

Progress Statistics: Week of February 22 - 28, 2010

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| Schools in production..... | 1,931 |
| Number of active students | 574,424 |
| Number of inactive students..... | 160,254 |
| Maximum distinct user logon sessions in a day | 15,545 |
| Total distinct user logons for the week | 75,602 |
| Maximum number of reports run in a day..... | 18,263 |
| Maximum concurrent users in a day | 5,592 |

Operations

Tim Reilly

Refreshes

SDTest will be refreshed this weekend, beginning Friday, March 5th at 5:00 pm and available again on March 7th.

Maintenance

The April 11th maintenance window will be used to perform updates to the database and middle tier servers.

Application Management

Dorothy Ward

12.0 Upgrade

The upgrade will begin at 5:00 pm on Friday, March 5th. SDTest will be available on March 7th, and Production is scheduled to be back online by 5pm Tuesday, March 9th. Another refresh of SDTest will be done on March 13/14.

Question submitted by SD35 regarding non-standard courses with multiple credit values, reported as a known issue in the 12.0 documentation: Dorothy confirmed that this had not been fixed in 12.0 so the workaround in 11.1 was still in effect and is documented in the Known Issues documentation as a result.

Attendance Summary

A fix was received from aal for the Attendance Summary from YET 2009, and was applied last weekend.

Years of ESL – Information Correction

We received notification from the Ministry that the recently loaded Years of ESL contained an error. We have received a corrected version of the file, and will apply it on March 17th after the 12.0 upgrade.

Student Course Withdrawals and related issues

There was a lengthy discussion on this topic which was raised initially by comments from SD69. Bert van der Geest responded detailing a number of issues and recommended processes to address these. Districts asked for documentation of this information and Bert has prepared the document **Student Withdrawals – Important Notes** which is being sent out with these minutes. It will also be available as of early next week on a new page on the ISW: **District Collaboration Centre > Information Updates > Student Record Management**.

YET

SD69 inquired about when YET conference calls will begin. Typically these start in late April or early May, but we will announce this when we have confirmed dates.

SD200 (Independent Schools) commented that in previous years it has not been possible to test the YET code until shortly before YET, as the code is not received from aal until that time, and asked if there is any chance testing can be done earlier this year. Dorothy responded that although we are in constant contact with aal, and this is an issue being brought up regularly, at this point we do not have the ability to test before the end of June. Discussions are ongoing and any change or update will be communicated to the districts.

Training and Support

Chris Wilson

An updated version of the important resource **Master Timetable Builder - Process for BC course based schools** which will be used in Scheduling learning events this year has been posted to the ISW in the Learning Resource Centre > Recurring Events and Processes > Pre-Scheduling and Scheduling

The HEAT Learning Event that was tentatively scheduled for March 10th is going ahead, so it has now been opened up for registration on the ISW. It is designed for L1s who submit HEAT tickets and would be very useful for anyone in that position who has never had any formal training in that area.

Governance

Andrew Macauley

The SMC Executive is scheduled to meet this afternoon, and will be looking at revisions to the Standards Manual, as well as some items from a couple of weeks ago that could not be addressed due to time limitations.

Implementation Completion

We are close to the deadline for implementation: there will be no grants after March 31st. Any schools that have completed implementation and not filed their declaration should do so soon in order to receive their grants.

SEWG / MRWG

Victoria Williams

General Update and Notifications

The MRWG met last week and discussed potential changes to the DL 1701 extract. This week the SEWG will meet to discuss about nine change requests.

SD61 asked about the process for change requests after submitting a HEAT ticket and how to follow the status of CRs submitted. Victoria explained that they go to the BCeSIS Service Desk first, then to the SEWG. They are entered onto the Excel tracking spreadsheet and viewed by the appropriate working group. This spreadsheet is posted to the ISW and is updated regularly – each version dated when posted. There are multiple tabs and every CR received will be on one of them depending on their status. The spreadsheet can be found, after logging on, under **District Collaboration Centre > Service Management Council > Priorities and Planning > Operational Enhancements 09/10 > BCeSIS Operational Enhancements 2010-03-03**.

The OSWG met two weeks ago and will meet again later this month. The group has approved changes in sections G, H, I and J of the Standards Manual, these are now going forward for final approval. At the next meeting they will look at sections K, L and M. You can view all the sections of the Standards Manual on the ISW: **ISW-BC Home > District Collaboration Centre > BCeSIS Standards**. If you have any suggestions for changes or additions, please email **Norm Walker**.

The Student Services Users Group will meet Thursday morning.

The Shared Communications Advisory Committee has completed their tasks, this has now been set aside as a completed working committee. The results of their work are going forward and include standards being added to Section K of the Standards Manual.

Regional meetings: Norm has been visiting communities around the province and having discussions about BCeSIS and sustainability with various districts in each locale. These have been very positive meetings and there are more coming up over the next few months. If you are not aware of a meeting in your area and would like to participate, please email Norm for details of upcoming sessions.