

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Education and Student Services DATE: January 5, 2011

CHAIRPERSON: Trustee Jeff Watson STAFF CONTACT: Terry-Lee Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent

Board Attendees:

Trustee J. Watson - Chairperson
Trustee A. Hunt-Binkley - Committee Member
Trustee G. Scanlan - Committee Member

Staff:

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

Partner Group Representation:

COPAC Sharlene Drohomereski, President
COPVPA Linda Ross, Vice-Principal - Constable Neil Bruce Middle School
C.O.T.A. Alice Rees, President
Absent: Representation from CUPE
Representation from District Student Council

Reports/Matters Arising

November 3, 2010 Committee Report - Received.

Action Items

1. Family Life Program Review

The Assistant Superintendent provided a brief background on the Program Review rotation which is a part of the district's strategic planning cycle. Norm Bradley, Director of Instruction K - 12, provided a brief summary of the steps taken to collect the information used to produce the Program Review, which included gathering feedback from partner groups, students, staff and parents. Principal comments included "Feedback from teachers is that they really appreciate *experts* coming in to handle this", and "...an amazing program, very needed for our kids...and truly a talented team of teachers. They do a terrific job...our staff comment every year how effective the instruction is, and how grateful they are to have such informed and masterful teachers handling this very sensitive, and important information".

Leanne Shephard and Jenny Rabinovitch, Family Life Teachers, reviewed the program goals which include providing students in grades 4 - 10 with the opportunity to receive accurate, relevant and updated information on adolescent sexuality, giving students the knowledge necessary to make informed choices about their sexual health and safety and an awareness of the consequences of their choices, and creating a comfortable, safe and respectful co-educational classroom climate for students. Feedback received from students, staff and parents is used to make lessons as meaningful as possible.

Committee members discussed the proposed recommendations contained within the Program Review, including the recommendation that the Family Life Annual Report be discontinued since the Program is scheduled to be reviewed on a three year rotation in keeping with similar district program reviews. (Public Board Meeting - June 25, 2008, Motion 08P-121)

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the Family Life Program Review, as attached and presented at the January 5, 2011 meeting of the Education and Student Services Committee, be sent to the Board of Education for approval, and that the Family Life Annual Report be discontinued unless directed by the Board or the Superintendent.

2. Draft Amended Policy 525 and 525R (Regulations) "Field Trips"

The Assistant Superintendent reviewed the draft amendments to the policy and regulations which include minor housekeeping changes, content organization and a clearly defined approval process for all field trip levels.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the amended Policy 525 and 525R (Regulations) "Field Trips" as attached and presented at the January 5, 2011 meeting of the Education and Student Services Committee, be sent to the Board of Education for approval.

3. Draft Amended Policy 710R (Regulations) "School Planning Councils"

The Assistant Superintendent reviewed the draft amendments to the regulations which now reflect current School Act information regarding the installation of video surveillance cameras in schools and on school grounds. As well, membership on School Planning Councils is now clearly defined.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that Policy 710, 710A (Appendix) and amended 710R (Regulations) "School Planning Councils" be sent to the Board of Education as an information item.

Discussion/Information Items

1. Board Authorized Courses (BAC) 2010/2011 - Update

The Assistant Superintendent outlined the background of the updated BAC report provided to committee members. Since the previous report was presented at the November 3, 2010 Education and Student Services Committee meeting, more

information has been updated into the BCeSIS system and the revised report reflects current Board Authorized Courses being offered in schools. Norm Bradley, Director of Instruction K - 12, advised that, although several of the BAC student enrolment numbers appear low, these courses are being taken by students in combination with another class; thereby, giving the student a more personalized education opportunity.

2. Quality Assessment Program Review - Update

The Assistant Superintendent advised that a comprehensive review has been initiated for the Quality Assessment Program and the Program Review will be presented as scheduled at the March 2, 2011 meeting of the Education and Student Services Committee.

3. Trustee Queries From Previous Meetings

- School Ice Time per the West Kelowna Agreement

The Assistant Superintendent advised that the Recreational and Cultural Supervisor for the District of West Kelowna has been consulted and has advised that hockey academies in West Kelowna schools are not monopolizing the district's scheduled ice time. At the beginning of the school year, each school is offered equitable ice time and no concerns have been expressed by elementary principals regarding a possible lack of ice time during the year.

Outcome

The Assistant Superintendent will provide an information memorandum to the Board of Education regarding West Kelowna Ice Time.

- Boys' Soccer Academy at Mount Boucherie Secondary School (MBSS)

This query was a result of the establishment of a Boys' Soccer Academy at Constable Neil Bruce Middle School and the question as to why students involved in this academy did not have an opportunity to further their skills once they moved to Mount Boucherie Secondary School. The Assistant Superintendent informed the committee that the Principal of MBSS has advised that, due to the diversity of athletic opportunities available to students at MBSS, not enough interest has been expressed to establish a viable boys' Soccer Academy at the school.

- Culinary Arts Program - Mount Boucherie Secondary School

The Assistant Superintendent advised that students involved in this program receive credit from Okanagan College. The maximum number of students for this course is 15 and the school currently has 9 students registered in the first semester and 7 students registered for the second semester. The Assistant Superintendent will be working with both the zonal Director of Instruction and the school Principal to promote this program with students and parents, and an update will be provided at the February 2, 2011 Education and Student Services Committee Meeting.

4. Executive Summaries for Level 2 or 3 Program Reviews

Committee members discussed the need for an Executive Summary for the less extensive Program Reviews and agreed that, for a level 2 or level 3 Program Review, an Executive Summary would not be required unless deemed necessary.

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

Future Public Board Meeting Action Items:

- Family Life Program Review
- Amended Policy 525 and 525R (Regulations) "Field Trips"

Future Public Board Meeting Information Items:

- Policy 710, 710A (Appendix) and amended 710R (Regulations) "School Planning Councils"
- West Kelowna Ice Time

Items for Future Education and Student Services Committee Meetings

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| - Culinary Arts Program Registration Update (February 2011) | - Three Year Rule Program Review (April 2011) |
| - Feedback on the School Planning Council Process (February 2011) | - Preliminary Achievement Contract Information (May 2011) |
| - Proposals for Substantive Change (February 2011) | - Aboriginal Education Program Review (May 2011) |
| - Quality Assessment Program Review (March 2011) | - Draft Achievement Contract (June 2011) |
| - Draft Program Review Cycle 2011/2012 (March 2011) | - 2011/2012 Program Review Presentation Schedule (June 2011) |
| - Achieving a Necessary Future Program Review (March 2011) | - Central Okanagan Community & SD23 Literacy Plan (Annual Report) (June 2011) |
| - Current Homework Practices K - 12 (April 2011) | |
| - SD23 Student Readiness Annual Report (April 2011) | |

Future Education and Student Services Committee Meetings

February 2, 2011 March 2, 2011 April 6, 2011 May 4, 2011 June 1, 2011

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

Questions – Please Contact:

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