

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Education and Student Services DATE: November 2, 2011

ACTING
CHAIRPERSON: Trustee Anna Hunt-Binkley STAFF CONTACT: Terry-Lee Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent

Board Attendees:

Trustee A. Hunt-Binkley - Acting Chairperson
Trustee G. Scanlan - Committee Member
Trustee M. Baxter - Acting Committee Member
Trustee G. Given
(Absent - Trustee J. Watson, Committee Chairperson)

Staff:

H. Gloster, Superintendent of Schools
T. Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
N. Bradley, Director of Instruction K - 12
C. Sulz, Director of Instruction K - 12
B. Bertram, Executive Assistant (*recorder*)

Partner Group Representation:

COPVPA Scott McLean, Principal - OKM Secondary School
C.O.T.A. Alice Rees, President
District Student Council Jasmine Peachey (Gr. 11 - MBSS) and Carson Reveen (Gr. 11 - RSS)

Absent: COPAC and CUPE Representatives

Reports/Matters Arising

October 5, 2011 Committee Report - Received.

Agenda - Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Addition: 6.12 - Draft New Policy "Employee Use of Electronic and Social Media Communication"
Correspondence received from Charlene Wowchuk, GESS PAC President

Committee Members Queries/Comments

The Acting Chairperson formally thanked Trustee Jeff Watson for his work as Chair of the Board's Education and Student Services Committee for the past three years.

Action Items

Norm Bradley, Director of Instruction K - 12, and Patti Ostrickoff, Career Life Programs Consultant/Facilitator, provided a brief presentation on the background of the development of Board Authorized Courses (BAC), which are encouraged by the Ministry of Education as a means of providing choice and flexibility for students, while meeting the needs of schools and communities. Once Board Authorized Courses are approved by the Board of Education and the Ministry of Education, they are assigned a course code which allows the specific course name to appear on the student's transcript, providing a more accurate description of courses the student has taken, rather than a generic course description, e.g. Independent Directed Studies.

1. Board Authorized Course (BAC) Proposal - Yoga & Fitness 11 (Kelowna Secondary School)

Lea Ivanitz, Teacher - Kelowna Secondary School (KSS), provided information on the Yoga & Fitness 11 BAC Proposal, which is currently offered as a component within the dance and fitness classes taught at KSS and, if approved, will be offered as a separate course. The BAC proposal will be presented to the school's Parent Advisory Council and the School Planning Council for approval prior to coming to the Board of Education at the November 23, 2011 Public Board Meeting.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the Board of Education approve the Board Authorized Course (BAC) Proposal - Yoga & Fitness 11 (Kelowna Secondary School), as attached and as presented at the November 23, 2011 Public Board Meeting, pending Parent Advisory Council and School Planning Council approval.

2. Board Authorized Course (BAC) Proposal - Rugby 11 (Mount Boucherie Secondary School)

John Simonson, Principal - Mount Boucherie Secondary School, provided information on the BAC Proposal, which will offer students a more in-depth understanding and knowledge of the sport within the school setting. The course will include accelerated technical development and a cognitive understanding of the laws of the game, while promoting physical activity and providing leadership opportunities.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the Board of Education approve the Board Authorized Course (BAC) Proposal - Rugby 11 (Mount Boucherie Secondary School), as attached and as presented at the November 9, 2011 Public Board Meeting.

3. Board Authorized Course (BAC) Proposal - Basketball 11 (Mount Boucherie Secondary School)

John Simonson, Principal - Mount Boucherie Secondary School, provided information on the BAC Proposal, which will allow students to further pursue personal excellence in the sport of basketball, including sport-science instruction related to fitness and sport physiology, nutrition, strength training and mental training. The course will be provided within the framework of core and elective courses offered at the school.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the Board of Education approve the Board Authorized Course (BAC) Proposal - Basketball 11 (Mount Boucherie Secondary School), as attached and as presented at the November 9, 2011 Public Board Meeting.

4. Board Authorized Course (BAC) Proposal - Utility Arborist 11 (Rutland Senior Secondary School)

Wayne Price, Teacher - Rutland Senior Secondary School, provided background on the BAC proposal, which will formalize a program that is currently being offered within the RSS Forestry Program, through a memorandum of understanding with the Electrical Industry Training Institute. Post-secondary institutions will recognize the course for those students wishing to pursue a career as either horticulturists or utility arborists.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the Board of Education approve the Board Authorized Course (BAC) Proposal - Utility Arborist 11 (Rutland Senior Secondary School), as attached and as presented at the November 9, 2011 Public Board Meeting.

5. Board Authorized Course (BAC) Proposal - Aboriginal Outdoor Education 12 (Rutland Senior Secondary School)

Curtis Schreiber, Principal - Rutland Senior Secondary School, and Wayne Price, Teacher - Rutland Senior Secondary School, provided background on the BAC Proposal which was developed in collaboration with Don Fiddler, Aboriginal Education Program, based on a "Warriors' Program" offered to senior secondary students in Saskatchewan. The course differs from the regular Outdoor Education Program in that it includes Aboriginal cultural aspects and traditional teachings within the program. First Nations Advocates have provided support and resources in the development of the program.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the Board of Education approve the Board Authorized Course (BAC) Proposal - Aboriginal Outdoor Education 12 (Rutland Senior Secondary School), as attached and as presented at the November 9, 2011 Public Board Meeting.

6. Board Authorized Course (BAC) Proposal - Studies in Emergency Medical Services 12 (Rutland Senior Secondary School)

Curtis Schreiber, Principal - Rutland Senior Secondary School provided information on the course, which is offered in conjunction with the RSS Emergency Medical Responder Program provided in partnership with the Justice Institute of British Columbia. The course is currently being offered at RSS and has attracted students from Kelowna Secondary School, Mount Boucherie Secondary School and George Elliot Secondary School. The course is designed to provide theoretical knowledge for students planning on entering Para-medicine or other health-related careers.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the Board of Education approve the Board Authorized Course (BAC) Proposal - Studies in Emergency Medical Services 12 (Rutland Senior Secondary School), as attached and as presented at the November 9, 2011 Public Board Meeting.

7. Board Authorized Course (BAC) Proposal - Baseball 10 (Rutland Senior Secondary School)

Dale Popp, Teacher - Rutland Senior Secondary School, provided information on the BAC proposal which is offered within the umbrella of the RSS Baseball Skills Academy. The Ministry Course Code for approved Board Authorized Courses allows the actual course name to appear on a student's transcript, showing the clear progression of completed courses, e.g. Baseball 10, Baseball 11 and Baseball 12. This provides easily visible course information for post-secondary institutions and/or athletic scouts. The Baseball Skills Academy is attracting students from out-of-district, out-of-province and private schools. It was clarified that a student would not necessarily have to be enrolled in the Baseball Skills Academy, in order to take the proposed Baseball 10 BAC, and there would be no separate fees attached for taking the course. The school also provides financial support for any students who are experiencing financial hardship and wish to enroll in a fee-structured academy.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the Board of Education approve the Board Authorized Course (BAC) Proposal - Baseball 10 (Rutland Senior Secondary School), as attached and as presented at the November 9, 2011 Public Board Meeting.

8. Board Authorized Course (BAC) Proposal - Baseball 11 (Rutland Senior Secondary School)

Dale Popp, Teacher - Rutland Senior Secondary School, advised that the development of the Baseball 11 BAC proposal followed similar guidelines and intent as the Baseball 10 BAC proposal.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the Board of Education approve the Board Authorized Course (BAC) Proposal - Baseball 11 (Rutland Senior Secondary School), as attached and as presented at the November 9, 2011 Public Board Meeting.

9. Board Authorized Course (BAC) Proposal - Baseball 12 (Rutland Senior Secondary School)

Dale Popp, Teacher - Rutland Senior Secondary School, advised that the development of the Baseball 12 BAC proposal followed similar guidelines and intent as the Baseball 10 and Baseball 11 BAC proposals.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the Board of Education approve the Board Authorized Course (BAC) Proposal - Baseball 12 (Rutland Senior Secondary School), as attached and as presented at the November 9, 2011 Public Board Meeting.

10. “Achieving a Necessary Future” (ANF) Project Review

The Assistant Superintendent provided a brief background on the “Achieving a Necessary Future” Project which, as a part of the District’s strategic plan, has been reviewed several times since its inception. Clara Sulz, Director of Instruction K - 12, outlined the strategies used in conducting the review of the ANF Project, which included an extensive review of data from ANF and non ANF schools. This data clearly indicated that a significant number of vulnerable students exist in both ANF and non ANF schools. The Committee agreed that an alternative to the ANF Project is required, and that the creation and implementation of multiple strategies and structures, planned by a collaborative team, are necessary to provide support to all vulnerable students in the District’s 30 elementary schools.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the Board of Education receive the “Achieving a Necessary Future” Project Review, as attached and as presented at the November 23, 2011 Public Board Meeting;

AND THAT: The Board of Education authorize staff to engage in a process, involving input from all partner groups, to replace the present “Achieving a Necessary Future” structure, by developing a new collaborative model of support that includes the investigation of differentiated intervention strategies to meet the needs of all vulnerable students in all elementary schools.

11. Amended Policy 505 and 505R (Regulations) “Learning Assistance”

Clara Sulz, Director of Instruction K - 12, reviewed the amendments made to the policy and regulations, as a result of committee direction at the October 5, 2011 Education and Student Services Committee meeting. The addition of Appendix A provides information on the “Pyramid of Intervention”, and Appendix B provides a list of school district specialists who may be consulted. The policy regulations now outline procedures for teachers, students and parents to follow in order to access learning assistant services. Committee members recommended minor amendments to the policy and regulations.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the Board of Education approve the amended Policy 505 and 505R (Regulations) “Learning Assistance”, as attached and as presented at the November 23, 2011 Public Board Meeting.

12. Draft New Policy “Employee Use of Electronic and Social Media Communication”

The Assistant Superintendent provided a brief overview of the development of the draft new policy which included input and involvement from all partner groups. Once the policy is approved by the Board of Education, it will provide a framework for a revision of network user agreements as well as the development of curriculum pertaining to digital citizenship. It was agreed that the development of the policy is extremely timely, given the Ministry of Education’s announcement that the use of personal media devices would be welcomed in schools as a tool to enhance learning. The draft new policies will provide ways for employees and students to be safe while dealing with the continuing explosion of technological advancements.

Committee members discussed the correspondence received from the P.A.C. President of George Elliot Secondary School which requests that both draft policies be sent out to all school Parent Advisory Councils for review and input prior to final policy approval by the Board of Education.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the Board of Education approve the new policy “Employee Use of Electronic and Social Media Communication” as an interim policy, replacing Policy 385 “Use of Cellular Phones or Communication/Wireless Devices in School or on School Property”, as attached and as presented at the November 23, 2011 Public Board Meeting;

AND THAT the Board of Education direct the Superintendent to send the interim policy to all school Parent Advisory Councils and the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council for review, requesting feedback prior to the end of January 2012.

13. Draft New Policy “Student Use of Electronic and Social Media Communication”

The new policy was discussed concurrently with item #12.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the Board of Education approve the new policy “Student Use of Electronic and Social Media Communication” as an interim policy, replacing Policy 485 “Use of Cellular Phones or Communication/Wireless Devices in School or on School Property”, as attached and as presented at the November 23, 2011 Public Board Meeting;

AND THAT the Board of Education direct the Superintendent to send the interim policy to all school Parent Advisory Councils and the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council for review, requesting feedback prior to the end of January 2012.

Discussion/Information Items

1. Aboriginal Education Program 8th Annual Report - September 2010 to June 2011

The Assistant Superintendent introduced Dr. Cammy Coughlin, the new District Principal for Aboriginal Education, and recognized Don Fiddler, the former Acting Principal for Aboriginal Education, for his work in the development of the report. The report includes data gathered for the Aboriginal Education Program Review conducted early in 2011; however, does not include Ministry of Education data for 2010/2011, as this data is not expected to be released until January/February 2012. Following Board of Education receipt of the Annual Report, the information contained within will be used in planning youth and community forums for the development of the next Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement.

Outcome

It was the consensus of the Committee that the Aboriginal Education Program 8th Annual Report be sent to the Board of Education as an information item on the November 9, 2011 Public Meeting Agenda.

Committee Correspondence

1. Received - Correspondence from Charlene Wowchuk, George Elliot Secondary School PAC President

Recommendations/Referrals to the Board/Coordinating Committee/Other Committees

Future Public Board Meeting Action Items:

- BAC Proposal - Rugby 11 (Mount Boucherie Secondary School) (November 9, 2011)
- BAC Proposal - Basketball 11 (Mount Boucherie Secondary School) (November 9, 2011)
- BAC Proposal - Utility Arborist 11 (Rutland Senior Secondary School) (November 9, 2011)
- BAC Proposal - Aboriginal Outdoor Education 12 (Rutland Senior Secondary School) (November 9, 2011)
- BAC Proposal - Studies in Emergency Medical Services 12 (Rutland Senior Secondary School) (November 9, 2011)
- BAC Proposal - Baseball 10 (Rutland Senior Secondary School) (November 9, 2011)
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- BAC Proposal - Baseball 12 (Rutland Senior Secondary School) (November 9, 2011)
- BAC Proposal - Yoga & Fitness 11 (Kelowna Secondary School) (November 23, 2011)
- “Achieving a Necessary Future” Project Review (November 23, 2011)
- Amended Policy 505 and 505R “Learning Assistance” (November 23, 2011)
- Interim Policy “Employee Use of Electronic and Social Media Communication” (November 23, 2011)
- Interim Policy “Student Use of Electronic and Social Media Communication” (November 23, 2011)

Future Public Board Meeting Information Items:

- Aboriginal Education Program 8th Annual Report - September 2010 to June 2011 (November 9, 2011)

Items for Future Education and Student Services Committee Meetings

The Assistant Superintendent requested that the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement review be moved to the May 2012 agenda, due to the extensive staff/student/community consultation required.

- Grad Outcomes Survey (*January 2012*)
- Early College High School Proposal - Update (*January 2012*)
- Interim Policy “Employee Use of Electronic and Social Media Communication” - for review of feedback received from school PACs and COPAC (*February 2012*)
- Interim Policy “Student Use of Electronic and Social Media Communication” - for review of feedback received from school PACs and COPAC (*February 2012*)
- Proposals for Substantive Change (*February 2012*)
- Grade Configurations (Level 1 Review) (*February 2012*)
- Draft Program Review Cycle for 2012/2013 (*March 2012*)
- Catchment Area Review (*March 2012*)
- Facility Plan Review (*March 2012*)
- SD No. 23 Student Readiness Annual Report (*April 2012*)
- Student Support Services including Central School Programs/Alternate Education - Level 1 Review (*April 2012*)
- International Education/English as a Secondary Language Annual Report (*May 2012*)
- Family Life Annual Report (*May 2012*)
- Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement (*May 2012*)
- Draft Achievement Contract and Strategic Plan (*June 2012*)
- Central Okanagan Community and SD No. 23 Literacy Plan (*June 2012*)
- Program Review Presentation Schedule for 2012/2013 (*June 2012*)

Future Education and Student Services Committee Meetings

(Meeting schedule for 2012 to be determined)

All meetings are scheduled for 6:30 pm in the School Board Office Board Room.

Questions – Please Contact:

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