

## SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Education and Student Services DATE: June 3, 2009  
CHAIRPERSON: Trustee Jeff Watson STAFF CONTACT: Hugh Gloster, Assistant Superintendent

### Board Attendees:

Trustee J. Watson – Chairperson  
Trustee A. Hunt-Binkley – Committee Member  
Trustee R. Cacchioni – Acting Committee Member  
(for Trustee G. Scanlan)

### Staff:

Mike Roberts, Superintendent of Schools  
H. Gloster, Assistant Superintendent  
Clara Sulz, Director of Instruction K - 12  
Norm Bradley, Director of Instruction K - 12  
B. Bertram, Executive Assistant (*recorder*)

### Partner Group Representation:

COPVPA Rob Tucker, Principal – Glenrosa Elementary School  
COTA Michelle Davies, First Vice-President  
CUPE Margaret Varga, CUPE Member  
District Student Council K.J. Hanson (KSS)

Absent: Trustee G. Scanlan (Committee Member)  
Representation from COPAC

### Committee Members Queries/Comments

The District Student Council Representative provided information on the Student Summit being held on June 4<sup>th</sup>. The intent of the Summit is to improve student communication.

### Action Items

#### 1. Draft Achievement Contract Review

The Superintendent reviewed the draft document. Pertinent points were:

- The document focuses on student achievement within S.D. No. 23
- A major transition to more teacher-focused structures and processes will continue in 2009/2010 with significant changes to assessment practices being implemented
- Full use of the data warehouse will provide improved access to student information
- A long-range strategic plan and an operational framework have been developed to assist the District in reviewing programs and services on a regular basis
- More Special Education student data has been included
- Tracking of Aboriginal Education students is being done through the data warehouse and by the Principal of the Aboriginal Education Program
- The Achievement Contract must be approved by the Board and sent to the Ministry of Education by July 15

The committee discussed provincially examinable courses for Science (grade 10) and Social Studies (grade 11) which are resulting in lower exam scores for students in the Province. Several amendments to the document were requested and will be included by the Superintendent when the document is presented to the Board of Education.

#### Outcome

**The Committee recommended that the draft Achievement Contract, as presented and amended at the Education and Student Services Committee Meeting on June 3, 2009, be sent to the Board for approval.**

#### 2. Policy 455 - Discipline and Regulations 455R - Discipline

The Superintendent advised that, in keeping with changes to the School Act, necessary amendments were required to the Policy and Regulations related to student discipline and Codes of Conduct. There is a legal requirement that parents be informed what the student expectations are for the school year. The Superintendent also advised that there is an understanding that students are dealt with on an individual basis. Once the amended policy and regulations have been approved by the Board, it is anticipated that they will be fully in place in all schools for September. The committee agreed on several additional changes to the policy amendments.

#### Outcome

**The Committee recommended that the Board approve the amended Policy 455 - Discipline and Regulations 455R - Discipline, as presented and amended at the June 3, 2009 meeting of the Education and Student Services Committee.**

