

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: General Affairs Committee DATE: March 5, 2014

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

4:35 pm An attempt was made to contact Trustee Gorman by teleconference.

Attendees:

Trustee M. Baxter (Chairperson)

Trustee J. Brinkerhoff

Trustee D. Butler

Trustee R. Cacchioni

Trustee J. Fraser (absent)

Trustee C. Gorman (via teleconference at 4:40)

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	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 January 15, 2014 was received.

Discussion/Action Items

1. Amendments to Policy 105 – Policy Manual

Trustee Butler introduced the suggested amendments to Policy 105 – Policy Manual. The recommended amendments are to bring the Policy up to date with the Policy Manual now being made available electronically on the School District website and paper copies no longer being distributed. The availability of the Policy Manual online provides for easy accessibility for students, staff, parents and community members.

Outcome:

THAT: The amendments to Policy 105 – Policy Manual, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the March 5, 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 145 – Coordinating Committee

Trustee Butler introduced the suggested amendments to Policy 145 – Coordinating Committee. The recommended amendments are housekeeping in nature and includes the addition of an item under Scope of Functions for the committee to review and evaluate all Policies directly pertaining to the Coordinating Committee function at least once every three years.

Outcome:

THAT: The amendments to Policy 145 – Coordinating Committee, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the March 5, 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.

4:40 Trustee Gorman joined the meeting by teleconference.

3. Amendments to Policy 185 – Board Representation on Community, Municipal and Provincial Organizations

Trustee Butler introduced the suggested amendments to Policy 185 – Board Representation on Community, Municipal and Provincial Organizations. The amendments include the removal of the individual listing of community, municipal and provincial organizations. The list of the community, municipal and provincial organizations for trustee representatives to be assigned to will be reviewed by the Board each year at the first public Board Meeting following the inaugural/annual meeting. An amendment to item 2.2 was introduced by Trustee Cacchioni as follows:

“Each representative will report back to the Board anything which ~~they feel might be important~~ the trustee representative deems relevant to the Board or School District operations.”

Outcome:

THAT: The amendments to Policy 185 – Board Representation on Community, Municipal and Provincial Organizations, with the additional amendment as approved at the March 5, 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 725 – Inviting Speakers to Schools

Trustee Butler introduced the suggested amendments to Policy 725 – Inviting Speakers to Schools. The Committee members discussed the suggested amendments to item 3 and concluded that the Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer would review the Policy. The amendments to item 3 are to reflect the protocols when a politician visits a school for the purpose of a classroom visit as opposed to a visit to make a presentation to an assembly or to the entire school. The COTA representative recommended that teachers are made aware of the Policy once it has been amended and approved by the Board.

Outcome:

THAT: The Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer are to further review Policy 725 – Inviting Speakers to Schools to provide further clarification on item 3. The amended Policy 725 – Inviting Speakers to Schools was deferred to the next General Affairs Committee Meeting.

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

Future Public Board Meeting:

- Amendments to Policy 105 – Policy Manual
- Amendments to Policy 145 – Coordinating Committee
- Amendments to Policy 185 – Board Representation on Community, Municipal and Provincial Organizations

Items Requiring Special Mention

Trustee Butler

Trustee Butler and Trustee Pendharkar will review Policy 705 – Relations with Parents of Students and Policy 715 – Consultation with Partners in Education and submit any recommended amendments to a future General Affairs Committee meeting.

Items for Future General Affairs Committee Meetings

- Amendments to Policy 725 – Inviting Speakers to Schools
- Amendments to Policy 705 – Relations with Parents of Students
- Amendments to Policy 715 – Consultation with Partners in Education

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