

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Education and Student Services DATE: April 4, 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 R. Cacchioni
Trustee M. Pendharkar

Staff:

T. Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
N. Bradley, Director of Instruction K - 12
B. Browns, Executive Assistant (*recorder*)
B. Bertram, Executive Assistant (*recorder*)

Partner Group Representation:

COPVPA Scott McLean, Past President
COTA Alice Rees, President
CUPE Roxanne McKnight, Shop Steward

Absent: District Student Council, and COPAC Representatives

REPORTS/MATTERS ARISING

February 1, 2012 Committee Report – Received

ACTION ITEMS

1. **SD No. 23 Student Readiness Annual Report**

Norm Bradley, Director of Instruction K-12, and Barb Leclair, District Graduation Coordinator, reviewed the information contained within the Student Readiness Annual Report which highlights the ongoing improvement in student readiness through the combined efforts of teachers, parents, support staff, and school administrators. The six-year completion rate has increased by 1.5% from 2009/2010 (84.7%) to 2010/2011 (86.2%). The District's target for June 2013 is that 89% of students will graduate or earn their Evergreen certificate within six years of starting grade 8, and be ready for the transition beyond secondary school. Aboriginal student graduation rates are improving with 61% graduating in the reported 2010/2011 school year in comparison to the provincial rate of 54%. Other assessment evidence can be found in the District's 14-Point Plan Evidence where there is a focus on schools supporting students through a variety of structures, (i.e. participating in the Dual Credit/Trade Programs, Academies, Board Authorized Courses, Health and Career Education, etc.).

The COPVPA Past President applauded early learning intervention strategies which have added significance to increased graduation rate trends.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the School District No. 23 Student Readiness Annual Report be sent to the Board of Education for placement as an Information Item on a future public Board meeting agenda.

2. **Graduate Outcomes Survey Report**

Norm Bradley, Director of Instruction K-12, and Patti Ostrioff, Career Life Program Consultant/Facilitator, reviewed the information contained within the Graduate Outcomes Survey Report. School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) partnered with the BC Securities Commission to conduct the survey. The objective of the survey was to assess the life skills of 2009/2010 secondary school graduates, their perspective of their secondary school experience and financial competence. 365 graduates, representing the five secondary schools and Central Programs and Services, were interviewed by phone between December 30, 2010 – January 5, 2011. 90% of the graduates indicated that they had the opportunity to learn about different careers through school Career Life Programs, by developing a career plan, and/or taking Work Experience 12. Students indicated that more information regarding Career Life Programs would help better prepare them for life, work, or post-secondary education. Currently, 99% of the graduates surveyed are either in post-secondary schooling or working. Students also reported that they were satisfied with their secondary school experience. Students who had participated in career exploration activities were more successful in transition from secondary school to post-secondary life. Most students found Planning 10 relevant while 36% reported that they needed more help in the finances section of the course. The Graduate Outcomes Survey will be repeated every second or third year. Trustees requested information on the "My Action Plan" presentations made by grade 12 students.

The Director of Instruction advised that the District experienced the largest intake ever of over 130 students in to Dual Credit/Trades Program at Okanagan College.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the School District No. 23 Graduate Outcomes Survey Report be sent to the Board of Education for placement as an Information Item on a future public Board meeting agenda.

The Career Life Program Consultant/Facilitator will request that grad coordinators invite Trustees to participate in the secondary schools My Action Plan (MAP) events.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Draft Program Review Cycle (*attachment*)

The Assistant Superintendent reviewed the Draft Program Review Cycle for the 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 school years, which has been reviewed by the Superintendent and Directors.

Outcome

The committee approved the proposed amendments to the 2011/2012 Draft Program Review Cycle and recommended that it be sent to the Board of Education for placement as an Information Item on a future public Board meeting agenda.

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

2. Educational Facility Plan Review

The Educational Facility Plan Review will be completed in 2012/2013.

3. Catchment Area Review Update

The Catchment Area Review will be completed in 2012/2013.

Items Requiring Special Mention

1. Policy 386 - Employee Use of Electronic and Social Media Communication

Policy 486 - Student Use of Electronic and Social Media Communication

The Assistant Superintendent provided information that at the March 28, 2012 Board of Education meeting, the Board approved Interim Policies 386 and 486 with a recommendation that the policies be reviewed in one year. The Social Media Subcommittee will reconvene with Director Jon Rever working with the committee on revising the Network and Internet user agreements and codes of conduct in order to align with the new policies. Existing subcommittee members and new members wishing to sit on the subcommittee were requested to advise the office of the Assistant Superintendent.

Items for Future Education and Student Services Committee Meetings

- International Education/English as a Second Language Annual Report (*May 2012*)
- Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement (Level 1) (*May 2012*)
- Hollywood Road Education Services Review (*May 2012*)
- Draft Achievement Contract and Strategic Plan (*June 2012*)
- Central Okanagan Community and School District No. 23 Literacy Plan (*June 2012*)

FUTURE EDUCATION AND STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

May 2, 2012 June 6, 2012 October 3, 2012 November 7, 2012 December 5, 2012

RECOMMENDATIONS/REFERRALS TO THE BOARD/COORDINATING COMMITTEE/OTHER COMMITTEES

Future Public Board Meeting Information Items:

- SD No. 23 Student Readiness Annual Report
- Graduate Outcomes Survey Report

Questions – Please Contact:

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