

Livingstone Range School Division #68

Superintendent's Report

September, 2013



Superintendent's Learnings

On August 1st I embarked on a new Journey as the Superintendent of Livingstone Range School Division. The initial phase of this new journey is one of learning and understanding. Through the support of the previous Superintendent, Ellie Elliott, I had the opportunity to visit many of the schools prior to the summer break. The real work began on August 1 when I sat down to the numerous binders and files that Ellie left for me and that Olwyn Buckland had so nicely organized for my reading. These documents were a great asset to my understanding of the history and culture of the Livingstone Range School Division. While the volumes were numerous, the readings proved valuable and I can't begin to express my thanks for having this information available. Through the material I learned about the roles of the committees, the philosophies of the division and the priorities of the Board. These have guided many of my thoughts and questions as the last month has flown by.

To further my understanding of the division I also met with each staff member at central office on a one on one basis. Through these conversations I gained valuable insight into how each person's role helps to support the education of students in our division. This time with each person also provided me with an opportunity to get to understand about each person's career goals and insight into their time away from the office. I am very fortunate to be surrounded by such a strongly committed team.

Over the last month I have had the opportunity to continue my understanding of the culture of the Livingstone range School Division with the great support of many amazing people. From school administrators, teachers, board members, central office staff and senior administrator team members, all have had to endure my numerous questions, thoughts and quires as to how and why things are done the way they are, what is the history of this, why, when, where, who ...

A special thanks to Olwyn Buckland for trying to keep me organized and running on time. To the central office staff for their patience and to the school staff for all the support and help they have provided in my ongoing learning. Without the input and support of Kathy Olmstead, Darryl Seguin and Jeff Perry, the initial month would have been very difficult. Their knowledge and passion for learning and for the Livingstone range School Division is evident and has greatly assisted me in making decisions over the last few weeks.

My one message to administration and staff has been to ensure that every decision we make is based on what is best for the children and youth that we serve. This is an easy message to deliver to a group of people that already believes and understands this concept.

Important Dates

September 11, 2012	Zone VI ASBA Meeting in Lethbridge
September 12, 2013	Lethbridge Community Foundation Meeting in Pincher Creek
September 16, 2013	WCCHS Grand Opening
September 18, 2013	C2 Meeting
September 26-27, 2013	CASSIX Meeting