

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Education and Student Services DATE: February 1, 2006

CHAIRPERSON: Trustee Cheryl Wiebe STAFF CONTACT: J. McElgunn, Asst. Supt.

Attendees:

Trustee C. Wiebe - Chairperson

Trustee G. Scanlan - Committee Member

Trustee W. Horning - Committee Member

Trustee M. Baxter

Trustee A. Hunt-Binkley

Trustee S. Nicholl

Staff:

Juleen McElgunn, Assistant Superintendent

B. Bertram, Executive Asst., (recorder)

Absent: Representation from COPVPA (ill)

Representation from the District Student Council

Partner Group Representation:

CUPE 3523 Carol Davidson, CEA Steward

COPAC Val Broman, President

COTA Jack Holly, 2nd Vice-President

Agenda

Change to Agenda Item # 11.1

This should read “Special Education Planning Council for All Special Education Programs”.

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 January 4, 2006 meeting.

Action Items

1. “Early Learning and Development Framework for 3 – 5 Year Olds” Document

This document is a culmination of many months of work and was created as a result of a Board recommendation passed in the fall of 2003. It has been reviewed by numerous groups including Early Childhood Educators, kindergarten and primary teachers and Minister Linda Reid’s office.

Outcome

It was agreed that the Early Learning and Development Framework for 3 – 5 Year Olds be referred to the Board for approval and distribution.

2. Volunteer Handbook

This booklet was created as a result of receiving a recommendation from the Board after review of Dr. Rubadeau’s paper “Lending a Hand”. This document is the first of its kind in the province.

Outcome

It was agreed that the Volunteer Handbook be referred, with minor changes, to the Board for approval of printing and distribution.

3. Policy 405 and 405R – Student Placement

Additional correspondence was received from a Glenmore family regarding catchment area changes and siblings of students currently enrolled. COPAC correspondence received requested that catchment areas be established around all schools in the district.

Outcome

It was agreed that the issue of catchment areas be referred to the Coordinating Committee for placement on a Board agenda.

Further discussion ensued over siblings of students currently enrolled in a school.

Outcome

Change the second paragraph of item #1, policy 405R (Regulations) to read: "Once a student has been registered in a school, he/she will be counted as a student of that school."

In policy 405R Student Placement (Regulations), remove the fifth bullet under item #2 ("non-catchment area students, who, in the previous year, had been 'placed' in that particular school by the district") as the wording is in contradiction to the second paragraph in item #1. Then new fifth bullet to read "Siblings of non-catchment area students currently enrolled in the school".

It was decided that a recommendation be sent to the Board that siblings affected by catchment area change in the Glenmore Valley be given the same registration priority as catchment area students.

Several minor wordsmithing changes were made to policy 405R (Regulations). The policy and regulations will be sent to the Coordinating Committee for placement on a future Board agenda.

4. Admin. Procedure "Registration/Waiting List Procedure for Students"

To be reviewed by the Assistant Superintendent.

Information Items

Portable Reduction Process (Ongoing)

No new information has been received.

Committee Correspondence

Success By 6

Trustee Scanlan will attend the meetings on an interim basis.

Items for Future Education and Student Services Committee Meetings

- Special Education Planning Council for All Special Education Programs (March 1/06)
- Draft District Student Council Policy (March 1/06)
- Recommendation to Approve New Board Authority/Authorized Courses (March 1/06)
- Superintendent's Report "Achieving a Necessary Future" (March 1/06)
- Options for Sexual Health (Board Correspondence received and referred to the Education and Student Services Committee at the public meeting on Dec. 14/05) (April 5/06)
- iLearn Project (May 3/06)
- Accountability Contract (June 7/06)
- New Draft Policy 490 "Admission of Exchange Students" (Once Executive Director has been hired)
- Revised Policy 420 "Admission of International Education Students" (Once Executive Director has been hired)

Next Committee Meeting Date: March 1/06 6:30 pm Location: School Board Office Board Room

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