

## TAC Report – Oct/2008

The committee kicked off the year with a productive first meeting. It was inspiring to hear the reports from all the principals about startup at their respective schools. Each principal spoke positively about the Professional Learning Communities at each school. In addition, each principal was satisfied thus far, with the implementation of their respective school goals for the year.

Bruce Ivany, the Assistant District Superintendent, reported on the positive enrollment numbers for the 2008/2009 school year. He also spoke of a few ideas for bringing together people from the Traditional School community from around the province and proposed Abbotsford as host. Some possible ideas were:

- a Traditional School Conference (Various participants from each traditional school, such as parents, teachers, principals, and trustees)
- a Traditional Leadership Conference
- a “Traditional School only” sports tournament of some kind (either locally or province-wide)

The Traditional Advisory Council sent a bouquet of flowers to the French Advisory Council in acknowledgement their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. Mr. Ivany passed along their deep gratitude for such a thoughtful act.

The highlight of the meeting was the presentation of the prototype of the new district ‘Traditional’ website. The goals for this website were:

- to connect all Traditional Schools in Abbotsford and provide a central location for accessing their sites.
- To share TAC materials and TAC developed documents.
- Testimonials/informationals
- To provide a History of Traditional in Abbotsford
- Various videos and lectures will be posted
- A parent survey to be posted.
- School brochures/handbooks/dress codes/ordering info for each school to be posted.
- Milestones/summaries and pictures to be included.
- Research and documents will be available
- Links to other traditional schools throughout Canada and NA to be provided.

The developer, Mr. Doug Williams, presented this very high quality, well organized, beautifully laid-out website to an enthusiastic reception. Well done Mr. Williams!

The committee is still exploring the possibility of a ‘Traditional Orientation for New Staff’. We will also be discussing the practices surrounding registration and transition from elementary to middle and middle to high school.

All feedback on these or any other issues deemed appropriate for the TAC are very welcome and wanted.