

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: General Affairs Committee DATE: January 15, 2014

CHAIRPERSON: Trustee M. Baxter STAFF CONTACT: H. Gloster, Superintendent

Attendees:

Trustee M. Baxter (Chairperson)
Trustee J. Brinkerhoff
Trustee D. Butler
Trustee R. Cacchioni (absent)
Trustee J. Fraser
Trustee C. Gorman
Trustee M. Pendharkar

Staff:

H. Gloster, Superintendent
L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer
T. Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent
M. Essler, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Group Representation:

COPAC No representative
COTA Susan Bauhart, President and April Smith, First Vice-President
COPVPA No representative
CUPE Wendy Johnson, President
DSC No representative

Report/Matters Arising

The General Affairs Committee Public Meeting Report of October 2, 2013 was received.

Discussion/Action Items

1. Amendments to Policy 110 – Policy Development

Trustee Butler introduced the suggested amendments to Policy 110 – Policy Development. The amendment is the addition of item 10 outlining the function of each Board Standing Committee to review and evaluate all policies directly pertaining to the Committee function at least once every three years.

Outcome:

THAT: The amendments to Policy 110 – Policy Development, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the January 15, 2014 General Affairs Committee Meeting, be sent to the Board of Education for placement as an Action Item on a future Public Board Meeting Agenda.

2. Amendments to Policy 135 – School Board Operation

Trustee Butler introduced the suggested amendments to Policy 135 – School Board Operation which included the updating of the electoral areas for the seven trustees for the Central Okanagan Board of Education and the removal of the reference to the person chairing a meeting being called by the title of their choice.

Outcome:

THAT: The amendments to Policy 135 – School Board Operation, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the January 15, 2014 General Affairs Committee Meeting, be sent to the Board of Education for placement as an Action Item on a future Public Board Meeting Agenda.

3. Amendments to Policy 140 – School Board Committees

The re-write of Policy 140 – School Board Committees was introduced by Trustee Butler. The reference to District Committees was removed from the existing Policy. A new Policy on District Committees will be developed.

Outcome:

THAT: The amendments to Policy 140 – School Board Committees, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the January 15, 2014 General Affairs Committee Meeting, be sent to the Board of Education for placement as an Action Item on a future Public Board Meeting Agenda.

4. Amendments to Policy 460 – Appeals

The amendments to Policy 460 – Appeals were reviewed by Trustee Butler. The amendments included the rewording of item 4.3 to provide clearer language on trustees who would be excused from hearing an Appeal.

Outcome:

THAT: The amendments to Policy 460 - Appeals, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the January 15, 2014 General Affairs Committee Meeting, be sent to the Board of Education for placement as an Action Item on a future Public Board Meeting Agenda.

5. Invitations for Trustee Participation on “Special” Committees

Trustees who are invited to participate on special Committees or Sub-Committees (i.e. Awards Committees) are requested to inform the Board of their intentions to take part on these Committees. This protocol will be added to the Trustee Handbook.

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

Future Public Board Meeting:

- Amendments to Policy 110 – Policy Development
- Amendments to Policy 135 – School Board Operation
- Amendments to Policy 140 – School Board Committees
- Amendments to Policy 460 - Appeals

Questions – Please Contact:

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