



"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 a Modification to the Existing Soccer Academy at Mount Boucherie Secondary School

## 1.0 ISSUE STATEMENT

Mount Boucherie 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. Mount Boucherie Secondary School's proposal complies with the guidelines set out in this regulation.

## 4.0 OPTIONS FOR ACTION

1. Recommend the approval of a modification to the existing soccer academy for implementation in September 2012.
2. Do not recommend the approval of a modification to the existing soccer 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.

The Board of Education approved a girls' soccer academy at Mount Boucherie Secondary School in February 2010. MBSS staff is requesting a modification to the existing soccer academy in order to provide equitable access for all students and to sustain enrolment. As this is a modification to the already approved academy, the proposal has been brought forward for review and Board approval. With Board approval, the soccer academy will be a co-ed program commencing September 2012.

**6.0 RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the Proposal for a Modification to the Existing Soccer Academy at Mount Boucherie Secondary School beginning in September 2012.**

**7.0 APPENDIX**

Proposal for a Modification to the Existing Soccer Academy at Mount Boucherie Secondary School.

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Mount Boucherie Senior Secondary  
**Soccer Academy**

School District 23 – Central Okanagan

**PROPOSAL FOR MODIFICATION TO THE EXISTING SOCCER ACADEMY  
AT MOUNT BOUCHERIE SECONDARY SCHOOL**

January 2012

MBSS School Planning Council

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Date Approved by SPC: January 16, 2012

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John Simonson – Principal

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## **SUMMARY**

The MBSS girls' soccer academy was approved in February 2010 and has operated successfully for two years. In our proposal for substantive change, the only modification is to extend this opportunity to students of both genders.

The following document outlines our proposal for a substantive change with the addition of a soccer academy at Mount Boucherie Senior Secondary. This program is intended to provide students with an opportunity to further enhance their soccer skills and to grow personally both on and off the field. When students are able to fulfill their personal interests in a school environment, we believe it will promote the following:

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

We also believe that the addition of a soccer academy will provide our students with one more "healthy living" choice. This academy will provide students with an opportunity to develop their skills in support of the Westside Youth Soccer Association (as players, coaches, and officials) and perhaps to pursue soccer at a post-secondary level. The addition of this program will benefit our students, our school, and our community.

## **VISION (No Change)**

Through the MBSS Soccer Academy, 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 soccer. Every participant in the academy will be expected to play soccer outside of school and/or as part of either the AAA or AA school teams, and they'll also be expected to work/volunteer as coaches of younger players and/or officials at local games. Elite players will be encouraged to pursue soccer at a university and/or professional level upon graduation from high school.

## **EXPECTATIONS (No Change)**

The following benefits are expected as a result of implementing the soccer academy:

1. Increased parent and student satisfaction levels with the variety of course offerings
2. Potential for students to earn graduation credits through external sports credentials
  - UXSA 10 - Athlete 10 and UXSO 10 - Official 10
  - UXSA 11 - Athlete 11 and UXSO 11 - Official 11
  - UXSA 12 - Athlete 12 and UXSO 12 - Official 12
3. Improved school climate as a result of meeting the needs of individual learners
4. Improved attendance as a result of students making strong connections to school
5. Increased number of students involved in "active living" through healthy choices
6. Increased level of community involvement as coaches and/or minor officials

## **IMPACT ANALYSIS (No Change)**

We would anticipate that the majority of students enrolling in a soccer academy would currently be attending MBSS. This two-year program would be open to any student in grades 10, 11, or 12. This program may appeal to students throughout the district; however, transportation from Kelowna is always a barrier.

## **PROMOTION / CONSULTATION**

With the modification to allow both genders into the academy, John Simonson, Principal at MBSS, connected with both the Parent Advisory Council and the School Planning Council to apprise them of the change and garner their support. Both the PAC and SPC are supportive of the modification to the existing Soccer Academy.

We will promote our soccer academy through Parent Information Evenings and the course selection catalogues for next year. We will also highlight the program on our school website and via word of mouth. We have connected with the WYSA and have contacted reporters at both the Westside Weekly and the Castanet website to run articles about the academy.

### **OPERATIONS**

Students of both genders in grades 10, 11, or 12 would enroll in the soccer program just as they do with any other elective course. In order to offer the program, a minimum number of students (approximately 24) would be required, with one block of teaching time being allocated per 24 students enrolled. In order to ensure a high quality program, we have a qualified teacher who has coached for 12 years, including 8 years at MBSS. Participants in the academy will also work towards achieving their Class 5 certification, which would allow them to officiate in two ways: as referees for small-sided games in the Mini Soccer league and as assistant referees for divisional youth games. During the second year of the program, students will have the option of achieving their District certification at the youth level, allowing them to officiate in two further ways: as referees for divisional youth games and as assistant referees for BC sanctioned adult games.

No changes need to be made to the facilities as we have a well-equipped weight room for fitness training and access to a soccer field directly behind the school, with three others located at Constable Neil Bruce Middle School.

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

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (No Change)**

#### **Expenditures**

Certification fees (\$50 per student for the officiating clinic)	\$1,200.00
Fitness training (20 sessions with two certified fitness trainers)	\$2,000.00
Transportation costs (bussing)	\$1,000.00
Facility rental (8 sessions at the Capital News Centre in Kelowna)	\$600.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$4,800.00</b>
<b>Revenue – 24 students at \$200 per academy</b>	<b>\$4,800.00</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$4,800.00</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**Cost to the school:** one (1) teaching block per year.

### **EVALUATION (No Change)**

We will know this academy has been a success if:

- a) we have a full/growing enrollment in the academy;
- b) we operate on a balanced budget without having to cause increased fees for parents;
- c) we have more students volunteering to coach local soccer teams and to officiate local soccer games;
- d) and we receive positive feedback from participants, parents, and community.

We will evaluate the success of the program on an annual basis at the completion of each academy.