

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Education and Student Services DATE: June 1, 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
Trustee M. Baxter
Trustee R. Cacchioni

Staff:

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

Partner Group Representation:

COPVPA Linda Ross, Vice-Principal, Constable Neil Bruce Middle School
C.O.T.A. Susan Bauhart, First Vice-President Elect
CUPE Kim Sarada, Shop Steward
Absent: Representation from COPAC and District Student Council

Agenda

Amendments: Action Item 6.2 Draft 2011/2012 Achievement Contract: Replacement Table of Contents (hand-stamped page 64), Replacement Special Education slide (hand-stamped page 82) and replacement Numeracy Section (hand-stamped pages 104 - 110).

Reports/Matters Arising

May 4, 2011 Committee Report - Received.

Action Items

1. **2011 Central Okanagan Community and School District No. 23 Literacy Plan**

Clara Sulz, Director of Instruction K - 12, provided a brief background on the development of the Central Okanagan Community and School District No. 23 Literacy Plan which is jointly coordinated by the Ministry of Education and 2010 Legacies Now. Anima Anand, Regional Coordinator - The Bridge Youth & Family Services, Michele Hucul, Literacy Outreach Coordinator - The Bridge Youth & Family Services and Jennifer Scott, Parenting Support Facilitator & Literacy Outreach Coordinator - The Bridge Youth & Family Services were introduced. Michele Hucul provided a brief outline of the highlights of the past year as contained within the report, which included PALS (Parents as Literacy Supporters) sessions, the Westbank First Nation's Computer Club and the Kelowna Immigrant Society's Conversation Club for new immigrants. Next year's focus will be on literacy activities for youth and seniors.

Anima Anand provided information on funding distribution for the past year. Full funding has been received from 2010 Legacies Now for 2011/2012, and service organizations have been asked to provide letters of intent for funding requests for the coming year. Committee members discussed future funding availability from 2010 Legacies Now, as the initial plan provided for three years of implementation funding (SD No. 23 does not provide funding for this plan). It was noted that the 2010 Legacies Now website offers invitations to partners and sponsor groups to join, in order to provide sustainable, long-term funding.

Committee members discussed the guidelines for Board of Education approval and submission of the report to the Ministry. Director Sulz will request clarification from the Ministry of Education and 2010 Legacies Now as to the rationale for requiring Board of Education approval of the report.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that The Board of Education approve the Central Okanagan Community and School District No. 23 Literacy Plan, as attached and as presented at the June 8, 2011 Public Board Meeting,

AND FURTHER THAT: The Board of Education submit the Literacy Plan to the Ministry of Education on or before July 15, 2011.

2. **Draft 2011/2012 Achievement Contract**

The Superintendent provided a brief background on the format of the Achievement Contract, which underwent a substantive change last year after conversations with the Ministry of Education and research of best practices. Information contained within the contract includes actual benchmarks, targets and achievement data. The Superintendent advised that, although community/staff/student input has been requested throughout the current school year regarding the creation of an overarching single goal for the district, this is not reflected in the document, as work continues on the development of this goal.

The Assistant Superintendent provided a brief PowerPoint presentation highlighting areas of the Achievement Contract. It was noted that there is no Ministry requirement to report out on recommendations contained within the last district review,

which took place in 2004. The influx of new immigrant families (365 ESL students) and international students (110 this year), is generating revenue and helping to offset the reduced number of incoming Kindergarten students.

The district's goals and objectives for graduation, literacy and numeracy are outlined within the Achievement Contract and include objectives, rationale, indicators and targets. The data received from the district's data warehouse is being analyzed continuously in order to provide differentiated instruction for all students, from the most vulnerable to the highest achievers. Teachers throughout the district have been involved in inquiry projects developed to improve student learning. Principals and Vice-Principals have been engaged in inquiry projects through the newly-formed Leadership Learning Network meetings and have taken strategies used in these meetings back to their schools for implementation. The district continues to focus on fostering healthy schools and workplaces and economic viability and stability, and is committed to personalizing the learning of the 21st Century student.

Committee members discussed the information contained within the Achievement Contract and requested several minor amendments, including a rewording of Literacy slide #65. It was also requested that, in future, a copy of the Ministry guidelines for district achievement contracts be provided as a reference for committee members. The C.O.T.A. representative re-affirmed the C.O.T.A.'s commitment to the challenge of preparing students for a world that is changing rapidly.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the Board of Education approve the draft 2011/2012 Achievement Contract, with minor amendments as discussed, as attached and as presented at the June 8, 2011 Public Board Meeting.

Discussion/Information Items

1. Program Review Cycle - 2009/2010 to 2013/2014

The Assistant Superintendent reviewed the programs, support structures and initiatives as outlined in the Review Cycle. In addition to the scheduled reviews, a catchment area review and facilities plan review will also take place during the 2011/2012 school year. The Achieving a Necessary Future (ANF) Program is scheduled for review in the fall of 2011. The district will also be considering alternatives to the ANF Program in order to provide differentiated support for the district's most vulnerable students and schools. Committee members requested several amendments to the Program Review Cycle.

Outcome

The Committee requested that a Family Life Program report be provided to the Education and Student Services Committee on an annual basis in the years when a complete Program Review is not scheduled.

The Committee requested that a summary of the Distributed Learning audit, recently conducted by the Ministry, be sent to committee members.

The Committee requested that the Student Support Services/Central School Programs/Alternate Education Program Review be conducted on a three-year cycle, with a Level 1 review to take place in 2011/2012. Due to the volume of program reviews scheduled for 2011/2012, both the Career Life Programs Level 2 Review and the Early Learning Initiatives Report will be moved from 2011/2012 to 2012/2013.

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

Future Public Board Meeting Action Items:

- 2011 Central Okanagan Community and School District No. 23 Literacy Plan
- Draft 2011/2012 Achievement Contract

Items for Future Education and Student Services Committee Meetings

- The development of procedures to ensure that substantive changes to existing programs/academies (e.g. financial changes or program delivery) are brought back to the committee for review. This will be added to a fall committee meeting agenda.
- The draft Social Media policy will be added to a fall committee meeting agenda.

Future Education and Student Services Committee Meetings

October 5, 2011 November 2, 2011 *(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:

Trustee Jeff Watson, Chairperson

Terry-Lee Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Phone: 250 769-7010

Phone: 250 470-3225

e-mail: jwatson@sd23.bc.ca

e-mail: tbeaudry@sd23.bc.ca