

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE I – MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATING

MONDAY, 2010 JANUARY 25

Committee Report to the Board, 2010 February 01

A1. Submission of Motions – British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA) 2010 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Chairperson of the Committee referred to a memorandum dated 2010 January 8, *Submission of Motions – BCSTA 2010 Annual General Meeting (AGM)* concerning the processing of BCSTA motions for the next AGM to be held on 2010 April 22 - 25. The deadlines for the submission of motions are: 2010 February 11 (Extraordinary motions) and 2010 February 19 (Substantive motions).

The Chairperson asked if there are any recommended BCSTA AGM motions to submit to the Board for consideration. No recommendations were presented.

P. Faoro, President, Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), Local 15, advised CUPE 15 has draft motions under consideration which may be forthcoming to the Board for consideration.

This item was received for information.

B1. Technology Issues

a) Educational Technology for the 21st Century – Challenges and Opportunities

S. Cardwell, Superintendent of Schools, presented *Educational Technology for the 21st Century*. Renew, refocus and redesign are essential elements to creating the schools we want in the 21st century. If we do not move forward to create a 21st century learning environment, then we will deny our learners the life chances and life opportunities essential for their success in this global environment.

S. Cardwell discussed wireless environments, access to the internet which included social networks and acceptable use, laptops for learning, and training and support. There are a number of themes for engaging students: teaching and learning; digital world; creativity; global society; learning spaces – learning places; and diversity and culture.

Guidelines and appropriate use policies need to be in place before opening up the ports to social networking sites in district schools.

This item was received for information.

b) Technology Planning Update

S. Lamb, Chief Information Officer, provided a brief update on the initiatives that have been undertaken and are currently underway in the Learning and Information Technology (LIT) division. Some of these include: infrastructure review of all schools, new anti-virus deployment, creation of the Computer Sustainability Plan with implementation throughout the summer and into the fall, tender for a new computer supplier, deployment of leading edge Wide Area Network technology in preparation for new services and access to resources, new district website, continued rollout of British Columbia enterprise Student Information System (BCeSIS), implementation of energy management software, infrastructure planning and review of web content filtering. A LIT Service Review is currently underway beginning with a satisfaction survey that has been sent to all district employees.

The Information and Communication Technology Advisory (ICTA) Committee is scheduled to meet in February and March with the purpose of developing a strategic plan that will guide the district with a contemporary, relevant and realistic strategic vision for the use of educational information and communication technology.

The following comments were made:

- the importance of communication and involvement by teachers in the planning discussions; and
- consideration be given to implementing teacher computer time again.

S. Lamb clarified that the extension of wireless access hubs at school sites is possible if schools are able to fund the expansion.

This item was received for information.

c) **Vancouver Board of Education Website (Short Term Priorities)**

D. Weir, Communications Manager, updated Committee members on the short term priorities for the district website. The main area of focus currently is the reorganization of the “About VSB” section in order to accommodate and better organize information in that section. Departmental landing pages are being developed so that areas such as Learning Services can publish information about its various teams and initiatives.

Another area of development is an advocacy section. D. Weir noted that a working group of the Advocacy Committee is developing an updated advocacy toolkit that will form the backbone of the advocacy pages.

Communications is also preparing a training program and schedule so that departments can begin entering content and maintaining their own sections on the website, with communications serving as overall content advisors. Human Resources received training in November on how to upload job posting, and communications will be reviewing that process in advance of the next round of training to identify successes and areas for improvement.

This item was received for information.

B2. Olympics 2010 Update

G. Little, Associate Superintendent – South Area, referred to a memorandum dated 2010 January 20 entitled *Olympic/Paralympic Activities* which provided an update on activities and initiatives related to the upcoming Olympic and Paralympic Games. These included: educational resources, the LiveCity Education Program, Olympic Torch Relay Celebrations, SportFit Challenge, sponsored by 2010 Legacies Now, Students LIVE – Olympic and Paralympic Reporter Program, Tickets to Inspiration, free tickets for students, Paint the Town Red, MittsForKids and the Royal Canadian Mint Educational Program

A number of students from the district have been selected to participate in the Students LIVE program. These students will participate in a range of media activities including filing articles, capturing videos, and conducting interviews before, during and after the Games. The students will be based at the BC International Media Centre at Robson Square. Fourteen of twenty-three students selected are from the district.

P. Peters, Education Coordinator, clarified there has been no corporate sponsorship involved in the purchase of the mittens for students. She clarified that Vancouver individuals and businesses have adopted a certain school, often their alma mater, and provided funds to purchase mittens for the students. There has been no corporate advertising in any of the adopted schools.

This item was received for information.

a) **Transportation Plan**

K. Millsip, Sustainability Coordinate, provided a brief overview of the Jack Bell Ride-Share for BC website. This transportation option will be available to all district employees during the Olympics and beyond.

G. Little, referred to a memorandum dated 2010 January 20 entitled *Olympic Transportation Committee Report*. Funding requests from the City of Vancouver and the Vancouver Organizing Committee (VANOC) to support a proposed park and ride system for district employees were, to date, not successful. At the most recent meeting of the district Olympic Transportation Committee the following decisions were made:

- provide district staff with information and links to all sites regarding transportation issues and options during the Olympics;
- establish a sub-site on the Jack Bell Ride-Share for BC website for district employees;
- provide links to all transit and transportation issues and options during the Olympics on the district website; and
- advise staff of the anticipated busiest traffic days during the Olympics which are anticipated to be February 11 and February 12.

Ten district schools, which are close to Olympic venues, are participating in the Translink Travelsmart Program. The City of Vancouver has been working with these schools to promote walking or cycling during the Olympics. All district schools will be provided with walking, cycling and transit maps.

This item was received for information.

C. **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of this Committee is scheduled for **Monday, 2010 February 22 at 17:30 hours.**

Mike Lombardi, Chairperson

Committee I Members Present:

Patti Bacchus, Al Blakey, Jane Bouey, Sharon Gregson,
Allan Wong

Other Trustees Present:

Ken Clement, Ken Denike, Carol Gibson

District Management Present:

Steve Cardwell, Brenda Ng, Lynn Green, Sonia Hutson,
Gary Little, Stephen Lamb

Association Representatives Present:

Rosalind Kellett, VSTA (5:30 pm to 6:00 pm)
Anne Guthrie-Warman, VSTA (6:00 pm to 6:55 pm)
Chris Harris, VESTA (arrived at 6:05 pm)
Greg Mar, VASSA
Vicki McCarthy, VEPVPA
Sandy Sharma, DPAC
Tim Chester, IUOE
Paul Faoro, CUPE 15
Warren Williams, CUPE 15
Gerry Ip, VDSC