

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: General Affairs Committee DATE: January 5, 2011
CHAIRPERSON: Trustee R. Cacchioni STAFF CONTACT: H. Gloster, Superintendent

Attendees:

Trustee R. Cacchioni (Chairperson)
Trustee M. Baxter
Trustee G. Given
Trustee A. Hunt-Binkley
Trustee G. Scanlan
Trustee J. Watson
Trustee W. Horning (Absent)

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

Partner Group Representation:

COPAC	Sharlene Drohomereski, President
COTA	Alice Rees, President
COPVA	Scott Sieben, Executive Member
CUPE	No representative
DSC	No representative

Reports/Matters Arising

The General Affairs Committee Public Meeting Report of December 1, 2010 was received.

Information Items:

1. Fundraising Activities for Third Party Organizations

At the May 5, 2010 General Affairs Committee, the Secretary-Treasurer was requested to contact other School Districts to ascertain if their Fundraising Policies have been updated to include reference to fundraising for third parties or to the use of social media (Facebook, Twitter etc.). A search was conducted of the BC School Trustees' Association (BCSTA) database of BC School District policies and also a search of the major population centres in Alberta and Ontario. The results of these searches have shown very few School Districts have policies specifically to fundraising for third party organizations. The following concerns were expressed by the Committee members on the issue of fundraising:

- more than one school approaching local businesses requesting support
- the safety of students in fundraising activities
- the difference between fundraising and solicitation
- paragraph 2 on page 2 of the Policy states "the Superintendent or Superintendent's delegate shall approve the activity in advance" - this practice is not occurring
- moral values with students being used by organizers to fundraise
- fundraising for overseas organizations
- use of social media to solicit support for fundraising activities

Trustee Hunt-Binkley suggested an amendment to the policy (ie rewording of item 5 on page 3 of the Policy) to include fundraising to occur only within the school community or where there was a personal relationship with the business and/or parent.

The Committee discussed the forming of a subcommittee comprised of representatives from all partner groups to review Policy 731 and Regulation 731R – Community Service and Fundraising by Schools.

Outcome:

That the Secretary-Treasurer establish a subcommittee comprised of representatives from all partner groups to review Policy 731 and Regulation 731R – Community Service and Fundraising by Schools, and report back to a future General Affairs Committee.

Items for Future General Affairs Committee Meetings

Report from Subcommittee on amendments to Policy 731 and Regulation 731R – Community Service and Fundraising by Schools.

Future General Affairs Committee Meetings

Wednesday, March 2, 2011 – 4:30 p.m., School Board Office

Wednesday, May 4, 2011 – 4:30 p.m., School Board Office

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