

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Education and Student Services DATE: May 7, 2014

CHAIRPERSON: Trustee Deb Butler STAFF CONTACT: Terry-Lee Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent

Board Attendees:

Trustee D. Butler - Chairperson
Trustee J. Brinkerhoff - Committee Member
Trustee J. Fraser - Committee Member (*Absent*)
Trustee M. Pendharkar - Acting Committee Member
Trustee M. Baxter

Staff:

H. Gloster, Superintendent of Schools
T. Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
B. Browns, Executive Assistant (*Recorder*)

Partner Group Representation:

COPAC Marnie Janzen, Vice-President
COPVPA Kevin Auclair, Executive Member
COTA April Smith, First Vice-President

Absent:

CUPE and District Student Council

Agenda - Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Move: Discussion/Action Item 6.2 "Health Promoting Schools Review - Level 2" to Discussion/Action Item 6.3

Move: Discussion/Action Item 6.3 "Technology Education Program/Safety Review Report" to Discussion/Action Item 6.2

Reports/Matters Arising

April 2, 2014 Committee Report - received as presented.

Discussion/Action Items

1. Review of the Department of Student Support Services - Level 1

The Superintendent provided background information on the independent review process for this report and introduced the writer of the report, Karen Anderson, Educational Consultant. The overall purpose of the review was to gather perspectives through a comprehensive consultation process on the strengths/successes and enhancements/improvements within the following three key areas: the delivery of special education programs and services, the delivery of alternate education programs and services, and the organizational structures and administrative procedures/policies of the Department. The report also included data sources, survey response rates, enrolment profiles, achievement and staffing information, a financial statement, and final considerations/recommendations. The Review indicated strengths/success (e.g. competency of staff, program options, support services, and the commitment to inclusion) as well as 44 recommendations for consideration. The Superintendent will meet with senior staff to review the recommendations and create a strategic plan.

Outcome

The Committee receive the Review of the Department of Student Support Services Review - Level 1 and forward to the Board of Education with the recommendation that it be forwarded to the Superintendent for further action.

2. Health Promoting Schools Review - Level 2

The Assistant Superintendent presented on the Health Promoting Schools (HPS) Review, which included historical background, outcomes and goals for 2013/2014, indicators of District achievement, costs associated with the program, the impact/effectiveness of the program, and recommendations. Highlighted in the Review was the creation of the District HPS Student Friendly School Assessment and Planning Tool, the District got health/student-led health inquiry initiative, and the development and implementation of employee wellness initiatives. The various partnerships (e.g. District, community, and province) have made it possible for grade 3 students to receive free swimming lessons at H2O; schools to participate in the Growing Chef Program, site-based school gardens, and the creation of water filtration systems; the provision of physical activity clubs for students; student-led got health? inquiry projects; and employee wellness initiatives. Recommendations from the HPS Review included continuing with the elementary Health and Career Education (HACE) lead teacher model, building capacity through partnerships, continuing to support the student-led got health? inquiry projects, and continuing to research innovative ideas for staff wellness.

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Outcome

The Committee receive the Health Promoting Schools Review - Level 2 and forward to the Board of Education.

3. Technology Education Program/Safety Review Report

Rick Oliver, Director of Instruction (K-12), provided background information on the District's Technology Education Program and presented the Safety Review Report. The Safety Review Report included class size data, the overall number of student injury statistics and the specific number of student injuries for students enrolled in Tech Ed classes for Industrial Arts/Shop over a ten year period. Cost analysis scenarios for various class sizes limiting options were also provided. The professionalism of School District Tech Ed teachers in providing safety training, the promotion of safe work practices, guidance and supervision, continue to make these courses safe for students.

Outcome

The Committee receive the Technology Education Program/Safety Review Report and forward to the Board of Education as an Information Item.

Discussion/Information Items

1. 2014/2015 Draft Program Review Cycle and Draft Meeting Schedule

The Assistant Superintendent reviewed the 2014/2015 Draft Program Review Cycle recommendations that were recommended by senior staff. The Draft Meeting Schedule for the 2014/2015 school year was also presented.

Items Requiring Special Mention

1. It was noted that the Ministry of Education recently released a ten year plan for "BC's Skills for Jobs Blueprinting: Re-engineering Education and Training" to maximize the potential of BC's workforce. To read more about the blueprint visit <http://www.workbc.ca/skills>.

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

Future Public Board Meeting Action Items (May 28, 2014)

- Review of the Department of Student Support Services - Level 1

Future Public Board Meeting Information Items (May 28, 2014)

- Health Promoting Schools Review - Level 2
- Technology Education Program/Safety Review Report
- 2014/2015 Draft Program Review Cycle and Draft Meeting Schedule

Items for Future Education and Student Services Committee Meetings

June 4, 2014

- Draft Achievement Contract (Superintendent H. Gloster)
- Central Okanagan Community and SD No. 23 Literacy Plan Annual Report (Laura Smith, Literacy Outreach Coordinator)

Presentations

- 2014/2015 School Calendar (presenter/date to be determined)
- Blended Learning (presenter/date to be determined)

Future Education and Student Services 2014 Committee Meetings

- June 4, 2014