

November 25, 2015

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of Lucerne Students,

Last evening at the Regular Meeting of the Board of School District 10 (Arrow Lakes), the following motion was made and carried.

Moved by R. Butt-Grau, seconded by Q. De Courcy that the Board of Education approve the installation of a dual system that would include a fully wired infrastructure throughout the school with the addition of a wireless infrastructure in the high school section of the school.

This morning I spoke with Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer Terry Taylor, who provided the following details on what this means for Lucerne School.

1. Fiberoptic internet cable will be installed throughout the school, provided hardwired internet access to all rooms that utilize internet access.
2. The Superintendent, Principal, IT manager and school staff will be meeting in the near future to determine the number of hardwired drops and ports in each room, as well as which secondary rooms to install the wireless routers.
3. Wireless routers will be placed in the ceilings of **secondary school rooms only**. ***No wireless access will be present in elementary classrooms, or preschool classrooms.*** These wireless routers have low electromagnetic field (EMF) emissions that only allow wireless access in the classroom itself. The emissions do not extend to the hallways or spaces outside the classrooms.
4. Each wireless router will be controlled by a secure web site that teachers, the principal, and the District IT manager will have access to. If the teacher is requiring wireless access for their class, they will be able to log into the web site and turn the router on or off.
5. The Board of Education of School District 10 (Arrow Lakes) after additional conversations and consultations, may put forward additional motions regarding internet access before school, after school, and during recess and lunch.

The logistical pieces and dates resulting from this decision of the Board of Education of School District 10 (Arrow Lakes) have not all been determined. The hardwired fiberoptic cable is intended to be installed over the winter break from December 19-January 3. We do not have a date set for installation of the additional pieces of the system. As Principal I will be communicating any updates to parents and staff as this information becomes available.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Lucerne School office at 250-265-3638 ext. 3.

Sincerely,
Mrs. N. Suhr,
Principal