

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Education and Student Services DATE: June 6, 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 M. Pendharkar

Staff:

H. Gloster, Superintendent of Schools
T. Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
C. Sulz, Director of Instruction (K-12)
B. Browns, Executive Assistant (*recorder*)

Partner Group Representation:

COPVA Scott McLean, Past President
COTA Alice Rees, President
CUPE Wendy Johnson, Vice-President

Absent: COPAC and District Student Council Representation

REPORTS/MATTERS ARISING

May 2, 2012 Committee Report - Received

ACTION ITEMS

1. 2012 Central Okanagan Community and School District No. 23 Literacy Plan

Clara Sulz, Director of Instruction K-12, provided a brief background on the development of the Central Okanagan Community and School District No. 23 Literacy Plan. The purpose of the Community Literacy Plan is to promote community alignment of literacy initiatives. Originally, the three year plan was jointly coordinated by the Ministry of Education and 2010 Legacies Now. On May 30, 2011, the Decoda Literacy Solutions became the umbrella organization responsible for guiding the development of Community Literacy Plans.

Jennifer Scott, Literacy Outreach Coordinator for The Bridge Youth & Family Services, provided a brief outline of the highlights as contained within the report. These highlights included the implementation of the following initiatives: Parents as Literacy Supporters (PALS) sessions, the Westbank First Nation Computer Club, Story Box workshops, the development of a resource kit for Family Resource Programs, and other literacy presentations within the community. Next year's focus will be on improving youth and adult literacy skills as directed by Decoda Literacy Solutions.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the 2012 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. Draft 2012/2013 Achievement Contract

The Assistant Superintendent provided a brief background on the development of District Achievement Contracts, which included the following two points:

- (a) The School Act requires each Board of Education to 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 the new 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 Superintendent provided a brief PowerPoint presentation highlighting areas of the Achievement Contract. The Ministry of Education expects all Districts to have an overarching goal of success for each student. It was noted that the District's Attributes of our Learners aligns with the District's new overarching goal, which states:

“Each Central Okanagan School District student (K-12) will provide evidence of being a learner, thinker, innovator, collaborator, and contributor.”

The District's goals, objectives, and targets for graduation, literacy, and numeracy are outlined within the Achievement Contract. In numeracy, an integrated approach will be taken next year, incorporating Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM).

Committee members discussed the information contained within the Achievement Contract and requested some minor amendments.

Outcome

The Committee approved the Draft of the 2012/2013 Achievement Contract as presented and amended at the June 6, 2012 public meeting of the Education and Student Services Committee.

The Committee recommended that the Draft 2012/2013 Achievement Contract be sent to the Board of Education for approval on a future public Board meeting agenda.

FUTURE EDUCATION AND STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Note: Education and Student Services Committee meeting on September 19, 2012 is cancelled. The Education and Student Services Committee is invited to attend the Planning and Facilities Public Committee meeting on September 19, 2012 at 4:30 pm at the School Board Office.

October 3, 2012

November 7, 2012

All meetings are scheduled for 6:30 pm in the School Board Office Board Room

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

Future Public Board Meeting Information Items:

- 2012 Central Okanagan Community and School District No. 23 Literacy Plan

Future Public Board Meeting Action Items:

- Draft 2012/2013 Achievement Contract

Questions – Please Contact:

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