

Stawamus Elementary as a School of Choice – celebrating and pursuing excellence through technology.

How to implement a Technology School

- Ongoing Professional Development and in-service for staff – both teachers and TA's in the use of SmartBoard technology in the classroom and for special needs students.
- Finding a funding source (or a group of funding sources) to assist with obtaining an additional five SmartBoard/projector/laptop sets for the classrooms and the Learning Assistance Centre – approximate initial cost of \$25,000
- Cooperative creation of school wide themes/lesson plans to support the use of technology in the classroom
- Investigation of programs to improve the available options in the computer lab to provide students with access to tools that will improve their access to learning
- A guarantee of eight to ten years of support (not specifically financial) from the School District (at least one full set of students from K – 7)
- Promotion of the Technology School Program throughout the District on par with the French Immersion Program.

Other Factors:

- Visibility and perception – first impressions
 - brush clearing and new plantings on the access road
 - brush clearing on the footpath
 - signage for the footpath (2' x 3' Stawamus Elementary Footpath sign)
 - school signage at the Clark Road junction – large Welcome to Stawamus sign – possibly with current events listing section
 - lamp post banners
 - can we get the Fire Department to volunteer man-hours to help with brush clearing/planting
 - donations for plantings
 - parent's group volunteers
- Britannia Beach/Klahanie/Furry Creek/Stawamus Reserve students
 - not a catchment issue, but a transportation issue – can this be returned to the table?
 - We presently have several Britannia Beach families at Stawamus by choice.
 - Potential for two drop-off options for those students (Stawamus/Squamish)
- Strong Start and Montessori Programs using space at Squamish Elementary
 - if the French Immersion program moves to Squamish Elementary would either of these be a good fit for Stawamus?
 - upgrade of Teacherage to accommodate one or both programs? Parent/community volunteers to do this?