

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Education and Student Services DATE: May 2, 2012
CHAIRPERSON: Trustee Julia Fraser STAFF CONTACT: Terry-Lee Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent

Board Attendees:

Trustee J. Fraser – Chairperson
Trustee J. Brinkerhoff - Committee Member
Trustee D. Butler - Committee Member
Trustee M. Baxter
Trustee R. Cacchioni
Trustee M. Pendharkar

Staff:

H. Gloster, Superintendent of Schools
T. Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
R. Oliver, Director of Instruction (K-12)
J. Rever, Director of Instruction (K-12)
B. Browns, Executive Assistant (*recorder*)

Partner Group Representation:

COPAC Sharlene Drohomereski, Vice-President
COTA Susan Bauhart, First Vice-President
CUPE Roxanne McKnight, Shop Steward

Absent: COPVPA and District Student Council Representation

REPORTS/MATTERS ARISING

April 4, 2012 Committee Report - Received

ACTION ITEMS

1. Hollywood Road Education Services Review

Jon Rever, Director of Instruction (K-12), and Rick Oliver, Director of Instruction (K-12), reviewed the information contained within the Hollywood Road Education Services (HRES) review. Information was gathered by interviews with key stakeholders and an online survey (950 respondents). The report focuses on the following three areas: the Curriculum Resource Centre (CRC), The Learning Centre (TLC), and the overall organization and structure of HRES. The recommendations for each focus area were based on actions that could be taken in the immediate and short-term (within the year), mid-term (within 2-3 years), and long-term (within 3-5+ years). The next steps include Admin Council discussions, presenting the findings and recommendations to HRES staff and the Board of Education, and developing an action plan.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the Hollywood Road Education Services Review be sent to the Board of Education for placement as an Information Item on a future public Board meeting agenda.

2. English as a Second Language Annual Report

Rick Oliver, Director of Instruction (K-12), reviewed the information contained within the English as a Second Language Annual Report. The program has experienced an increase in the number of ESL funded students from 279 in 2007 to 372 in 2011. The District continues to see growth at the primary level, with Kindergarten to Grade 3 accounting for 224 of the 372 students in the system for the 2011/2012 school year. ESL assessments continue to be coordinated as a part of the Welcome Centre's intake process to ensure schools have information in a timely manner to help them develop the program for new students. To assist with building teacher capacity, the ESL team has facilitated workshops at the BC Teachers of English as an Additional Language Conference in Kelowna, three workshops at the District level, and a number of school specific events. New resources designed to support classroom teachers were identified and distributed this year.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the English as a Second Language Annual Report be sent to the Board of Education for placement as an Information Item on a future public Board meeting agenda.

The Superintendent left the meeting at 7:50 pm.

3. International Education Annual Report

Rick Oliver, Director of Instruction (K-12), reviewed the information contained within the International Education Annual Report. The Program continues to be self-sustaining, generating significant revenue for the District. The evolution and coordination of the Welcome Centre, Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS) program, ESL support, and the International Program have provided the School District with an efficient

system of intake and support. In April 2012, two new Homestay Coordinator positions were added to staff due to the increased demand from agents. The Program has a current enrolment of 189 FTE representing 24 countries. The expectation is that, by September 2015, the program will have an enrolment of 200 FTE students. The Director reported that other districts have experienced issues with over capacity enrolment. It was recommended that the District continues to support the program capacity of approximately 200 FTE students with an additional 50 short-term students.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the International Education Annual Report be sent to the Board of Education for placement as an Action Item on a future public Board meeting agenda and that the Board of Education reaffirm support for the program in its current configuration holding to the enrolment guidelines established by the Board of Education which sets the capacity of the program at approximately 200 FTE students and an additional 50 short-term students.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement Update

Dr. Cammy Coughlin, District Principal of the Aboriginal Education Program, provided a brief summary on the progress of the second Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement (EA). The Enhancement Agreement Subcommittee has collected data through Aboriginal student/parent/caregiver surveys and interviews, and Community Forums. The final Community Forum is scheduled for May 30, 2012. The Aboriginal Education Council, the Enhancement Agreement Subcommittee, and the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee will review the data upon its completion. The Enhancement Agreement is expected to be completed by the fall of 2012.

2. Draft Schedule for 2012/2013 Program Reviews and Annual Reports

The Assistant Superintendent reviewed the Draft Schedule for 2012/2013 Program Review and Annual Reports Cycle and the Draft Committee meeting schedule. The Committee approved both schedules as presented. In order to meet the Ministry timeline for submitting the District's Educational Facility Review, a special Committee meeting will be held on September 19, 2012.

Outcome

The committee approved the Draft Schedule for 2012/2013 Program Reviews and Annual Reports and recommended that it be sent to the Board of Education for placement as an Information Item on a future public Board meeting agenda.

Items For Future Education And Student Services Committee Meetings

- Draft Achievement Contract (*June 2012*)
- Central Okanagan Community and SD No. 23 Literacy Plan (*June 2012*)

Future Education And Student Services Committee Meetings

June 6, 2012 September 19, 2012 October 3, 2012 November 7, 2012

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

Future Public Board Meeting Information Items:

- Hollywood Road Education Services Review
- English As A Second Language Annual Report
- Draft Schedule for 2012/2013 Program Reviews and Annual Reports

Future Public Board Meeting Action Items:

- International Education Annual Report

Questions – Please Contact:

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