

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Education and Student Services DATE: April 1, 2015
CHAIRPERSON: Trustee Lee-Ann Tiede STAFF CONTACT: Terry-Lee Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent

Board Attendees:

Trustee L. Tiede - Chairperson
Trustee D. Butler - Committee Member
Trustee L. Mossman - Committee Member
Trustee M. Baxter

Staff:

H. Gloster, Superintendent of Schools (*absent*)
T. Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
M. DesRochers, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Group Representation:

COPAC Shelley Courtney, Member
COPVPA Raquel Steen, President
COTA April Smith, First Vice-President
CUPE Wendy Johnson, President

Absent:

DSC

Agenda – Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Public Education and Student Services Agenda – April 1, 2015 – approved as presented.

Reports/Matters Arising

Public Education and Student Services Committee Report – February 4, 2015 – received as presented.

Recognition/Presentations/Delegations

1. **Alternate Pathways to Graduation: On-line Learning**

Curtis Schreiber, Principal, and Brent Sawatzsky, Teacher, Central Programs and Services, presented on Central Programs and Services' alternate pathways to graduation: on-line learning. Central Programs and Services provides support to Distance Learning (DL) students through the eSchool Program, which offers on-line courses that include text resources and 24/7 access to learning. On-line courses are self-paced courses, allowing students to choose courses to fit their graduation plan. Central Programs and Services currently offers 130 courses through eSchool, which are obtained through the British Columbia Learning Network (BCLN) and its independent partners. In an effort to continue to offer a range of electives to meet the graduation requirements of the District's students, Central Programs and Services prepared three Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) on-line course proposals for consideration.

Discussion/Action Items

1. **Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal – Health 12: The Whole Individual**

Curtis Schreiber, Principal, and Brent Sawatzsky, Teacher, Central Programs and Services, provided information on the Health 12: The Whole Individual (Central Programs and Services – eSchool) BAA Proposal. Health 12: The Whole Individual will introduce students to the various disciplines within the health sciences including: toxicology, clinical medicine, and biotechnology. Students will explore the importance of diagnostics and research in the identification and treatment of diseases, globally and in the Central Okanagan. Health 12: The Whole Individual will provide students with an alternative on-line elective in an attempt to meet individual areas of interest in the health sciences.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the Board of Education approve the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal – Health 12: The Whole Individual (Central Programs and Services – eSchool).

2. **Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal – Veterinary Science 12: The Care of Animals**
Curtis Schreiber, Principal, and Brent Sawatsky, Teacher, Central Programs and Services, provided information on the Veterinary Science 12: The Care of Animals (Central Programs and Services – eSchool) BAA Proposal. Veterinary Science 12: The Care of Animals will provide students with information and terminology related to the care of animals, as well as common animal diseases and treatments. Veterinary Science 12: The Care of Animals will provide students with an alternative on-line elective in an attempt to meet individual areas of interest.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the Board of Education approve the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal – Veterinary Science 12: The Care of Animals (Central Programs and Services – eSchool).

3. **Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal – Introduction to Social Media 12**
Curtis Schreiber, Principal, and Brent Sawatsky, Teacher, Central Programs and Services, provided information on the Introduction to Social Media 12 (Central Programs and Services – eSchool) BAA Proposal. Introduction to Social Media 12 will prepare students to interact on various social media platforms and use social media in a more positive and powerful manner while understanding the repercussions of a digital footprint. Students will review the Central Okanagan School District's ethical guidelines for Internet use for both students and teachers as well as be encouraged to use critical evaluation of social media resources. Introduction to Social Media 12 will provide students with an alternative on-line elective in an attempt to meet individual areas of interest.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the Board of Education approve the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal – Introduction to Social Media 12 (Central Programs and Services – eSchool).

Discussion/Information Items

1. **Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Courses Currently Being Offered Within Central Okanagan School District No. 23 (2014/2015)**
Terry-Lee Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent, shared that there are currently 129 BAA courses approved, with 99 currently being offered, engaging 4,703 students in specialized coursework. Prior to forwarding the report to the Board of Education for review, a few enrolment adjustments need to be made.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the amended report be sent to the Board of Education as an information item.

Items Requiring Special Mention

1. **K-12 Assessment Policy/Plan Update**
Terry-Lee Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent, shared that the District Assessment Committee has completed the draft Assessment Policy and is waiting for feedback from Sandra Herbst. After Sandra Herbst's feedback is reviewed, the draft policy will be shared at a meeting with COTA staff reps and principals/vice-principals to garner further feedback. The District Assessment Committee will then review the feedback from staff and consider revisions to the policy, prior to the policy coming forward to the Education and Student Services Committee.
2. **Joint Educational Change Committee (JECC) Update**
April Smith, First Vice-President, COTA, shared that in the JECC terms of reference it states: "*The intent of this committee is to collaboratively ensure all partners are involved and included in the educational plans for the District to improve our learning communities.*" As it is important that everyone in the system knows what the Committee's educational vision is, the Committee is currently working on developing a vision for JECC.
3. **Preparation for 2015/2016 Draft Program Review Cycle**
Terry-Lee Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent, will review the 2015/2016 Draft Program Review Cycle with senior staff and recommendations will be provided at the May 6, 2015 Education and Student Services Committee Public Meeting.

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

Future Public Board Meeting Action Item

- BAA Proposal – Health 12: The Whole Individual
- BAA Proposal – Veterinary Science 12: The Care of Animals
- BAA Proposal – Social Media 12

Future Public Board Meeting Information Item

- BAA Courses Currently Being Offered Within Central Okanagan School District No. 23 (2014/2015)

Items for Future Education and Student Services Committee Meetings

May 6, 2015	June 3, 2015	REVIEW LEGEND
Proposals for Board Authority/Authorized (BAA) Courses 2015/2016 Draft Meeting Schedule (Assistant Superintendent, T. Beaudry) K-12 Assessment Plan Update (Assistant Superintendent, T. Beaudry) 2015/2016 Draft Program Review Cycle (Assistant Superintendent, T. Beaudry)	Draft Achievement Contract (Superintendent H. Gloster) Central Okanagan Community and SD No. 23 Literacy Plan Annual Report (Director R. Ovelson) K-12 Assessment Plan Update (Assistant Superintendent, T. Beaudry)	<u>LEVEL ONE REVIEW</u> • District-wide surveys • Involving all stakeholders • Focus Groups • Interviews with key staff and clients <u>LEVEL TWO REVIEW</u> • Surveys to a representative sample group of stakeholders • Optional Focus Groups and personnel interviews as appropriate <u>LEVEL THREE REVIEW</u> • Limited or no surveying and/or interviews to gather informal feedback

Future Education and Student Services 2015 Committee Meetings

May 6, 2015 and June 3, 2015

Questions – Please Contact:

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