



"Together We Learn"

# Memorandum

**Date:** February 1, 2012  
**To:** Education and Student Services Committee  
**From:** Terry-Lee Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent of Schools  
**Action:** **Proposal for Substantive Change (Hockey Canada Skills Academy)  
Kelowna Secondary School**

## 1.0 ISSUE STATEMENT

Kelowna Secondary School is seeking to expand the variety of programs offered to its students.

## 2.0 RELEVANT BOARD MOTION/DIRECTION

The establishment of new programs of choice has been identified by Trustees on several occasions as being a District priority.

- March 28, 2007, Board Motion #07P-066 - District goals and focus areas for 2007/2008.
- March 12, 2008, Board Motion #08P-044 - District goals and focus areas for 2008/2009.
- March 11, 2009, Board Motion #09P-061 - District goals and focus areas for 2009/2010.
- September 24, 2008, Board Motion #08P-149 – Current Strategic Plan.

The district also has in place Policy 540 "Proposals for Substantive Change (Distinct Schools, Unique Programs and Specialty Academies)" and 540A (Appendix) to provide schools with the opportunity to increase program choices for students.

## 3.0 POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION

On July 1, 2009, the Ministry of Education released Specialty Academy Criteria Regulation 219/2008. Kelowna Secondary School's proposal complies with the guidelines set out in this regulation.

## 4.0 OPTIONS FOR ACTION

1. Recommend the approval of the academy for implementation in September 2012.
2. Do not recommend the approval of the academy for implementation in September 2012.
3. Request further information to be provided.

## 5.0 ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Policy 540 and 540A (Appendix) outline established criteria for schools to provide opportunities to improve student success by connecting students to a variety of learning options. A variety of substantive change programs and academies have been established at other schools within the district. These have been well-received by students, staff and parents.

## 6.0 RECOMMENDATION

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the Proposal for Substantive Change (Hockey Canada Skills Academy) to be implemented at Kelowna Secondary School beginning in September 2012.**

## 7.0 APPENDIX

Proposal for Substantive Change (Hockey Canada Skills Academy) - Kelowna Secondary School.

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Kelowna Secondary School

# Hockey Canada Skills Academy

School District No. 23 – Central Okanagan

## **PROPOSAL FOR SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE**

February 2012

KSS School Planning Council

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Rachael Fleming– Parent

Heather Fashau– Parent

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Vianne Kintzinger– Principal

Date Approved by SPC: JANUARY 31, 2012

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Scott Brown, Instructor  
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## **VISION**

Students will be able to pursue a passion for active living and giving back to the community by developing their knowledge and skills in the sport of hockey through the KSS Hockey Canada Skills Academy. Participants in the program will be expected to play hockey outside of school and work/volunteer as coaches of younger players and/or officials at local games. Elite players will be encouraged to pursue hockey at a university and/or professional level upon graduation from high school.

## **RATIONALE**

KSS is the only senior secondary school in the district that does not offer the Hockey Canada Skills Academy program for its students. Students who have been enrolled in the Hockey Canada Skills Academy at KLO Middle School or Dr. Knox Middle School have been at a disadvantage as they have not been able to continue with the hockey academy at their feeder school (KSS).

## **SUMMARY**

The following document outlines the proposal for a substantive change with the addition of a Hockey Canada Skills Academy at Kelowna Secondary School. This program is intended to provide students with an opportunity to further enhance their hockey skills and grow personally in the sport of hockey. When students are able to fulfill their personal interests in a school environment it will promote:

- improved self confidence
- academic achievement
- increased connection to the school

The addition of the Kelowna Secondary School Hockey Canada Skills Academy will provide our students with:

- a 'healthy living' choice;
- an opportunity to develop their skills (as players, coaches and officials);
- and an opportunity to pursue the sport and potential scholarships at a post secondary level.

The addition of this academy will benefit our students, our school and our community. Participants in the academy will also receive approximately 50 hours of on-ice instruction at the Capital News Centre and the Memorial Arena as well as dry land training and instruction using the school facilities. Students enrolling in the program would receive credit for one of Physical Education 10 or 11.

## **OPERATIONS**

Students would enroll in the hockey program as in any other elective course. A minimum number of 26 students will be required to offer the program with one block of teaching time being allocated. To ensure a high quality program, a qualified Physical Education teacher and additional highly qualified Hockey Canada trained staff will provide instruction for the program. Changes are not required to the facilities as KSS maintains a well equipped weight and fitness training area, a gymnasium, and access to athletic fields at the school.

All non-school district personnel involved in this program would be required to obtain a criminal record check.

### **EXPECTATIONS**

The following benefits are expected as a result of implementing the KSS Hockey Canada Skills Academy:

1. Improved school climate as a result of meeting the needs of individual learners;
2. Improved attendance as a result of making strong connections to the school;
3. Increased number of students involved in 'active living' through healthy choices;
4. Increased level of community involvement as coaches / minor officials;
5. Increased student and parent satisfaction levels with the variety of course offerings.

### **IMPACT ANALYSIS**

All students enrolling in the KSS Hockey Canada Skills Academy will be attending Kelowna Secondary School during the 2012 – 2013 school year. The program would be open to any boy or girl in grades 10 or 11 with preference given to senior students depending on enrollment. Twenty-five participants will be required per section.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (approx.)**

#### **Expenditures**

Ice \$5,000 for the 50 hours	\$5000.00
Transportation	\$2045.00
Equipment	\$500.00
Jerseys, socks, \$80.00 x 26.00	\$2080.00
Coordinator costs	\$500.00
Hockey Canada License fee	\$500.00
Summer seminar training fee	\$1000.00
Instructor wages \$225.00/session x 35 classes =	\$7,875.00
District Coordinator time	<u>\$6,500.00</u>
	\$26,000.00

Please Note: Board Policy is in place to ensure participation for those who would otherwise be excluded by financial constraints. To ensure that fees and deposits do not prohibit student participation, the school will facilitate fair and confidential procedures to allow participation by students who would otherwise be excluded. Please contact the school principal to discuss and explore student options to recover the fees.

#### **Revenue**

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26 students at \$1000 per academy	\$26,000.00
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#### **Total Expenditures**

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#### **Balance**

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### **CONSULTATION/PROMOTION**

The Hockey Canada Skills Academy at Kelowna Secondary School will be promoted through the Parent Advisory Council and School Planning Council. The SPC and PAC have approved our proposal to the Board. We will also promote it during parent information evenings and in the course selections handbook for 2012 - 2013. Information about the program will also be included on our school website and newsletters.

## **EVALUATION**

The success and continuation of the program will be reviewed annually based on the following:

- a) enrollment within the academy;
- b) the impact of expenses for the program;
- c) the number of program participants involved in voluntary community hockey programs;
- d) feedback from participants, parents and community.