



**Trustees:**

Ken Clarkson (Chair), Susan Carr, Mike Huber, Eleanor Palis (Vice-Chair), Dr. Dave Rempel, Stepan Vdovine

**Executive:**

Jan Unwin (Superintendent), Stewart Sonne (Deputy Superintendent), Wayne Jefferson (Secretary Treasurer)

**Presentation: Achievement Contract**

The Board received a presentation by Deputy Superintendent Sonne outlining those parts of the 2010 Achievement Contract that deal with secondary and adult education. His presentation focused on efforts to engage the learner and diversify instruction. The complete 2010-2011 Achievement Contract can be found on the school district website at: <http://www.sd42.ca/2010-11-achievement-contract>

**Chair Report**

Chair Clarkson described his attendance at a BCSTA meeting with the Ministry of Education. He said Deputy Minister James Gorman said that the Ministry was “embarking on a journey of self discovery as it explores new forms of schooling and smarter approaches.” The Deputy Minister also said that we need to move to an educational system that emphasizes “student initiatives facilitated by teachers and co-planned with parents.”

**Final Bill 33 report**

Deputy Superintendent Sonne reported that the organization of classes across the District was in compliance with the requirements of Bill 33 and that all classes were appropriate for student learning. All class size averages at Kindergarten, Primary and Intermediate are lower than Ministry expectations and lower than last year’s averages. At secondary all current issues with classroom organization have been resolved or are being addressed. Deputy Superintendent Sonne commended the work of a district committee made up of senior administration, Human Resources staff and MRTA representatives who had worked closely with schools to resolve Bill 33 issues.

Elementary class size averages		
	Class average	Allowable average
Intermediate (Grades 4-7)	25.7	28
Primary (Grades 1-3)	20.6	21
Kindergarten	17.7	19

Secondary class size averages		
	Class average	Allowable average
Secondary (Grades 8-12)	25.3	30

### Good News

Trustees and staff noted the following Good News items: The fall elementary cross country events; another large contingent of district students being inspired at the recent Me to We event; congratulations to Davie Jones principal Bob Schnider on receiving a 2010 Principals of Music award; and the continuing support for schools provided by community groups such as Rotary.

**The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be on Wednesday, November 10 at 6 PM in the District Education Office.**