

## SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: General Affairs      DATE: May 6, 2009

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CHAIRPERSON: R. Cacchioni      STAFF CONTACT: M. Roberts, Superintendent

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### **In attendance:**

Trustee M. Baxter  
Trustee R. Cacchioni (Chairperson)  
Trustee G. Given  
Trustee W. Horning  
Trustee A. Hunt-Binkley  
Trustee G. Scanlan  
Absent: Trustee J. Watson

### **Partner Group Representation:**

COPAC – S. Nicholl, Vice-President  
COTA – T. Potts, President  
CUPE – B. Zeman, President  
COPVPA – Absent  
DSC – Absent  
Staff:  
M. Roberts, Superintendent of Schools  
L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer  
H. Gloster, Assistant Superintendent  
M. Stolze, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

**March 4, 2009 Committee Report** - Received

### **Item 1. Review of Policy 735 – Corporate Advertising and Sponsorship**

The Committee reviewed the draft amendments as presented by the Secretary-Treasurer.

Points considered by the Committee in its deliberation included:

- An historical review of the policy.
- Input received from partner groups.
- COPAC's request that any decision be deferred until after the COPAC meeting, Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Implications for fundraising by PACs.
- The diversity of opinion.

### **Outcomes:**

**The Committee agreed that the SD23 Website should be added to the list of permitted forms of sponsor recognition.**

**THAT: That the General Affairs Committee set up a task force to review Policy 735 Corporate Advertising and Sponsorship; and further that the task force should be broad-based with input from partner groups, that Trustee Hunt-Binkley will be the Board's representative, that meetings are to be held in public, and that a report is to be presented at the next meeting of the General Affairs Committee.**

The Board will be informed by way of this Committee Report. The Secretary-Treasurer will implement the Committee's decision. The Board will ultimately consider the General Affairs Committee's final recommendations for policy amendment.

### **Item 2. Policy and Regulation Amendments Pertaining to the Board's Student Transportation Charge Decision**

Extract: Motion 08P-078 (April 22, 2009)

Reduction of allocation to District busing:

- establishment of broad-based user pay busing for all students in order to maintain services on a one year trial basis (\$1,000,000)
- special education students as identified by Student Support Services as requiring specialized busing will be exempt from paying the Student Transportation Fee.

The Chairperson clarified that the Board had directed the Committee to make recommendations on policy amendment. Any issues with Board motion 08P-078 could only be addressed at the Board table.

The Committee reviewed the draft amendments, as presented by the staff initiated Student Transportation Charge Implementation Task Force, in regard to Policies and Regulations: 425 – *Student Fees*, 470 – *Transportation Services Management*, and 475 - *Transportation: Authority and Responsibility*.

Points considered by the Committee in its deliberations included:

- Board Motion 08P-078 (April 22, 2009).
- Issues pertaining to financial hardship and confidentiality.
- The absence of a Family Payment Plan.
- Special Education students.
- Logistics of the bus pass.
- Lost and damaged bus pass charge.
- Timeline for information to parents.
- Timeline for implementation.
- Interval for Board review of the student transportation charge.
- Motions from the Board and the BCSTA to the Ministry requesting long-term financial planning in order to facilitate decision making by school districts.

**Outcomes:**

**The Committee agreed to additional amendments, as attached.**

**THAT: The payment fee (student transportation charge) be added to the policy: 50% by the end of June and 50% by mid-October.**

(Opposed Trustee Baxter)

**THAT: The General Affairs Committee recommend that the Board approve amendments to Policy and Regulations 425 – Student Fees (as presented and amended at the Committee meeting on May 6, 2009).**

**THAT: The General Affairs Committee recommends that the Board approve amendments to Policy and Regulations 470 – Transportation Services Management (as presented and amended at the Committee meeting on May 6, 2009).**

(Opposed Trustee Baxter)

**THAT: The General Affairs Committee recommends that the Board approve amendments to Policy and Regulations 475 – Transportation: Authority and Responsibility (as presented and amended at the Committee meeting on May 6, 2009).**

**Future General Affairs Committee Meeting Topics:**

1. Task Force Report: Review of Policy 735 Corporate Advertising and Sponsorship

**Next Committee Meeting:**

Wednesday, October, 7, 2009, 4:30 PM, School Board Office

**Questions:**

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Rolli Cacchioni, Chairperson