

## SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Education and Student Services DATE: March 3, 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

### Staff:

T. Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent of Schools  
B. Bertram, Executive Assistant (*recorder*)

### Partner Group Representation:

C.O.T.A. Michelle Davies, First Vice-President

Absent: Representation from COPAC, COPVPA, CUPE and District Student Council

### February 3, 2010 Committee Report - Received

### Agenda

Addition: Under agenda item #6.1 (Review of Policy 540 “Schools of Choice” and 540A “Proposal for Substantive Change”), the Assistant Superintendent will provide further information on current financial hardship arrangements in schools.

### Committee Members Queries/Comments

The First Vice-President of the C.O.T.A. requested clarification that, once a Program Review has been completed and there are subsequent changes to that program’s guiding principles, the program would come back to the Education and Student Services Committee for review of the changes prior to their implementation. Committee members agreed that any proposed changes to a program should be brought back to the appropriate Board Committee for review.

The Assistant Superintendent will add this topic to the agenda for the next Admin. Council meeting.

### Action Items

#### 1. **Review of Policy 540 “Schools of Choice” and 540A “Proposal for Substantive Change”**

The Assistant Superintendent reviewed the proposed amendments to policy 540 and 540A. The committee discussed the proposed amendments and agreed that a working committee be established to review the documents in order to ensure that all information contained is current, accurate and follows the School Act regulations. It was requested that all district policies containing related information be reviewed as well, and that the working committee be provided with copies of relevant School Act information, the specialty criteria regulations and several similar policies from other districts for comparison purposes.

#### Outcome

**The Committee recommended that a sub-committee be established to work on revisions to Policy 540 “Schools of Choice” and 540A “Proposal for Substantive Change”.**

NOTE: The Assistant Superintendent advised that middle and secondary schools have recently been requested to provide information on the number of students enrolled in specialty academies who are receiving financial assistance. To date, Glenrosa Middle School has replied and advised that they have 10 subsidized students enrolled in their High Performance Hockey Academy (current enrolment for the academy is 53 students). Committee members discussed the current joint-use agreement in place on the Westside.

### Discussion/Information Items

#### 1. **Educational Program Review Matrix for 2010/2011**

The Assistant Superintendent reviewed the draft matrix for 2010/2011 as well as the Strategic Plan Operational Evaluation Cycle. The Superintendent has recommended that the Internal District Review, which is slated for the 2010/2011 school year, be moved back to 2011/2012 due to extensive changes being made to the Achievement Contract, as well as the desire to have one year of full implementation of SKOVISION at all schools prior to the review being conducted.

The review of Community School Programs has been deleted as these programs no longer receive Community Link funding and are being run independently on fees collected for programs offered.

The committee discussed the recommended program reviews for 2010/2011 (Family Life, Aboriginal Education and Quality Assessment). It was noted that, on the Operational Framework Evaluation Cycle, two programs for 2008/2009 were not showing as being completed (Transition Programs and Career Development Education); however, further research indicates that both program reviews were completed and approved by the Board at the June 24, 2009 public board meeting.

Committee members discussed the proposed program reviews scheduled for the next four years and requested that the number of reviews each year be “evened out” as much as possible. The committee requested that the Three Year Rule Program Review be added as a level three review for 2010/2011, and that Central School Programs & Services be added to the 2010/2011 cycle as a level one review. The Assistant Superintendent will add these requests to the next Admin. Council meeting agenda for discussion.

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

Trustee Horning will add the Westbank Joint-Use Agreement to a future meeting agenda of the Board’s Planning and Facilities Committee for discussion.

### **Items for Future Education and Student Services Committee Meetings**

- 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 (*May 2010*)
- Draft Achievement Contract (*June 2010*)
- Central Okanagan Community and School District No. 23 Literacy Plan (*June 2010*)
- French Immersion Program Review (*June 2010*)
- Current Homework Practices K - 12 (*to be scheduled in the fall of 2010*)

Committee members discussed the possibility of viewing the draft Achievement Contract prior to June. The Assistant Superintendent will discuss with the Superintendent whether a brief presentation on the Achievement Contract could be provided at the May Education and Student Services Committee meeting, with a more in-depth presentation at the June committee meeting. Trustee Watson, Committee Chairperson, will also raise this question at the next Public Board Meeting.

The Assistant Superintendent advised that at the June 2<sup>nd</sup> Education and Student Services Committee meeting, an outline will be provided listing programs being reviewed for 2010/2011, the level of the review, i.e. level one, two or three, and which month the program review will be presented.

The future agenda item “Current Homework Practices K - 12”, put forth by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, will be scheduled for a fall Education and Student Services Committee meeting.

### **Future Education and Student Services Committee Meetings**

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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