

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Education and Student Services DATE: January 4, 2006

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

Attendees:

Trustee C. Wiebe - Chairperson	Juleen McElgunn, Assist. Superintendent
Trustee G. Scanlan - Committee member	Mike Roberts, Director of Instruction, H.R.
Trustee M. Baxter (for Trustee W. Horning)	B. Bertram, Executive Asst., (recorder)
Trustee A. Hunt-Binkley	

Absent: Trustee W. Horning, Committee Member
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	COPVPA	Rob Tucker, Vice-Principal

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 November 2, 2005 meeting.

1. Success by 6

Carol Ellison, Success By 6 Coordinator - Central Okanagan, presented information and background on the Success By 6 initiative. The group is requesting S.D. #23 Trustee representation on the Council of Partners.

Outcome

A request for additional information will be sent to Success by 6 regarding terms of reference, commitment, duration, etc. This information will be provided to trustees for later consideration by the Board.

2. Class Size Report

Mike Roberts, Director of Instruction – Human Resources, presented an overview on class size and composition in S.D. #23. Class size is affected by budget resources, parent/student flexibility, electives offered, facility configuration and School Planning Council decisions.

3. Review of Education and Student Services Committee Mandate

The possibility of changing the committee meeting time to 9:00 a.m. every second month was discussed.

Outcome

It was agreed that the meeting time will remain as is with the possibility of beginning at 6:00 pm rather than 6:30 pm depending on other committee meeting end times that day. This will not be determined daily – rather – if the 4:00 pm committee continually ends earlier, the Education and Student Services Committee will make a decision to modify the time.

Recommendation

- a. Amend the mandate to reflect the name of the new Chairperson.
- b. Remove the words “professional development” in item 2 (a).
This item will be brought to the attention of the Human Resources Department for possible inclusion in the Personnel and Staff Services committee mandate.

4. Review of Policy 150 – Education Committee

The revised policy was discussed.

Outcome

The Committee agreed that the words “professional development” be removed from item 2.1 and that the revised policy, with the amendment, be taken to the Board for approval in conjunction with all other Board Committee changes.

5. Review of Policy 135 – School Board Operation

The revised policy was discussed.

Outcome

The Committee agreed that item 4.8 be retained as written with the addition of the “District Student Council” to the list of partner groups and that the revised policy, with amendments, be taken to the Board for approval in conjunction with all other Board Committee changes.

6. Review of Policy 140 – School Board Committees

The revised policy was discussed.

Outcome

The Committee agreed that:

- under item 5.4, delete section (i);
- under item 5.4, move section (iii) to become section (i) and replace the word “students” with “partner groups”;
- under item 5.4, section (ii), add the words “partner groups” before “delegations”;
- move item 6.2 to become item 5.5;
- the revised policy, with amendments, be taken to the Board for approval in conjunction with all other Board Committee changes.

7. Policy 405 and 405R – “Student Placement” and Admin. Procedure – “Registration/Waiting List Procedure for Students”

Several points were discussed including making parental/student choice clear according to current legislation. Sibling registration and students in specialty sports programs were also discussed. It was noted that the final bullet under #2 in the regulations should read “international” rather than “foreign” students.

Outcome

Trustee Baxter will reword sections of the document to reflect the School Act and ‘Choice’ legislation and provide it to the Assistant Superintendent. The revised document will be placed onto the February committee agenda for review.

8. Information Items

Portable Reduction Process (Ongoing)

No new information has been received.

9. Items for Future Education and Student Services Committee Meetings

- Accountability Contract
- Draft District Student Council Policy
- Superintendent’s Report “Achieving a Necessary Future”
- Draft “Volunteer Handbook”
- “Early Learning and Development Framework for 3 – 5 Year Olds” Document
- Glenrosa Middle “All Day Program” (*to be reviewed and possibly brought forward at a later date*)

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

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