

How MyEd Helped SD60 Deal With an Emergency

by Jarrod Bell



During the wild fires that affected the Peace River Regional District in April, Highway 97 was closed shortly before the end of the school day due to fire and zero visibility from smoke on both sides of the community of Taylor.

Over 150 students from Taylor attend nine different schools in Fort St John and might not have been able to return home via bus or car.

By using functionality within MyEducation BC, SD60 staff were able to quickly identify students living in Taylor. We were able to quickly provide the information to schools, which enabled staff to immediately work with students and parents to bring them safely back together.

MyEd BC Academy

by Simona Thimot



“One of the things I think we will do differently after this conference is look at initiatives through many different lenses” (Educator, MyEd BC Academy Participant). Over 250 administrators, educators and technical staff came together at Thompson Rivers University to learn from one another and continue building towards the transformed education model.

Change was in the air! Jan Unwin set the stage for the conference reviewing the vision for education to support our students’ success in the 21st and into the 22nd century. *“For the first time in my history of working in public education, we are starting to see a synergy happening between the student information system, the technical role people, and*

educational change”(Educator, MyEd BC Academy Participant).

A myriad of sessions were delivered so the Academy would appeal to a broad audience. Through a small open space session, desired outcomes of the transformed education model were identified, and everyone attending the Academy then generated actions that will move districts towards achieving those outcomes. Participants also left with concrete tools they can use immediately, and educators brainstormed how they could use MyEducation BC support instruction. Relationships were built, and

informal learning opportunities were seized. *“You are not alone. Collaboration is a great tool - somebody else might have already solved that problem; don’t try to go it alone”* (L1, MyEd BC Academy Participant).

We chose to host the MyEd BC Academy centrally; *“we travel so much to the lower mainland; it is nice to have everyone experience Kamloops”* (MyEd Resource Teacher, MyEd BC Academy Participant). *“Thompson Rivers University campus is gorgeous. For some of us it was a blast from the past because we chose to stay on campus* (Educator, MyEd BC Academy Participant).



What’s next? The organizing committee is collecting all of the **presentations**, and putting together the **results of the open space sessions**. As these become available, we are **posting** them to the **MyEd BC Academy Page** in MyEducation BC – a page that all staff across BC and the Yukon can see. For an overview of the Academy, see the **infographic** at the end of this newsletter. We compiled a **short video** of participant interviews; it is available [here](#). We also filmed a few of the sessions and Open School BC will create **learning videos** which will be available early in the fall.

Many thanks to all our speakers, volunteers, SMC and the CSISC for their help making this event a success. We would love to do this again next year!!

Thank you, Shelley

by Eleanor Liddy



Shelley Wilcox has been a tireless champion and an enthusiastic advocate of MyEducation BC from the beginning. She was a key participant in the requirements gathering and the selection of the Aspen product to meet the unique requirements of the British Columbia education delivery model. She was also the Chair of the Service Management Council for several years and we thank her for stepping up to the challenge of implementing a new student information solution with MyEducation BC.

Shelley is retiring, and we were fortunate to be able to thank her in person at the Service Management Council meeting held at the MyEd BC Academy. We wish Shelley well in her new adventures. I’m sure we will be seeing her again!

SMC Working Group Corner

by Judy Smith, Ian Larsson, Casey Farrell, & Andrew Macauley

The Service Management Council (SMC) is comprised of representatives from each school district appointed by each Superintendent. The SMC strikes a number of sub-groups so school districts can provide guidance and input on the evolution of MyEducation BC; for more information contact your districts Service Management Council Representative. Your SMC representatives are listed as MyED BC Contacts [here](#).

Group	What We're Up To	Contact(s)
Counsellors Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ September tips document ➤ Identifying useful reports ➤ Identifying desired changes in the workspace, specifically around combined classes 	Judy Smith
Communicating Student Learning Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Looking at all the ways MyEducation BC can be used to communicate with parents ➤ One artifact being produced is a summative report that is flexible enough to be used as a learning summary over the year 	Judy Smith
Student Services Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Submitted a change request that separates the designation, a funding item, from the IEP, an instructional support tool ➤ Submitted a request to simplify the workflow for writing an IEP. 	Judy Smith
Operations and Standards Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Just released the MyEducation BC Standards Manual ➤ The manual can be found here 	Ian Larsson or Judy Smith
Software Enhancement Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Currently prioritizing MyEducation BC enhancements for this coming year 	Surinder Brar (SD73), SEC Chair

Have a great summer!



MyEducationBC Academy

May 10/11 2016
Kamloops, BC

250 PARTICIPANTS

Representatives from independent schools, districts and the Yukon



50/50
MIX

of technical staff,
educators and
administrators

Connection
Opportunity
Collaboration
Community
Valuable

Quotes from participants:

"Benefits: Networking with others; practical sessions; inspirational presentations"

"I am confident there is a great future with MyEd BC to serve districts needs now and in the future"



CONNECTIONS
ESTABLISHED

RELATIONSHIPS
STRENGTHENED

KNOWLEDGE
EXPANDED

93% are very likely or likely to **attend** future MyEducation BC Academy events

91% strongly agree or agree the content was **relevant** to their work

89% Learned something **new**

79% strongly agree or agree with the **value** of session content



OVER 21
SPEAKERS
AND
PRESENTERS

Hands on working sessions, panel discussions, and key notes from school districts, Fujitsu, Follett and Ministry of Education