

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Education and Student Services DATE: April 5, 2006

CHAIRPERSON: Trustee Cheryl Wiebe STAFF CONTACT: Juleen McElgunn, Asst. Superintendent

Attendees:

Trustee C. Wiebe - Chairperson

Trustee G. Scanlan - Committee Member

Trustee W. Horning - Committee Member

Trustee M. Baxter

Staff:

Juleen McElgunn, Assistant Superintendent

B. Bertram, Executive Asst., (recorder)

Partner Group Representation:

CUPE 3523:

Carol Davidson, CEA Steward

COPAC:

Val Broman, President

COTA:

Jack Holly, 2nd Vice-President

COPVPA:

Rob Tucker, VP, Springvalley Middle

District Student Council:

No Representative Available

Minutes

Note: Detailed Minutes of the Committee meetings are available on request. To obtain copies of Minutes of the Education and Student Services Committee Meetings, please phone the office of the Assistant Superintendent at 470-3225.

The Committee adopted the Minutes of the March 1, 2006 meeting.

Action Items

1. Technology Unplugged – “Together iLearn Project”

Presentations were made by district senior staff, teachers, parents and students. Comments were very positive and enthusiastic. The pilot project was approved to run until the end of June 2006. The project was implemented to ensure that students had the most up-to-date and current opportunities for learning and achievement that the district could provide. The goals of the project are to improve student literacy with a focus on the writing process, expand and enhance student access to their educational program, deepen and broaden the learning experience for students and maximize the life chances and opportunities for students in S.D. #23.

Outcome

The Committee decided that it would recommend to the Board that the “Together iLearn Project” be moved from a pilot project to an established, continuing program for grades 7 through 12 for all students and staff in School District No. 23, with feedback and updates on student achievement and progress to be provided on an annual basis.

A presentation to the Board of School Trustees will be made at the May 10th Public Board Meeting which will include a statistical report from Dr. Robert Campbell, Acting Dean of Education, UBC – Okanagan.

Information Items

1. Portable Reduction Process (Ongoing)

- No new information has been received.

2. Accountability Contract

- The Accountability Contract is in its initial draft stages with the format being similar to the previous Accountability Contract. It will be presented to the Board in draft form which will provide an opportunity for partner groups and the Board to offer feedback on format and content.

Committee Correspondence

Both parent concerns have been addressed. Future meeting requests for presentations will ensure that presentation expectations are clearly outlined.

Items for Future Education and Student Services Committee Meetings

- New Draft Policy 490 “Admission of Exchange Students” (*May 3/06*)
- Revised Policy 420 “Admission of International Education Students” (*May 3/06*)
- Options for Sexual Health (*Board Correspondence received and referred to the Education and Student Services Committee at the public meeting on Dec. 14/05*) (*May 3/06*)
- “Achieving a Necessary Future” (*Late Fall meeting*)

Next Committee Meeting Date: May 3/06 6:30 pm **Location:** School Board Office Board Room

Questions - Please Contact: Trustee Cheryl Wiebe **Phone:** 707-2078