

Area 3 Schools

Athabasca Delta
Community
Fort McKay
Anzac Community
Bill Woodward
Father R. Perin
Conklin
Elizabeth
JF Dion



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Area 3 Associate Superintendent's Report to Board

Google Cohort Highlights

Twenty teachers are participating in the Google cohort.

Since the last report, they have:

- Met face to face once, otherwise meeting each month virtually.
- Shared ideas and strategies for integrating Google tools into classroom instruction.
- Shared technology success stories from their classrooms
- Dug deeper into using Google for Education to enhance student communication, collaboration, creativity and critical thinking.
- Each teacher focused on one particular Google tool to develop a product to share with their colleagues.
- Participated in a virtual session facilitated by Eric Curts, Technology Integration Specialist, Cleveland, Ohio. The sessions focused on learning how to:
 - Use the Google Drawing tool for art projects, math manipulatives,

Area 3 Sharing

Google Cohort Highlights

School Growth Plans

School Staffing

- interactive games, graphic organizers, poetry writing, motivational posters, green screen creations, student projects, infographics, and to enhance student engagement and learning.
- Use Google Sites for the creation of classroom websites, student portfolios, student projects and presentations
- Ways to use this tool to demonstrate student progress and learning.

School Growth Plans

All schools established strategies for specific goals in the following areas:

- Literacy development
- Numeracy development
- Welcoming, caring, respectful, safe and healthy learning and working environments
- Land-based learning activities

As well, each school created strategies tailored to a specific area of development in their school. This report will highlight each school area of focus.

Athabasca Delta Community School

Strategies:

1. Engaging all learners
2. Increasing student attendance

Highlight:

- Patrick Buffalo and the “Totomaso” (Do it yourself) Healing workshop.
- Discover E workshops – hands-on science and engineering learning for all students.

- Increase 15% in attendance from last May.

Anzac/ Bill Woodward:

Strategies:

1. BWS will implement a weekly LBL option block for Grade 10-12 students for a half day every Friday. This will be supplemented with weekend excursions on the land.
2. Develop a Guide to Student Assessment, Achievement and Growth for parents, students and staff that will state how we inform on progress, assign grades, steps when work is missing or incomplete, how to support students.
3. Implement a Math Daily 3 class as a pilot project.

Highlight:

- Student assessment guide will be shared and used in September 2019.

Elizabeth School:

Strategies:

1. Partner with the community on like-minded initiatives.
2. Meet regularly with community leaders to share updates and gather feedback.

Highlights:

- Fiddle and dance program established.
- Cree conversation café has been a great success.
- Working on starting an Elders in residence program.

Father R Perin School

Strategies:

1. Create an environment where students see their cultural identity as the center point of their educational experience
2. School functions and general curriculum will be infused with greater cultural references

Highlights:

- The Dene Language Instructor provides students with a strong connection between language, culture and curriculum.
- Culminating the year with Dene Cultural Educational Days, June 25 & 26

Ft. McKay School

Strategies:

1. Increase FNMI identity in the school and the curriculum.
2. To invite elders to the school on a monthly basis.

Highlights:

- Drums kits for the Gr. 5/6 boys and rattles for the girls for FNMI music.
- Dancers perform for various functions.
- Elders visited the school on a monthly basis to talk to the students about residential schools, attendance, storytelling, growing up in the bush, etc.

JF Dion School:

Strategies:

1. To increase the student's understanding of science curriculum outcomes.
2. Increase opportunities for critical thinking across all subjects.

Highlights:

- Utilized critical thinking across all subjects, especially discussions on how current local/regional/world events affect the community.

Area 3 Staffing Update:

Five schools – no vacancies

- Elizabeth
- Fort McKay
- Anzac
- Bill Woodward
- Father R Perin

Three schools with staffing changes

- Athabasca Delta Community School
- Conklin Community School
- JF Dion

