

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Education and Student Services DATE: June 5, 2013
CHAIRPERSON: Trustee Julia Fraser STAFF CONTACT: Terry-Lee Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent

Board Attendees:

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

Staff:

H. Gloster, Superintendent of Schools
T. Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
B. Browns, Executive Assistant (*recorder*)

Partner Group Representation:

COPVPA Kevin Auclair, Executive Member
COTA Alice Rees, President

Absent: COPAC, CUPE, and District Student Council Representation

Reports/Matters Arising

May 1, 2013 committee Report - Received

Recognition/Presentations/Delegations

1. Draft Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement

Joanne De Guevara, Principal, Aboriginal Education, provided a brief overview of the process used to gather information for the draft Enhancement Agreement. The Principal of Aboriginal Education reviewed the Enhancement Agreement Goals, Rationales, Targets, and Indicators that align with the Medicine Wheel. Kevin Kaiser, Resource Teacher, Aboriginal Education, reviewed the Developmental Assets that relate to the External and Internal target(s) of each goal. The Committee provided suggested revisions. The Assistant Superintendent informed the Committee that further reviews will be completed by the Aboriginal Education Council and Ministry. The final Enhancement Agreement document will come forward for Board approval in early fall.

Discussion/Action Items

1. Central Okanagan Community and School District No. 23 Literacy Plan

Jennifer Scott, Literacy Outreach Coordinator, provided a brief outline of the highlights as contained within the report. These highlights included the implementation of the following literacy initiatives with a focus on youth: Westbank First Nation Computer Club, Slam Poetry through the Okanagan Boys' and Girls' Club, the Youth Society Tutoring Program, Parents as Literacy Supporters (PALS) sessions in Peachland, and other literacy activities within the community. Decoda Literacy Solutions has received funding from the Ministry to continue the Literacy support for a fourth year (2013/2014 school year).

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the Central Okanagan Community and School District No. 23 Literacy Plan be sent to the Board of Education for placement as an Information Item on a future Public Board Meeting Agenda.

2. Health Promoting Schools Committee Revised Terms of Reference

Tricia Labrie, Health Promoting Schools Coordinator, reviewed and provided the rationale for revisions to the Health Promoting Schools Terms of Reference.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the Health Promoting Schools Committee Revised Terms of Reference be sent to the Board of Education for placement as an Action Item on a future Public Board Meeting Agenda.

3. Draft 2013/2014 Achievement Contract

The Superintendent provided a brief background on the framework of the District Achievement Contract, which included the following two points:

- (a) The School Act requires that each Board of Education prepare and submit to the Minister of Education an Achievement Contract with respect to student plans and plans for improving achievement of all learners (Kindergarten - Grade 12).

- (b) In preparing the Achievement Contract, the District must adhere to Ministry guidelines, which include the following five elements: Context, Goals and Expectations (Targets), Actions, Assessment and Evaluation, and ways to Respond and Adjust plans to raise achievement.

The District remains committed to its overarching goal, and to achieving goals in the areas of graduation, literacy, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) as outlined within the Achievement Contract.

The Assistant Superintendent shared testimonies from students, teachers, and administrators on how the District's various educational initiatives, collaborative models of support, and the common focus on instruction have made a difference.

The District continues to reduce levels of vulnerability in the early years, improve the graduation trendline, use data effectively, and support collaboration.

The Superintendent reported that the District's commitment to job-embedded collaboration will continue to be an area of focus in the upcoming year.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the Draft 2013/2014 Achievement Contract, as amended, be sent to the Board of Education for placement as an Action Item on a future Public Board Meeting Agenda.

4. Revised Evaluation Cycle for Education Program Reviews, Annual Reports, Support Structures, and Initiatives

The Assistant Superintendent reviewed the revised Evaluation Cycle. The Committee supported the Evaluation Cycle for the 2013/2014 school year; however, recommended that the Catchment Area Review may better align with the priorities of the Planning and Facilities Committee.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the Revised Evaluation Cycle for Education Program Reviews, Annual Reports, Support Structures, and Initiatives be sent to the Board of Education for placement as an Action Item on a future Public Board Meeting Agenda.

Discussion/Information Items

1. Proposed Board Authority Authorized (BAA) Course - Early College Preparation Update

The Superintendent provided an update regarding the Kelowna Secondary School Early College Preparation course. The Early College Preparation course may be offered as an Independent Studies (IDS) in the fall of 2013. A BAA designation may be requested at a future time.

The Committee discussed and agreed to schedule a second date for BAA proposals to come forward in April 2014.

Outcome

To schedule a second date of review for BAAs in April 2014.

Items For Future Education and Student Services Committee Meetings

Presentations

- Technologies That Empower Student Learning and Achievement - Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) - Jon Rever (Fall 2013)
- Early College High School Proposal Update - Norm Bradley (Fall 2013)
- 2014/2015 School Calendar (presenter/date to be determined)
- Blended Learning (presenter/date to be determined)

Program Review

- Student Support Services including Central School Programs/Alternate Education - Peter Molloy (Fall 2013)

Future Education and Student Services Committee Meetings

- October 2, 2013
- All meetings are scheduled for 6:30 pm in the School Board Office Board Room

Questions – Please Contact:

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