

Progress Statistics: Week of October 19 – 25, 2009

Schools in production.....	1,655
Number of active students (not including withdrawn students, e.g. graduated)	482,191
Maximum distinct user logon sessions in a day	15,118
Total distinct user logons for the week	64,364
Maximum number of reports run in a day.....	20,236
Maximum concurrent users in a day	5,600

Operations

Tim Reilly

General Information and Notifications

Reminder: The next SD Test refresh is coming up on November 7th/8th (the refresh is done the first *full* weekend of each month therefore, because November 1st is a Sunday, the first full weekend is the 7th/8th.)

A new record was set for photo uploads into BCeSIS. There were 60,000 photos loaded last week.

The infrastructure changes last week went in successfully.

Update: There were a couple of problems with Conversion and Test report servers a few weeks ago. The problems were local to those two environments only, there was nothing affecting Production. We are continuing to investigate.

The next Production service interruption is scheduled for November 22nd. There are no other interruptions scheduled for the month of November. The November Release will be implemented on the 18th, but no interruption is planned.

Implementation and Support

Chris Wilson

Learning Events / Resource Materials

Recordings of the recent Report Card learning events are readily accessible via a News item on the ISW.

The revised Pre-Scheduling Reference Guide has been posted. People have been making good use of this document over the past few years and, with new information added, it's a great resource to check out.

Last week we tested the new ability to bridge conference calls into Elluminate learning event sessions, and it was very successful. This should make things more efficient in the future.

The [Introduction to Scheduling Course Based Schools in BCeSIS](#) learning event is coming up in November; please check the Learning Event Schedule to register.

Reminder: As an L1 you have the ability to register for learning events on the ISW, but please be aware that you cannot register someone else, even though it may appear you can enter a different name. If you need to register someone else for a learning event, please email [• and we will add them](#) to the registration list. Be sure to include their email address so we can send them an Elluminate invitation.

November Release

Thank you to everyone who volunteered for UAT. Ian Johnston is coordinating the UAT and he sent an email to volunteers yesterday. If you have not received an email with further instructions, please let us know.

Spell Check (JSpell)

As updated in last week's minutes this global spell check utility has been successfully tested on a number of screens, including IEP and Determination of Eligibilities in Student Services. JSpell is scheduled for implementation in the November Release.

Standardized Tests

We do not have word yet on when to expect a fix from aal, but we are scheduling a DQR to fix the students' grades. This will be implemented with the November Release.

Credit Details

A document was posted on the ISW last week regarding credit details for closed courses. When a course is closed by the Ministry, the code no longer appears on the enterprise pick list of available courses. However, schools can enter these historical records by manually entering the course code. The document details the required steps.

Report Cards

Report cards enhancements were implemented on Sunday morning.

SD23 asked about the rationale of NM showing up as a blank on report cards. Bert van der Geest explained that NM is not a valid mark in the marks scale, but it needs to be there (but suppressed) so that comments for the course will show up.

SD23 also mentioned that there is no way for additional teachers (teacher assistants or librarians for example) to have access to a student without their name also appearing on report cards now that more than one teacher can display. They need access to the student in order to take attendance, but the schools don't necessarily want them to appear on report cards. Bert recommended submitting a CR to make it possible to print only the primary teacher. SD23 will submit the change request.

Governance**General Information and Notifications**

The SMC meeting last week focussed on proposals on the table for controlling the number of sessions a user can have at one time. More information is coming.

Inactive student records have been accumulating, and we are pursuing a strategy to develop a utility that will allow schools and districts to do mass deletion of duplicate students, after printing appropriate records like the PSR etc.

The next meeting of the full SMC will be November 1st.

The annual election for the SMC Executive will begin in the next two weeks.

BCeSIS Users Conference

We are looking for volunteers for the planning committee for the conference in May, 2010. If no suitable committee is in place it will be very difficult to have the conference. It would be appreciated if any schools or districts have volunteers that they get the names in by the end of the week. Volunteers should have a good understanding of BCeSIS, and preferably good contacts throughout their district.

Fees and Grants

Last week an analysis was done of schools using BCeSIS to report 1701. The purpose for this is to help identify schools in Production that have completed implementation but have not submitted a completion declaration. Schools may not be receiving grants they are eligible for, so notification has been sent to all associated SMC representatives to advise them of this. Based on this information, we will begin processing grants and billing shortly. With the next 1701 reporting in February, there is not sufficient time for us to do this again before grants are no longer available at the end of March. Schools must notify us of completion to be eligible to receive grants, so please do so as soon as possible.

SEWG / MRWG

Bert van der Geest

General Update and Notifications

The MRWG met last week and is continuing to prioritize items and do further analysis.

The SEWG will meet tomorrow and will also be prioritizing items.

If you submitted a change request that does not appear in the priority spreadsheet on the ISW, let Bert know and it will be added to the list.

OSWG

Norm Walker

General Update and Notifications

No update this week.