

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Education and Student Services DATE: February 4, 2015
CHAIRPERSON: Trustee Lee-Ann Tiede STAFF CONTACT: Terry-Lee Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent

Board Attendees:

Trustee L. Tiede - Chairperson
Trustee D. Butler - Committee Member
Trustee L. Mossman - Committee Member (Absent)
Trustee M. Baxter – Acting Committee Member

Staff:

H. Gloster, Superintendent of Schools
T. Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
M. DesRochers, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Group Representation:

COPAC Shelley Courtney, Member
COPVPA Ryan Ward, Vice-Principal – Mount Boucherie Secondary
COTA April Smith, First Vice-President
DSC Maya Gay, Okanagan Mission Secondary School

Absent:

CUPE
DSC

Agenda – Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Public Education and Student Services Agenda – February 4, 2015 – approved as presented.

Reports/Matters Arising

Public Education and Student Services Committee Report – January 7, 2015 – received as presented.

Recognition/Presentations/Delegations

1. Central Programs and Services: Alternate Pathways to Graduation

Curtis Schreiber, Principal, and Randy Horne, Vice-Principal, Central Programs and Services, presented on Central Programs and Services' alternate pathways to graduation. Central Programs and Services provides schooling for students from kindergarten to grade 12 who may be vulnerable or at-risk, typically have not experienced success, and/or need more flexibility in their education program that cannot be reached in traditional school settings. Central Programs and Services focuses on 4 pillars based on the Medicine Wheel (To build confidence, foster a supportive environment, provide alternative paths, and foster optimism). The Program offers three major program or service options: Alternative Education Programs and Services, Adult Education to Graduation, and Distributed Learning (eSchool). Students may graduate with one of the following certificates: Graduation (Dogwood Diploma), Adult Graduation Diploma, and School Completion (Evergreen). As of May 1, 2015, the Ministry of Education will discontinue funding to school districts for graduates pursuing to upgrade courses.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the Board of Education write a letter to the Ministry of Education regarding their decision to discontinue funding for graduated adults.

Discussion/Information Items

1. Aboriginal Education Program Annual Report

Kevin Kaiser, Aboriginal Education Curriculum Resource Teacher, reviewed the 11th Annual Aboriginal Education Program Report. The four goals of the Central Okanagan School District's second Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement, reflecting the teachings of the Medicine Wheel (Emotional, Spiritual, Intellectual, and Physical) and the 40 Developmental Assets®, were highlighted. The Program has seen an increase in student leadership with Aboriginal students taking lead roles in various Aboriginal Programs and District events. The Aboriginal Education Programs' six-year completion rate for the 2013/2014 school year marked a milestone achievement of 73%. The Aboriginal Education Program will continue to focus on the goals of the District's second Enhancement Agreement, with a 90% graduation (Dogwood) target for Aboriginal students by 2019.

Items Requiring Special Mention

1. K-12 Assessment Policy/Plan Update

Terry-Lee Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent, shared that the District Assessment Committee is near completion of the draft Assessment Policy. The draft policy will be provided to the Ad Hoc Policy Committee for review in the spring, prior to the policy going forward to the Board of Education for approval. Following completion of the Assessment Policy, the District Assessment Committee will focus on the K-12 Assessment Plan.

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

Future Public Board Meeting Action Item

- Letter to the Ministry of Education regarding their decision to discontinue funding for graduated adults

Future Public Board Meeting Information Item (February 25, 2015):

- Aboriginal Education Annual Report

Items for Future Education and Student Services Committee Meetings

April 1, 2015	May 6, 2015	June 3, 2015
Proposals for Board Authority/Authorized (BAA) Courses BAA Enrolment for 2014/2015 2015/2016 Draft Program Review Cycle (Assistant Superintendent T. Beaudry) K-12 Assessment Plan Update (Assistant Superintendent, T. Beaudry)	2015/2016 Draft Meeting Schedule (Assistant Superintendent T. Beaudry) K-12 Assessment Plan Update (Assistant Superintendent, T. Beaudry)	Draft Achievement Contract (Superintendent H. Gloster) Central Okanagan Community and SD No. 23 Literacy Plan Annual Report (Director R. Ovelson) K-12 Assessment Plan Update (Assistant Superintendent, T. Beaudry)
REVIEW LEGEND		
<u>LEVEL ONE REVIEW</u> • District-wide surveys • Involving all stakeholders • Focus Groups Interviews with key staff and clients	<u>LEVEL TWO REVIEW</u> • Surveys to a representative sample group of stakeholders • Optional Focus Groups and personnel interviews as appropriate	<u>LEVEL THREE REVIEW</u> • Limited or no surveying and/or interviews to gather informal feedback

Future Education and Student Services 2015 Committee Meetings

April 1, 2015, May 6, 2015, and June 3, 2015

Questions – Please Contact:

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