

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Education and Student Services

DATE: October 2, 2013

ACTING

CHAIRPERSON: Trustee Julia Fraser

STAFF CONTACT: Terry-Lee Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent

Board Attendees:

Trustee J. Fraser - Chairperson
Trustee J. Brinkerhoff - Committee Member (Absent)
Trustee D. Butler - Committee Member
Trustee Murli Pendharkar - Acting Committee Member
Trustee Moyra Baxter

Staff:

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

Partner Group Representation:

COPVPA Kevin Auclair, Executive Member
COTA April Smith, First Vice-President
CUPE Wendy Johnson, President
COPAC Marnie Janzen, Vice-President

Absent: District Student Council Representation

Agenda - Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Move: Recognition/Presentations/Delegations 3.1 "Technologies That Empower Student Learning and Achievement - Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) to Recognition/Presentations/Delegations 3.2

Discussion/Action Items 6.1 "2014-2019 Enhancement Agreement - Final Draft" to Recognition/Presentations/Delegations 3.1

Discussion/Information Item 7.1 "Early College High School Proposal Update" to Reports/Matters Arising 2.2

Add: Discussion/Information Item 7.2 "Board Motion re: Reviewing and Evaluating Policies"

Reports/Matters Arising

1. September 4, 2013 Committee Report - received as presented.

2. Early College High School Proposal Update

Norm Bradley, Director of Instruction (K-12) continues to work with staff from Okanagan College to move forward with the Early College High School initiative. An Early College High School proposal will be presented at the November 6, 2013 Education and Student Services Committee Public Meeting. Director Bradley clarified that the proposed Kelowna Secondary School Early College Prep course remains at the development stage.

Recognition/Presentations/Delegations

1. 2014-2019 Enhancement Agreement - Final Draft

Joanne De Guevara, District Principal of Aboriginal Education, reviewed the revisions made to the 2014-2019 Enhancement Agreement, which included: adding the WFN approved watermark, reporting the Six-Year Completion Rate for Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal students, including the Action items in Appendix A as requested by the Ministry, and adding the Youth Programs and School Teams to the Physical Quadrant Development Assets list. Kevin Kaiser, Resource Teacher Aboriginal Education, shared that the Advocates will use the Indicators within each goal to assist in monitoring Aboriginal students' performance and achievement. Trustee Butler reported that the Aboriginal Education Council requested that the Board of Education provide a statement in the Enhancement Agreement regarding the District's commitment to provide additional funding to the Aboriginal Education Program over and above targeted funding. Trustee Butler also requested that the Principal of Aboriginal Education confer with WFN regarding the use of the term Syilx in the Enhancement Agreement. Trustee Butler stated that the Aboriginal Education Council supported the 2014-2019 Enhancement Agreement with the aforementioned amendments.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the 2014-2019 Enhancement Agreement - Final Draft be sent to the Board of Education for placement as an Action Item on a future Public Board Meeting Agenda as amended (including a statement from the Board of Education providing additional funds over and above the targeted funding on page 20).

2. Technologies That Empower Student Learning and Achievement - Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Jon Rever, Director of Instruction (K-12), provided an overview of how BYOD may enrich student learning by enhancing classroom instructional strategies, increasing student intellectual engagement, developing the District's Attributes of a Learner, and supporting technologies that empower student learning and achievement. Various studies were referenced (e.g. McKinsey Report, 2017 and the Canada-wide Student Engagement Study). Director Rever reviewed the results from the Central Okanagan School District's BYOD Readiness Assessment that students, teachers, administrators, and parents participated in. The results included the opportunities and challenges as identified by each target group. Schools or a group of teachers interested in exploring the BYOD will need to complete a readiness checklist before proceeding. Director Rever is working with a group whose focus is on empowering student learning and achievement and exploring different ways schools are using technology effectively.

Discussion/Action Items

1. Amendments to Policy 541 - Board Authorized Courses and new Appendix 541A - Board/Authority Authorized Courses

The sub-committee met on September 16, 2013 to review draft Policy 541 - Board Authorized Courses and new Appendix 541A - Board/Authority Authorized Courses and incorporate recommendations made by the committee at the September 4, 2013 Education and Student Services Committee Public Meeting. The Assistant Superintendent reviewed these revisions at the October 2, 2013 Education and Student Services Committee Public Meeting. The following revisions provide clarity on the approval and coding process and the consultation process. Further input was provided by the committee at the October 2, 2013 Education and Student Services Committee Public Meeting to amend the Approval and Coding Process Step 5 by removing the Ministry's email address and adding to Ministry 'of Education'. Appendix 541A - Board/Authority Authorized Courses was reviewed and no further revisions were recommended.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that revised Policy 541 - Board Authorized Courses and new Appendix 541A - Board/Authority Authorized Courses be sent to the Board of Education for placement as an Action Item on a future Public Board Meeting Agenda as amended.

Discussion/Information Items

1. Board Motion re: Reviewing and Evaluating Policies

The Assistant Superintendent reviewed the Board Motion of reviewing and evaluating District policies. A sub-committee was formed to strategize the review process for policies pertaining to education. Trustee Deb Butler; Kevin Auclair, COPVPA representative; and Terry-Lee Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent, will work together on the sub-committee to develop a plan. Trustee Julia Fraser volunteered as an alternate for the Policy Review sub-committee.

Items For Future Education And Student Services Committee Meetings

Presentations

- 2014/2015 School Calendar (presenter/date to be determined)
- Blended Learning (presenter/date to be determined)