas of Mathematics and English Language Arts from kindergarten to Grade 12.

During the recent Regional Administrative Council meetings, principals reflected on how they facilitated this initiative in their schools last year. They also outlined plans to further support and extend this work for the current school year. Program Specialists continue to plan and deliver specific professional development sessions to support academic interventions in our schools.

Facilities Update

- **New Davis Elementary:** Construction has started on the new K-8 school for Carbonear.
- **West End High School:** Design stage.
- **Roncalli Elementary:** Design stage.
- **New St. Teresa's School:** Government has removed the demolition contractor for non-compliance and they are pursuing strategies to expedite demolition and site work.
- **Brother Rice Junior High:** The new lay-by has helped with traffic congestion and is receiving great reviews from the school community.
- **Queen Elizabeth High:** Phase one of the asphalt project is completed.
- **Riverside Elementary:** The parking lot is paved and the school is now connected to the new collector road to Glenview Estates.
- **Pearce Junior High:** Roof tender has closed.
- **St. Edward's, Placentia:** Demolition contractor on-site.

Applause

- Our apologies. The following teachers should have been recognized last month for the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence: **Erin Walsh**, St. Peter's Junior High and **Sean Penney**, Holy Heart of Mary.
- A special acknowledgement to the group of students of **Prince of Wales Collegiate** who recently discussed the issue of bullying on a CBC Radio Noon Crosstalk program. Great job!

