

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Education and Student Services DATE: June 7, 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

Staff:
Juleen McElgunn, Assistant Superintendent
Hugh Gloster, Director of Instruction K - 12
B. Bertram, Executive Asst., (recorder)

Partner Group Representation:

CUPE 3523:	Carol Davidson, Margaret Varga
COTA:	Jack Holly
COPVPA:	Rob Tucker
COPAC:	No representative available
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 May 3, 2006 meeting.

Action Items

1. Revised Policy 420 “Admission of International Education Students”

The Assistant Superintendent provided background information on the development of the revised policy. The former Policy Development Committee was given the task of reviewing the existing policy and determining changes once the Central Okanagan International Education Company was formed. This review included examining a number of international policies across the province. The existing policy was split into two separate policies to cover exchange students (those where a reciprocal one-for-one student exchange is done) and international students. The proposed revision has been thoroughly reviewed by Leanne Bettsworth, Executive Director, International Education, Central Okanagan International Education, Inc.

Outcome

In item 3.1, first bullet, change the word “guardianship” to read “custodianship”.

Delete item 3.2.5 and the two corresponding bullets (*The Board will pay commission to pre-approved Agents at a rate of 10% of the first year of tuition costs per student recruited. Commissions are paid only once an invoice is received. Commissions are paid only after the student has been in attendance for one month*), as the Board does not pay commissions.

The Committee agreed that the revised Policy 420 “Admission of International Education Students”, as amended, be sent to the Board for consideration and approval.

2. New Draft Policy 490 “Admission of Exchange Students”

The Assistant Superintendent and the Director of Instruction K – 12 clarified that exchange students do not pay a fee when they attend school in School District No. 23. The exchange student takes the place of the regular student who is attending school at the exchange student’s regular place of residence. The exchange student is considered to be the resident student with regards to Ministry funding and registration on the district’s 1701 form.

Outcome

The Committee agreed that the draft Policy 490 “Admission of Exchange Students” be sent to the Board for consideration and approval.

Information Items

1. Timelines Associated with Data Collection and Information as it Relates to the Accountability Contract

The Director of Instruction K – 12 circulated information on Ministry of Education data release dates throughout the year. It was noted that although various data is released at different times throughout the year, the School Performance Report, which is a key summary of information, is released on January 30th. The process was discussed with principals at the May 17th Superintendent’s Meeting. Principals were unanimously in favour of the spring process of School Planning Council reviews. Schools require a clear sense of direction and goals for the upcoming year however the actual filing date of the Accountability Contract does not have a huge impact at the school level.

The Superintendent will bring timelines and development of the Accountability Contract back to the Board as a Whole for discussion. The data sheet presented at tonight’s meeting will be included in the Superintendent’s presentation to the Board.

Items for Future Education and Student Services Committee Meetings

- Nexus Corporation Survey Data re: Career Development (*Fall Meeting*)
- Family Life Program (*Fall Meeting*)
- “Achieving a Necessary Future” (*Late Fall meeting*)

Next Committee Meeting Date: October 2006 **Location:** School Board Office Board Room

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