

## SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: General Affairs Committee DATE: October 7, 2009

CHAIRPERSON: Trustee R. Cacchioni STAFF CONTACT: H. Gloster, Superintendent

### Attendees:

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

Staff:  
H. Gloster, Superintendent  
L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer  
J. Shoemaker, Planning Manager  
M. Essler, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

### Partner Group Representation:

COPAC	Art Boehm, Executive Member (arrived at 5:22)
COTA	Alice Rees, President
COPVPA	Scott Sieben, Executive Member
CUPE	No representative
DSC	No representative

**General Affairs Committee Report of May 6, 2009** - Received

### Public Question/Comment Period

#### Parents Representing the Dry Grad Committee of Mount Boucherie Secondary School

- Parents requesting clarification on the recommendation in Action Item 6.2 with regard to including Dry Grad as an authorized event.
- Parents expressed concern in including Dry Grad as an authorized event as the responsibility for Dry Grad events would then be the responsibility of the administration and teachers, who would not be able to make the time commitment to Dry Grad as parents do. Dry Grad is currently a parent sponsored event and has been successfully implemented over the years at all secondary schools.
- One of the events parents organize is river rafting which is an extremely popular Grad event at Mount Boucherie Secondary School. This event contains risks which would not fall under an authorized activity under Policy and Regulation 525R – Field Trips.

#### Scott Sieben, COPVPA Member

- On behalf of the COPVPA Mr. Sieben confirmed that administrators have concerns with respect to including Dry Grad as an authorized event.
- The parents of graduates at the secondary schools are doing a fabulous job of putting on the Dry Grad events and wish to continue with the organization.
- One of the concerns of administration is the commitment required to organize such a large event at a very busy time of year.

#### Alice Rees, President, COTA

- On behalf of the COTA, Alice Rees advised that the majority of teachers in the District do not support the School District's participation in the Liquor Control Board fundraising for Dry Grad. Alice Rees concurred with the comments of the COPVPA representative in that teachers and administrators are unable to provide the commitment required to organize Dry Grad.

## Committee Members Queries/Comments

### Trustee Horning

- Trustee Horning requested clarification from the Superintendent on the distribution of the General Affairs Committee Agenda as there were only parents in attendance from one secondary school.  
*The Superintendent confirmed that the Agenda is distributed to the COPAC President, as well as to individual PAC Presidents.*

## Action Items

### 1. Proposed School District No. 23 School Catchment Area Review

In attendance: Judy Shoemaker, District Planning Manager  
(attachment)

On June 16, 2009, the Coordinating Committee referred the following motion to General Affairs:

09P-110 – May 13, 2009

THAT: The School District catchment areas for the whole of School District No. 23 be referred to the next General Affairs Committee meeting, and that at that time Policy 405 – Student Placement be reviewed.

CARRIED

Note: Review of Policy 405 is to include discussion regarding the early registration date.

Judy Shoemaker, Planning Manager, confirmed that a review of the School District No. 23 catchment area was requested by the Board at the May 13, 2009 Public Board Meeting. Staff have reviewed the Board's request and recommend the establishment of a Boundary Study Committee. This Committee will function in an advisory capacity and make recommendations to the Board. Members of the Committee would consist of senior administration, and planning and transportation members. The Guiding Principles of the Committee were reviewed and amended with the deletion of bullet 8 – Wherever possible retain the optimum school sizes of: elementary schools 200 to 400, middle schools 600 to 800, and secondary schools of 1000 to 1600. The consultation process was reviewed including requesting comments and observations from all partner groups. Once preliminary data and any tentative recommendations are drafted, the information would be posted to the School District's website, circulated internally, and if necessary a public meeting be held to solicit additional comments from parents and parties deemed impacted by changes to the boundaries. The intent would be to complete the catchment area review prior to the commencement of the registration period in mid January 2010. The Committee discussed the impact the Ministry of Education's recent announcement on the implementation of Full Day Kindergarten would have on the catchment area review procedure. The Superintendent confirmed that the Ministry of Education's intent is to have 50% of the schools in the Province providing Full Day Kindergarten for the 2010/2011 school year. Schools which do not have the space to offer Full Day Kindergarten will not be considered for the 2010/2011 school year. The Committee reviewed Board Policy 405 – Student Placement and confirmed that the Policy would be reviewed by the Boundary Study Committee.

### Outcome:

The General Affairs Committee recommends the following to the Board:

THAT: The Board authorize staff to proceed with a School Catchment Area Review as outlined in Section 4.0 above;

AND FURTHER THAT: The School Catchment Area Review be completed as part of the School District Facility Plan currently under preparation.

### 2. Policy 430: Celebration of Graduation

(attachment)

Referred to the General Affairs Committee at the June 10, 2009 Public Board Meeting.

09P-141

THAT: The Board of Education update Policy 430 - Celebration of Graduation to include Dry Grad as an authorized event;

AND THAT: The Board of Education approve School District No. 23's participation in the annual Liquor Distribution Branch Dry Grad Fundraising Campaign.

The Committee discussed the recommendation of Trustee Scanlan and the reviewed the comments made by the parents and partner group representatives earlier in the meeting.

MOVED by Trustee Baxter

MOTION to sever the recommendation into two parts

THAT: The Board of Education update Policy 430 - Celebration of Graduation to include Dry Grad as an authorized event.

NO MOVER

No discussion.

The Superintendent provided the history over the past two years on the funding of the Liquor Control Board to Dry Grad Committees. In response to a trustee query, the Superintendent advised that all secondary schools participated in receiving the Liquor Control Board Fundraising Campaign monies last year. The Committee discussed requesting the Dry Grad Committees to direct a portion of the Liquor Control Board funds towards educational programming such as alcohol abuse.

**Outcome:**

**That the General Affairs Committee recommends to the Board:**

**THAT: The Board of Education approve School District No. 23's participation in the annual Liquor Distribution Branch Dry Grad Fundraising Campaign.**

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**THAT: The General Affairs Committee recommends to the Board:**

**THAT: A letter of encouragement be forwarded to Dry Grad Committees recommending a percentage of the Liquor Distribution Branch funds be directed at student education related to alcohol abuse.**

**Information Items**

**1. Background Information**

**Open Catchment Areas: Disadvantages and Advantages**

(attachment)

**Committee Correspondence**

**1. Canadian Federation of University Women Kelowna – Earth Hour – March 28, 2010**

(attachment)

Referred to the General Affairs Committee by the Board on June 10, 2009.

The Committee discussed the date of Earth Hour 2010 – March 28, 2010.

The Superintendent will send out information on Earth Hour, March 28, 2010 in his weekly newsletter in March of 2010.

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

Public Board Meeting – October 28, 2009:

- Proposed School District No. 23 School Catchment Area Review
- School District No. 23's participation in the annual Liquor Distribution Branch Dry Grad Fundraising Campaign

**Items for Future Finance and Legal Committee Meetings**

- Report from Corporate Advertising and Sponsorship Task Force

**Meeting Schedule**

Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at 4:30 p.m., School Board Office

**Questions – Please Contact:**

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