

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Education and Student Services DATE: January 6, 2010

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 - Acting/Committee Member
Trustee M. Baxter

Staff:

H. Gloster, Superintendent of Schools
T. Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
J. Rever, Director of Technology & Education Services
B. Bertram, Executive Assistant (*recorder*)

Partner Group Representation:

CUPE Margaret Varga, CUPE Member
District Student Council Jessica Lenoble - Kelowna Secondary School

Absent: Trustee W. Horning (Committee Member)
Representation from COPAC
Representation from COPVPA
Representation from COTA

December 2, 2009 Committee Report - Received

Committee Members Queries/Comments

The committee discussed the possibility of proposing a resolution to be sent to the Board for approval, regarding the new mathematics curriculum which is being implemented by the Ministry of Education and the alignment of post-secondary entrance requirements to meet the new curriculum.

Action Items

1. Policy 706R - District Student Council (Regulations)

The Assistant Superintendent introduced Jessica Lenoble, Co-President of the District Student Council, who reviewed the proposed amendments to the policy regulations. Several minor changes to the amended regulations were discussed (including removal of the word “bipartisan”). District Student Council members will revise the document which will then be sent to the Board for approval at a future Board Meeting.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the Board approve Policy 706R - District Student Council (Regulations), as presented and amended at the January 6, 2010 meeting.

Information Items

1. New Math 10 Curriculum Follow-Up

Jon Rever, Director of Technology & Education Services, and Lorraine Baron, SD23 Numeracy Coordinator, reviewed the Math Curriculum brochure attached to the agenda and provided updated information on the revisions to post-secondary entrance requirements based on the Ministry-mandated changes to the Mathematics curriculum. UBC-Vancouver and the University of Victoria have made the decision to accept Pre-Calculus 11 or Foundations of Mathematics 12 as entrance requirements for either the Arts or Science programs. It is anticipated that other British Columbia post-secondary institutions (i.e. Simon Fraser University, Okanagan College and UBC-Okanagan) will have made a decision by the end of January. Live webcasts are being offered to counselors in order to provide information on the nature of each course, and to ensure that students are given the correct information to ensure success in the path they choose. It was noted that curriculum changes for 2010/2011 will only affect students who are moving from grade 9 to grade 10. The changes to grade 11 and 12 mathematics will be phased in, one grade at a time, beginning in 2011. The committee suggested revisions to the brochure in order to clarify information for parents and schools. The Director agreed with the proposed revisions and advised that discussions will be held with school staff in order to provide clear direction and to ensure a consistent message is sent out by all schools.

2. Program Review Content

The Assistant Superintendent provided a brief PowerPoint presentation on the background of the Board's Strategic Plan evaluation cycle for program reviews. The committee also receives various regular program reports which are typically an update on what has happened in the program that year. Program reviews are more comprehensive and include data collection, goal achievement, impact on students, etc. The Superintendent provided background information on the development of the current Program Review Template. The Assistant Superintendent proposed that, early in the new year, senior staff would be requested to develop a brief framework of their plan for conducting the program reviews scheduled for the following year. This framework would then be brought to a spring meeting of the Education and Student Services Committee in order to give committee members the opportunity to provide input/direction regarding the program review plan. The committee agreed that this new process would be in place for next year, as this year's program reviews have already begun using the existing program review template. It was agreed that those senior staff conducting program reviews for the 2010/2011 year, would be asked to provide a framework of their review plan for the March 3, 2010 meeting of the committee. Committee members also discussed the feasibility of, when conducting program review surveys, several similar programs could possibly be surveyed at the same time, which would minimize the amount of surveys parents, staff and students would be requested to complete.

Board Authority/Authorized (BAA) Courses:

The committee requested that future BAA course proposals also include a clear breakdown of costs to the district, to the school and to the student.

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

Future Public Board Meeting Action Item:

- Policy 706R - District Student Council (Regulations)

Items for Future Education and Student Services Committee Meetings

- Proposals for Substantive Change (*February 2010*)
- Goals and Objectives (*February 2010*)
- Program Review Frameworks for 2010/2011 (*March 2010*)
- S.D. No. 23 Student Readiness Report (*April 2010*)
- Health Promoting Schools Program Review (*April 2010*)
- Community Link Funding (*April 2010*)
- International Education Program Review (*May 2010*)
- ESL Program Review (*Rescheduled for May 2010*)
- Draft Achievement Contract (*June 2010*)
- Central Okanagan Community and School District No. 23 Literacy Plan (*June 2010*)
- French Immersion Program Review (*Rescheduled for June 2010*)
- Current Homework Practices K - 12 (*to be scheduled*)

The Assistant Superintendent will discuss with the District Principal of International Education and the Director of Instruction K - 12, the committee request to add the ESL Program Review and the French Immersion Program Review to either the March 3, 2010 or May 5, 2010 meetings.

Future Education and Student Services Committee Meetings

February 3, 2010	March 3, 2010	April 7, 2010	May 5, 2010
June 2, 2010	October 6, 2010	November 3, 2010	December 1, 2010

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

Questions – Please Contact:

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