

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Education and Student Services DATE: December 2, 2009

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

Board Attendees:

Trustee J. Watson - Chairperson
Trustee G. Scanlan - Committee Member
Trustee A. Hunt-Binkley - Committee Member
Trustee M. Baxter
Trustee W. Horning

Staff:

T. Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
J. Rever, Director of Technology & Education Services

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 Tara Heller, Mount Boucherie Secondary School

Absent: Representation from COPAC

November 4, 2009 Committee Report - Received

Presentation/Action Items

1. **K - 12 Numeracy Strategic Framework**

The Assistant Superintendent of Schools introduced Jon Rever, Director of Technology and Education Services and the attending members of the District K - 12 Numeracy Committee. The Director provided information on numeracy trends and comparisons for the past five years. The K - 12 Numeracy Strategic Framework was created to have structures and processes in place to aid students in gaining skills for the 21st century society. SD23's data warehouse provides information on numeracy achievement strengths and weaknesses for every student in K - 12 and gives a clear picture on what the individual student needs in order to be successful. Systems and structures, i.e. The Early Learning Numeracy Screener and Pyramids of Intervention, are used to identify and support vulnerable students and provide them with the skills they need to succeed as they move on to higher grades. The Director provided information on BC Numeracy Performance Standards which provide rubrics and criterion-referenced assessment that give students and parents information on the student's performance levels. The committee discussed the intervention strategies that are in place to help students, as well as those that are available for parents to use at home with their child.

The changes to mathematics 10, 11 and 12 outlined in the Framework are provincially mandated and will be phased in over the next three years as follow:

- In September 2010, full implementation of the new grade 10 curriculum is required (Foundations of Mathematics 10, and Apprenticeship & Workplace Mathematics 10).
- In September 2011, full implementation of the new grade 11 curriculum is required (Pre-Calculus 11, Foundations of Mathematics 11, and Apprenticeship & Workplace Mathematics 11).
- In September 2012, full implementation of the new grade 12 curriculum is required (Pre-Calculus 12, Foundations of Mathematics 12, and Apprenticeship & Workplace Math 12).

Queries related to the curriculum implementation were brought forward for discussion. As a result, the committee agreed that the trustees attending the December 5, 2009 BCSTA Branch Meeting would raise concerns related to post-secondary acceptance of the new common numeracy curriculum framework. The following questions would be posed to fellow trustees:

- 1) Will the new Ministry-mandated secondary mathematics curriculum, that is being implemented over the next three years, align with post-secondary entrance requirements within British Columbia and beyond, and if so, how?
- 2) How is this information being communicated by the Ministry to Boards of Education and post-secondary institutions?

The committee also discussed how other districts are aligning their mathematics courses to meet the provincial mandate, and whether these course offerings will be consistent throughout the province.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the K - 12 Numeracy Strategic Framework, as presented at the December 2, 2009 meeting of the Education and Student Services Committee, be sent to the Board for placement as an Information Item on a future Board meeting agenda.

2. November 4, 2009 Committee Recommendation re: BAA Course Proposal - Seamanship 11

The Chairperson referenced the note added to the November 4th, 2009 committee report which stated that, upon further review, the Principal of Okanagan Mission Secondary School made the decision to withdraw this BAA course proposal for this year.

Outcome

The Committee agreed to rescind the recommendation made at the November 4th, 2009 Education and Student Services Committee Meeting, to forward the proposed BAA Course - Seamanship 11 to the Board for approval.

Committee Members Queries/Comments

It was requested that current homework practices for students K - 12 be added as an agenda topic for a future Education and Students Services Committee meeting.

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

Future Public Board Meeting Information Item:

- K - 12 Numeracy Strategic Framework

Information Items

1. Program Reviews

The Assistant Superintendent of Schools requested direction with regard to the committee's expectation of program review content for the upcoming ESL and French Immersion Program Reviews. Committee members requested that a full program review be provided including parent/staff/student surveys, funding articulation, expansion possibilities, student access to the program, student achievement levels, etc. As the timeframe for preparation for the January 2010 committee meeting will not allow for a full review to be completed, the French Immersion and ESL Program Reviews will be rescheduled to a later date. The committee agreed that the main agenda item for the January meeting will be a discussion regarding criteria and content expected in program reviews, in order to provide consistency and a clear direction for senior staff when preparing the reviews.

2. Items for Future Education and Student Services Committee Meetings

- ESL Program Review (*rescheduled to a later date*)
- French Immersion Program Review (*rescheduled to a later date*)
- Program Review Content - Committee Discussion (*January 2010*)
- Proposals for Substantive Change (*February 2010*)
- Goals and Objectives (*February 2010*)
- S.D. No. 23 Student Readiness Report (*April 2010*)
- Health Promoting Schools (*April 2010*)
- International Education Program Review (*May 2010*)
- Draft Achievement Contract (*June 2010*)
- Central Okanagan Community and School District No. 23 Literacy Plan (*June 2010*)
- Current Homework Practices K - 12 (*to be scheduled*)

3. Future Education and Student Services Committee Meetings

(*2010 meeting dates to be determined at the December 9, 2009 Annual General Meeting of the Board*)

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

Questions – Please Contact:

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