

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: General Affairs Committee DATE: October 7, 2015

CHAIRPERSON: Trustee L. Tiede STAFF CONTACT: H. Gloster, Superintendent

Attendees:

Trustee L. Tiede (Chairperson)
Trustee M. Baxter
Trustee R. Cacchioni (absent)
Trustee D. Butler
Trustee J. Fraser
Trustee C. Gorman (absent)
Trustee L. Mossman

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

Partner Group Representation:

COPAC	Mimi Roth-Miller, Secretary
COTA	Susan Bauhart, President
COPVPA	Kevin Auclair, Executive Member
CUPE	No representative
DSC	No representative

Agenda

The October 7, 2015 Agenda was approved as amended.

Report/Matters Arising

The General Affairs Committee Public Meeting Report of June 3, 2015 was received as presented.

Committee Members Queries/Comments

- Trustee Baxter requested an update on School Planning Councils

The Superintendent confirmed that all duties of the School Planning Council will now be conducted by the Parent Advisory Council. Preliminary discussions have occurred on the format the District will follow for schools to produce their required school improvement plan.

Discussion/Action Items

1. French Immersion Review Process and Timeline

At the February 11th Public Board Meeting, the Board of Education agreed to strike a Task Force to review options to guide future plans for the French Immersion Program, and that the Task Force was to bring recommendations forward to the process to be followed for the public consultation to the October 7th General Affairs Committee. At the June 24th Public Board Meeting the Board of Education was provided with the proposed composition for the French Immersion Task Force and the French Immersion Task Force Steering Committee. In response to a concern raised by the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC), the Committee discussed the parent representation on the Task Force Steering Committee be increased to include two parents of French Immersion students and two parents of English students from dual track schools. The Committee also reviewed the proposed French Immersion Consultation Process and Timeline.

Outcome:

The General Affairs Committee recommends to the Board:

THAT: The Board of Education approve the representation of parents on the Task Force Steering Committee include two parents of French Immersion students and two parents of English students from dual track schools.

THAT: The Board of Education approve the proposed French Immersion Consultation Process and Timeline as presented at the October 7, 2015 General Affairs Committee Meeting.

2. 2015-2016 Senior Management Team Workplan

The Superintendent reviewed the 2015-2016 Senior Management Team Workplan with the Committee. This Workplan is prepared to fulfill the requirements as stated in Board Policy 210 – *Superintendent of Schools Role Description*. As a new Superintendent will be welcomed to the District in the middle of the 2015-2016 school year, the Workplan presented may be adjusted. The following are the major projects the senior management team has committed to work on this year:

- Completing the Lake Country Catchment Area Review for implementation in September of 2016
- Initiating a comprehensive consultation process to develop a new plan for the delivery of the French Immersion Program that will commence in September, 2017
- Working in partnership with the COTA and COPVPA to develop and deliver a Curriculum/Competency Support Plan to prepare teachers and administrators for the implementation of the new provincial curricula and competencies
- Exploring the feasibility of expanding the delivery of online programs beyond the Central Okanagan School District

Additionally, members of the senior staff and individual departments have many specific goal areas they will be addressing throughout the school year. These will be dealt with at the appropriate Board Committee level.

Outcome:

The General Affairs Committee recommends to the Board:

THAT: The Board of Education approve the 2015-2016 Senior Management Team Workplan as presented at the October 7, 2015 General Affairs Committee Meeting.

Information Items

1. Update on Draft New Policy 136 – Trustee Conflict of Interest

The topic of Trustee Conflict of Interest will be discussed at the BCSTA Board Chair's Meeting on October 22, 2015. Afterwards, the draft Policy will be reviewed by the Ad Hoc Policy Committee.

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

Future Public Board Meeting:

French Immersion Review Process and Timeline

2015-2016 Senior Management Team Workplan

Ad Hoc Policy Review Committee

Draft New Policy 136 – Trustee Conflict of Interest

Items for Future General Affairs Committee Meetings

Amendments to Policy 705 – Relations with Parents of Students

Amendments to Policy 715 – Consultation with Partners in Education

Future General Affairs Committee Meetings

To be confirmed.

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