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A CHANGE AT THE HELM

After twenty-five years of service as the Executive Director of the FISA, Mr. Fred Herfst has announced his retirement, effective in the summer of 2011. To prepare for a smooth transition to new leadership, the FISA Board has chosen his successor, who will join the FISA staff on Oct. 1, 2010.

The FISA Board and Mr. Herfst heartily welcome Dr. Peter Froese to the position of Associate Executive Director and look forward to working with him as the FISA structures its future endeavors. He is eminently qualified for the work by bringing to the position exceptional educational credentials and a wealth of educational experience. He wrote his dissertation on the FISA. He has served as a teacher and as principal in public schools and understands public education; he has served as principal and superintendent of Mennonite Educational Institute and chaired Ministry of Education External Evaluation Teams visiting independent schools in BC, and also off-shore schools in China, thereby gaining an in-depth view of independent schools. He has served on the Board of the FISA, and has been a council member of the BC College of Teachers.

As he attends various meetings and events in the coming year, he would welcome the opportunity to meet you and the FISA invites you to introduce yourself to him.

VANCOUVER FOUNDATION AND BC ARTS COUNCIL

Application forms for the Arts in Education grants were e-mailed to schools in June. The application is also available on our website www.fisabc.ca for FISA member schools. The forms are due in the FISA office September 15, 2010. The FISA extends its sincere thanks to the Vancouver Foundation and the BC Arts Council for their support of the performing arts and for granting \$16,000.00 to the independent schools for this program.



FISA FACT SHEET

The FACT SHEET has been mailed, pre-printed with data submitted by your school last year. Please return the FACT SHEET with your updated information to the FISA office by October 1, 2010 in order that we may serve you, and others with the correct information.

FISA MEMBERSHIP

Invoices for the FISA membership fees have been mailed to ISABC and AMG schools, with the exception of SDA schools within the AMG. Invoices for ACSIBC, SDA, CIS and SCS schools will be sent to the respective Provincial association offices. The fees for 2010-11 are unchanged at \$4.75 per FTE student in kindergarten through grade 12 using September 30, 2010 enrolment figures on the FISA FACT SHEET. Kindly remit fees by October 22, 2010 **with a copy of the invoice.** Thank you.

WEBSITE HOT LINK AND E-MAIL

The FISA updates its website based on the information submitted by your school on the FISA FACT SHEET. Please check the accuracy of your website and e-mail address carefully. We believe this service will enhance your ability to provide information to potential clients as they search the FISA School Directory listings for a school of their choice.



BYLAW AMENDMENTS

The FISA will be amending its bylaws, and as a legal requirement is hereby notifying its membership of that fact. The amendments are purely technical in that they update the name of the “Independent Schools Association” to “Independent Schools Associations of British Columbia”, and its acronym from “ISA” to “ISABC”; and the name of the “Society of Christian Schools” to “Society of Christian Schools in British Columbia”, and its acronym from “SCS” to “SCSBC”. These amendments will be presented at the FISA Annual General Meeting on December 8, 2010, to be held in Burnaby, BC. Consult bylaws 2.3, 2.5, 2.6 and 2.8.



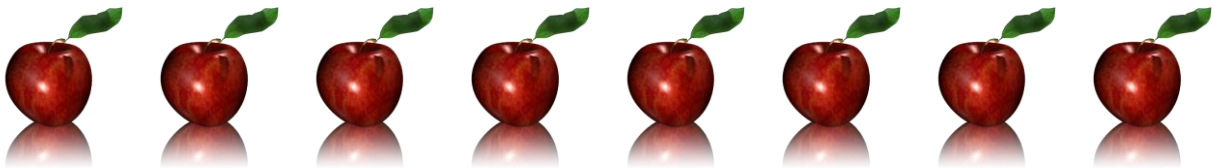
GOVERNMENT AND INSTITUTIONAL NEWS

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

The FISA has been very supportive of the government’s policy of offering full-day kindergarten for all schools and parents that wished to avail themselves of the full-day service.

However, it has consistently followed its long-standing policy of promoting and protecting parental rights by maximizing the educational options available to them. In that spirit the FISA had approached government with the request to maintain the option of funded half-day kindergarten for those parents and schools which chose to have the half-day option when full implementation of full-day kindergarten comes into effect in Sept. 2011. The Ministry of Education has granted that request as confirmed by a letter to the FISA, dated August 25, 2010.

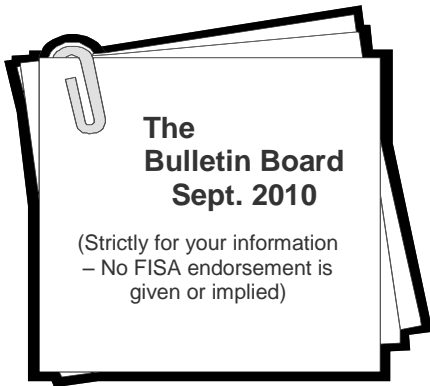
The FISA is very pleased the government has recognized parental choice in this matter and suggests a note of thanks to the Minister of Education would be most appropriate.



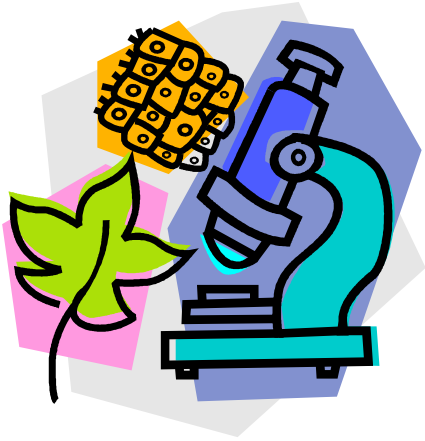
ASSOCIATION NEWS

NEW MEMBER

The FISA is pleased to welcome Sikh Academy as a new member of the FISA through the Associate Member Group of the FISA, during 2009-2010. Located in Surrey and founded in 2008 with 16 students, growing to 135 students in 2009, the school expects another substantial enrolment increase in September 2010.



The Federation of Independent School Associations wishes all independent schools a productive, safe, and rewarding 2010-2011 school year



Science

The National Research Council of Canada has two exciting new science learning tools:

- an online science magazine on their website www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/dimensions
- **Resources for Science Learning.** Resources are linked to the Canadian curriculum and are free of charge. Quantities are limited. Please visit www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/student-science-tech/order.html for more information.