



Weekly Statistics

BC Schools in production	1,945
Number of active students	578,678
Number of inactive students	224,292
Maximum distinct user logon sessions in a day	18,090
Total distinct user logons for the week	92,304
Maximum number of reports run in a day	23,386
Maximum concurrent users in a day	4,091

Operational Services

Tim Reilly

SD Test was refreshed last weekend. There were some connectivity problems on Monday morning which we quickly resolved. We have identified the root cause and will put measures in place to prevent this from happening again.

The planned addition of the new database server, which requires a full day outage (5 a.m. to 5 p.m.), was postponed. Negotiations are underway with the Ministry to determine the best time to implement this new hardware. We are also looking at the implementation of other servers though these will involve only very short or no outages.

SD39 asked whether any tentative dates are being considered, mentioning that November 26 – 28 will be a busy time for reporting and marks. Tim assured that, as with any outage, the implementation will be scheduled at a time that will affect as few people as possible, and will not be done on a high-usage weekend.

Application Management Services (AMS)

Dorothy Ward

The November Release is moving forward for implementation next week. Release Notes are posted on the ISW. Reminder that the Copy IEP function for Student Services will not be going in with the release. We are waiting for code on that, and will be looking at implementation sometime early in the new year.

SDTest

Last week there were some comments and questions about session timeouts that L1s are experiencing in SD Test. The Team reported that there has always been a session timeout of 90 minutes in SDTest, and that, unlike Production, the timeout had not been reduced in this environment. The Team also corrected a statement made last week; session terminations are *not* available in SD Test. Discussion ensued with several districts reiterating

what was noted last week, that their sessions have never timed out in SD Test until recently. If there has always been a session timeout in this environment, then it hasn't been working until recently, they reported. The team will investigate this further to determine why the user experience was not as expected initially and why the experience has recently changed.

Class Composition

SD43 submitted an agenda request asking how other districts are handling new rules around Class Composition. They added on the call that they had raised this question at the Consortium in Abbotsford last week but there were no good common solution.

SD33 commented that there was to be a meeting Tuesday to discuss this. They are planning on using class composition extract, using today as a baseline. They will pull data every day and will review this every 15 days to monitor movement, i.e. what changes have been made. The problem will be training for schools on how to do that and relying on them to do this as a daily routine.

Discussion ensued with SD43 adding reasons why this would not work, specifically with regards to the SPED maximum because this would include G codes. This also wouldn't work with parent/child course.

Conclusion: A canned report is needed to address this.

Learning Management

Chris Wilson

An introduction to the new functionality for **District Assessment** will be presented in a **new learning event scheduled for Nov.18th from 9:30 – 11:00**. A brief background on this functionality was provided: In Feb, 2009, a 23 member advisory group, led by Quirina Gamblen then Ministry Liaison person, began meetings to consider how BCeSIS could meet District assessment tracking needs. The group determined that the first step would be to devise a common data entry approach to load individual student data. This is the substance of the learning event which will look at the method agreed upon which allows districts to bulk load assessment test scores in five key areas using an alpha scale that is based on the Quick Scales in the curriculum guidelines. A new reference guide will be delivered, along with some sample Excel templates that districts can modify for their use. The templates will be posted in a new section under District Collaboration Centre > Information Updates > District Assessment along with some specific recommendations and an example of a modified spreadsheet provided by Ian Larsson. We are planning to have everything up and available by end of day Monday, November 15th. Ian will be demonstrating use of the modified spreadsheet during the learning event, which is now open for registration on the LE Schedule.

Learning Events from January to June will be opening up on the LE Schedule in a few weeks, so you will be able to go in and register for any of these soon.

Governance – Service Management Council (SMC)

Andrew Macauley

The SMC Executive will be meeting this afternoon, with the primary activity being the review of the new **Service Catalogue** – a collection of optional services districts may want to acquire in the future. This will be presented next week to the full SMC for further review.

Notice went out yesterday to SMC representatives to encourage districts to engage their experts on how the new **District Assessment** functionality should be used.

Reminder: In December the process of charging for **inactive students** will begin. On the decision of the SMC, modifications have been made to the code so that it is not possible to delete a record until it has been inactive for three years. After that point, it is up to districts to determine policy/practice around student record deletion which will include appropriate archiving procedures. At this time, the recommendation is to use the functionality as an analysis tool, then make policy based on that analysis.

Annual elections for the SMC are coming up. Notices will be going out and there will be a discussion about this next Tuesday at the full SMC meeting.

SD48 enquired if there had been any decision about a return to a **90 minute session timeout**. Andrew responded that the OSWG has made recommendations on the appropriate use of multiple accounts and these will be presented to the SMC Executive this afternoon for discussion and approval.

SD70 reported that Pearson had called a number of their school admin staff saying that districts were pulling out of BCeSIS and offering deals on their student information systems. Andrew responded that he is aware of this, but the message is very clear that the **Ministry still supports BCeSIS**. Recent events and news items about dissatisfaction will be viewed by other vendors as a marketing opportunity, and they have obviously begun to approach individuals in this regard. However, there is no intention to replace BCeSIS. Ian Larsson added that one clear message from the Consortium meeting was that, although people are not particularly happy with some of the events in September, it is agreed that having single common student records that travel with students is really working. There is good common benefit that we want to continue to build on.

Operational Services Working Group (OSWG)

Ian Larsson

The OSWG is working on standards around dual accounts, cross enrolment and DL schools. The next meeting will be on November 18th.