

Progress Statistics: Week of January 11-17, 2010

Schools in production.....	1,889
Number of active students	531,694
Number of inactive students.....	159,591
Maximum distinct user logon sessions in a day	15,138
Total distinct user logons for the week.....	74,320
Maximum number of reports run in a day.....	16,787
Maximum concurrent users in a day	5,597

Hot Topics

Andrew Macauley

General Information and Notifications

Last week the new utility Delete Inactive Students was made available in SD Test.

As districts begin to look at the tool in the context of their business practices, some of the feedback from participants on the call:

- SD23 reported having had a reasonably good look at the functionality, and found an interesting feature is that names of students can be pulled without proceeding through the delete process; therefore it is possible to get a good look at the students and group them by withdrawal reason – useful for tracking transitions. She also said the function is easy to use, and seems to do what it’s supposed to.
- SD28 found about a quarter of the districts’ inactive records are students who have not graduated, which points out the need to discuss what do with these records as well.
- SD6 mentioned the need for consistency across districts on the reasons for deleting students.

Operations

Tim Reilly

The Conversion environment was successfully upgraded to Solaris 10 on the weekend.

As mentioned in the minutes last week, the March Infrastructure Release has been postponed due to the upgrade to 12.0, which is scheduled for early March.

Training and Support

Chris Wilson

Reminder: a new version of the [Pre-Transition Reference Guide](#) has been posted to [Learning Resource Centre > Recurring Events & Processes > Year End \(YET\) Preparation Activities](#).

The team is preparing for the [Pre-Transition for Elementary Schools](#) learning event being delivered next week; as well as the [SADE](#) and [Pre-Scheduling](#) learning events scheduled for the first week of February.

We are continuing to work with new district SD85 Vancouver Island North. They will be going live with all their schools in September 2010.

Application Management

Dorothy Ward

This is the final call for UAT testers for the 12.0 upgrade. Ideally, we would like to have a few more districts involved. UAT will run for 2 weeks in mid February, but there will be prioritization workshops with the UAT group starting early next week. In the process of preparing for the upgrade we do a first prioritization of the items we think are important, but this is your opportunity to let us know which things are important to you.

Governance

Andrew Macauley

General Information and Notifications

The SMC Executive is meeting this afternoon, the agenda is fairly full with the main item being standards for removal of inactive students. They will also be doing a final review of the tool for assessing the system's value that was circulated earlier for feedback. If approved, it will be distributed to all districts to be completed and returned.

There will be a meeting of the full SMC on February 16th.

SEWG / MRWG

Victoria Williams, Bert van der Geest

General Update and Notifications

The SEWG will meet tomorrow; an agenda will be sent out today. There was no MRWG meeting last week, as there were no items to discuss.

Some districts are working with the EDI group at UBC on a research project; the instructions Victoria worked on with them were not complete so are not being distributed. Victoria is working on new instructions. Districts that have not uploaded their data yet can try on their own, or wait for the new instructions.

OSWG

Norm Walker

Standards Manual

The OSWG is continuing to work on updating the Standards Manual, reviewing a section and creating a new draft version of it at each meeting. Updates are on the ISW in the [District Collaboration Centre > BCeSIS Standards](#); the current version of the entire manual (v13) is posted at the top, with each section posted separately below. The individual sections are posted as Word documents, so you can edit for your own districts, and tracked changes have been left on so you can see what has been altered or edited. The document titles indicate if they are Draft or Approved versions. Once each section has been approved, there will be a new version 14 of the Standards Manual.

Everyone is encouraged to take some time to look at the manual, as there is a lot of good information in it. It is surprising how many people have never looked at this document or weren't aware of it. A lot of questions you might have will be answered in the manual, as they have been asked before.

Shared Communications Advisory Committee

The Shared Communications Advisory Committee has looked at incidents and standards are being recommended based on that review. When approved, these will outline an easy process to start to work with.

This week the committee will look at Teacher Assistant observations. Any code change or enhancement requests as a result of the committee meetings will need to go through the usual process.