

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Education and Student Services DATE: June 2, 2010
CHAIRPERSON: Trustee Jeff Watson STAFF CONTACT: Terry-Lee Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent

Board Attendees:

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

Staff:

H. Gloster, Superintendent of Schools
T. Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer
L. McCullough, Director of Instruction K - 12
C. Sulz, 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. Michelle Davies, First Vice-President
CUPE Chris Neufeld, Shop Steward
Absent: Representation from District Student Council

Reports/Matters Arising

May 5, 2010 Committee Report - Received.

Action Items

1. 2010 Central Okanagan Community and School District No. 23 Literacy Plan

The Assistant Superintendent provided a brief background on the inception of the Ministry of Education/2010 Legacies Now jointly coordinated Literacy Plan, which was built around the concept of four “pillars”: To improve literacy for ages 0 - 5, for students in K - 12, for adults, and within the Aboriginal population. Clara Sulz, Director of Instruction, is the school district lead member working with community organizations in the development of the Plan. The Director of Instruction introduced Anima Anand, the Regional Coordinator of The Bridge Youth & Family Services, and Michele Hucul, the Literacy Outreach Coordinator, who provided information on the activities that have taken place throughout the year. Highlights included:

- An application to Okanagan College to have business students develop a marketing profile, including logo, for Plan promotion;
- Distribution of implementation funds which included assisting with the creation of a computer club on the Westbank First Nation reserve, working with the Kelowna Immigrant Society in the coordination of a Conversation Club in the Rutland area, and hosting the next Parents as Literacy Support (PALS) training session on June 18. A detailed action plan was outlined for the coming year.

The Director of Instruction provided information on the school district’s Early Literacy for Families (ELFF) Program. Presenters responded to questions from committee members.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the 2010 Central Okanagan Community and School District No. 23 Literacy Plan be sent to the Board of Education for approval, and that the Literacy Plan be submitted to the Ministry of Education on or before July 15, 2010.

2. French Immersion Program Review

The Assistant Superintendent provided background information on the French Immersion Program which began in 1979 and has since expanded to many different schools. Clara Sulz, Director of Instruction, reviewed the information contained within the Program Review. Pertinent points included:

- French Immersion funding is subsidized by the district;
- This continues to be a popular program for students and parents; and
- Expansion of the program will be a challenge in the future due to facility/classroom space and funding constraints.

Committee members discussed the information presented and future challenges the program may face.

Outcome

1. The Committee recommended that the French Immersion Program Review be sent to the Board of Education for approval.

2. The Committee recommended that the Board of Education conduct a further review with respect to the viability/ advisability of other French Immersion options, including single track, dual track, early and late entry, and expansion of the program.

3. Local Education Agreement Renewal

The Assistant Superintendent provided background information on the Local Education Agreement. The Westbank First Nation (WFN) is a self governing nation which is responsible for First Nation status students living on WFN land, and has authority over education and tuition policy services. Lisa McCullough, Director of Instruction, introduced Larry Paul, Secretary-Treasurer, and Denise Clough, WFN Education Coordinator.

A synopsis of the changes to the document was provided with predominant amendments being minor housekeeping changes and the inclusion of a new Schedule C, which outlines student performance information. The Agreement has been expanded from a three-year to a five-year term and will run from July 1, 2010 until June 30, 2015, pending approval from WFN Chief and Council. The committee requested minor wording changes to the Agreement.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the Local Education Agreement Renewal, with amendments, be sent to the Board of Education for approval.

4. Draft 2010/2011 Achievement Contract

The Superintendent reviewed the rationale regarding the new format for the 2010/2011 Achievement Contract which has been designed after a review of “best practice” formats, Ministry guidelines (60 - 70% of the content must be devoted to goals, areas of focus and the planning cycle) and exemplar examples. The Contract is still in a draft form with a number of changes pending. The Superintendent advised that there is a possibility of developing a short video that would capture information not included within the contract, but which would promote the District’s many achievements. A draft Executive Summary pamphlet has been developed, as well, to provide highlights of the Achievement Contract and the district. The intent in the future is for the district to move toward establishing a more singular, overarching goal which includes the district’s core goals of Literacy, Numeracy and Graduation. Beyond the three goals recommended in the document are three areas of focus: 1) Quality Instruction and Assessment Leading To Student Engagement; 2) Health and Wellness; and, 3) Economic Viability and Stability. The committee discussed various aspects of the Contract and made several suggestions. A future possibility for the Contract, once it has been posted online, is to embed links to more information within, i.e. links to individual committee work.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the draft 2010/2011 Achievement Contract, with amendments, be sent to the Board of Education for approval.

5. International Education Program Review - Amended

The committee approved the amendments to the International Education Program Review.

Outcome

No further action is required.

Discussion/Information Items

1. Outline of Program Reviews Scheduled for 2010/2011

The committee discussed the information provided and approved the 2010/2011 scheduled dates for Program Reviews.

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

Future Public Board Meeting Action Items:

- Central Okanagan Community and School District No. 23 Literacy Plan (*June 9, 2010*)
- French Immersion Program Review (including a separate recommendation) (*June 9, 2010*)
- Local Education Agreement Renewal (*June 9, 2010*)
- Draft 2010/2011 Achievement Contract (*June 23, 2010*)

Items for Future Education and Student Services Committee Meetings

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Review of subcommittee amendments to Policy 540 “Schools of Choice” (<i>September 2010</i>)- Evaluate Options for the French Immersion Program (<i>September 2010</i>)- Current Homework Practices K - 12 (<i>October 2010</i>)- Feedback on the School Planning Council Process (<i>October 2010</i>)- BAA and Locally Developed Courses (<i>November 2010</i>)- Family Life Program Review (<i>January 2011</i>)- Proposals for Substantive Change (<i>February 2011</i>)- Draft Program Review Cycle 2011/2012 (<i>March 2011</i>)- Quality Assessment Program Review (<i>March 2011</i>) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Achieving a Necessary Future Program Review (<i>March 2011</i>)- SD23 Student Readiness Annual Report (<i>April 2011</i>)- Three Year Rule Program Review (<i>April 2011</i>)- Preliminary Achievement Contract Information (<i>May 2011</i>)- Aboriginal Education Program Review (<i>May 2011</i>)- Draft Achievement Contract (<i>June 2011</i>)- 2011/2012 Program Review Presentation Schedule (<i>June 2011</i>)- Central Okanagan Community & SD23 Literacy Plan (Annual Report) (<i>June 2011</i>) |
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Future Education and Student Services Committee Meetings

September 15, 2010 (TBC) October 6, 2010 November 3, 2010 December 1, 2010

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

Committee members discussed the possibility of adding a September meeting to the committee meeting schedule in order to discuss the subcommittee recommendations for Policy 540 and 540A “Schools of Choice”, as well as the implementation of a review of all French Immersion options for the district. The tentative meeting date of September 15th will be added to the next Coordinating Committee Meeting agenda for discussion.

Questions – Please Contact:

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