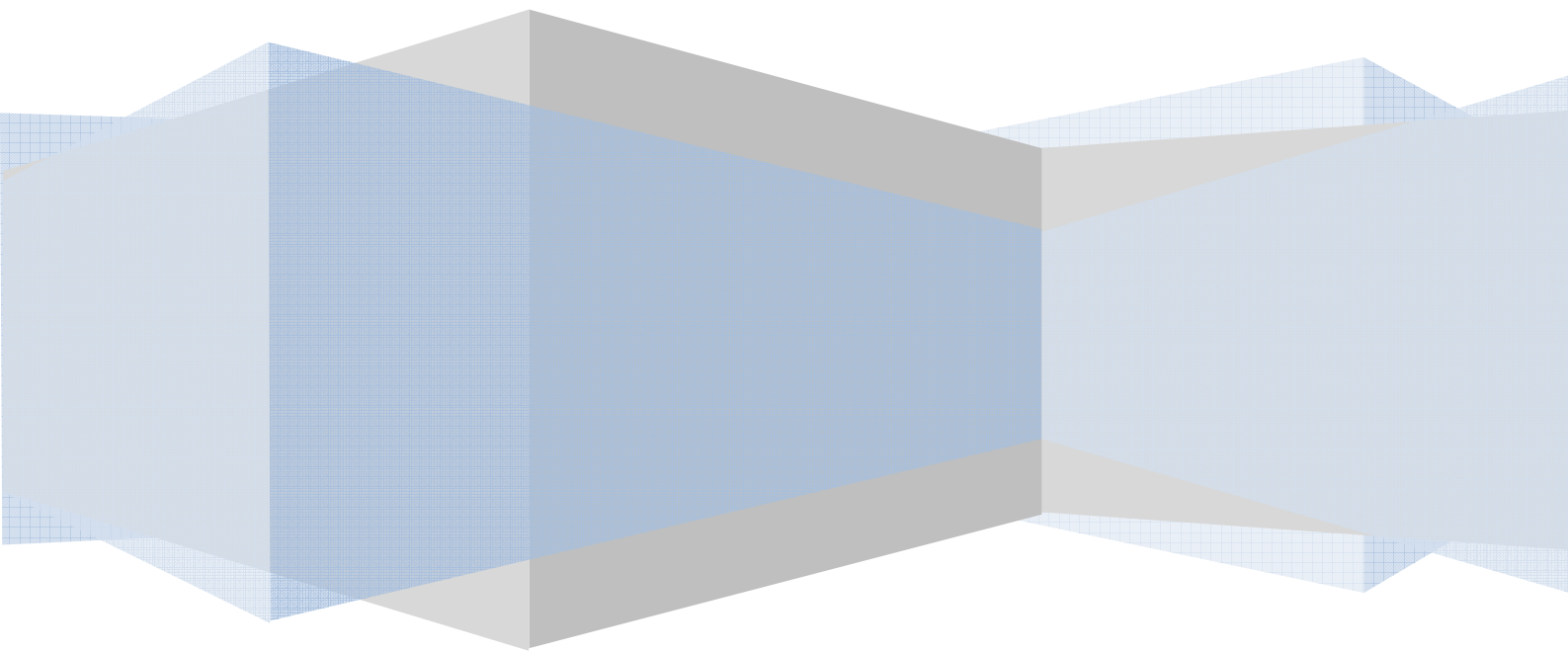


# **Similkameen Elementary Secondary School**

**2010 – 2011 School Plan**



## 2010 – 2011 SESS School Plan

We have three areas in which we will focus our efforts to improve student learning and enrich the school environment.

### Assessment for Learning

Goal #1: Build a greater understanding of Assessment for Learning at SESS.

#### Objectives:

1. Develop a shared school wide vision and practice of assessment – not a policy.
  - At some or all of the staff meetings in the year - have presentations and/or discussions that focus on defining norms for: fair assessment practices, fair grading practices, retake and rewrite options that support learning, frequency of assessment, fair weighting of assignment categories, and other topics of interest.
2. Support staff in the implementation of Assessment for Learning (AFL) Practices in their classrooms.
  - Have a team of teachers attend the ATI Summer Institute in Portland, Oregon and become leaders among the staff in AFL implementation.
  - On the Administrative School Plan Day, present on AFL practices and strategies. Encourage teachers to write a professional goal of implementing AFL strategies in their classroom.
  - Staff workshop on AFL ideas and concepts during first semester Pro-D days.
  - Provide monthly or term/quarterly training, lesson ideas and curriculum support for teachers to help them fulfill their professional AFL goal(s).

### School Culture Committee

Goal #2: Maintain our School Culture Committee and integrate student leadership.

#### Objectives:

1. To form a student council with representatives from grades 6 – 12.
  - The council should meet at least once a month and have teacher sponsorship.
2. Continue to offer the Senior Leadership class at SESS.
3. Send interested leadership students to the fall leadership conference in the Okanagan.
4. Plan events to promote school spirit and harmonious involvement.
  - Continue to hold Spirit Days every other month.
5. Utilize the new static D-block timetable to enrich and enhance culture and learning at SESS.
  - Create a one week static Elementary timetable as opposed to a four week revolving timetable.
  - Create and support a schedule that enables a greater number of staff to be shared between the Secondary and Elementary.

- Create a common preparatory and collaboration time for Elementary teachers.
  - Create consistent Special Education support block in the Elementary.
  - Schedule work experience during this block.
  - Use static D-block to support the Alternative Program.
  - Keep the school library open the entire day.
6. Continue to operate the school Bottle Recycling Program to empower students by creating an avenue to raise individual and group funds for activities. This will enable another avenue for subsidies to be provided to school while offering a service to our community.
  7. Create sharing, cooperation and a working relationship with Portage (The Crossing).
  8. Boost staff moral by increasing team building functions and events.

## **Technology Committee**

**Goal 3:** Create technological structures and opportunities for students to use technology to support learning.

### **Objectives:**

1. Continue to outfit classrooms with necessary technology to ensure learning.
  - Increase the number of SMART Boards in classrooms.
  - Increase the number of computer projectors in classrooms.
2. Provide future support and training to teachers that have SMART Boards.
3. Establish structures and processes to assure school and classroom websites are updated in a timely fashion with meaningful information and resources.
  - Student technology support program.
    - Students will work in a club or class capacity to maintain the SESS webpage, teacher webpages, TV announcement network, etc.
  - Increase teacher use of school based websites.
4. Continue exploring and sharing meaningful uses of technology to enhance student learning.
5. Continue to utilize and improve the use of school projector systems. (training, physical placement).
6. Increasing, supporting and enhancing the number of Elluminate classes offered at SESS.
7. Maintain and improve the database of parent email addresses and utilize this database for appropriate correspondence.
8. Continue to improve the tracking and maintenance of laptops in the Secondary. Maintain and improve on laptop tracking in the Elementary.

**Conclusion:** Progress and completion (including data and portfolio evidence) of all goals and objectives are to be reported on next year at the School Plan Presentation.