

COMMITTEE MEETING

COMMITTEE III – EDUCATION AND STUDENT SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, 2011 NOVEMBER 09

Committee Report to the Board, 2011 November 28

The Committee met to discuss the following items:

1. CommunityLINK Report 2011

The Chairperson of the Committee welcomed R. Bergeron, District Principal, Alternative Programs, Community Schools Teams, Inner City School and C. Macer, Supervisor, CommunityLINK & Alternative Programs, Learning Services.

R. Bergeron referred to the memorandum dated 2011 November 03 entitled, **CommunityLINK Report 2010-2011** and along with C. Macer briefly presented the CommunityLink Report to Committee members. They noted there are new reporting requirements and that a logic model has been developed. In addition, there is an ongoing consultation about a definition for “vulnerability”.

R. Bergeron indicated that this item is brought forward as an item for information. The CommunityLink report is submitted annually to the Ministry of Education in order to provide a full account of the use of CommunityLink funding. The grant to the district for 2010-2011 was \$8.723 million. An additional \$1.2 million comes to the Teams through grants from outside agencies, including the United Way of the Lower Mainland.

R. Bergeron thanked C. Macer for her support in finalizing this report. C. Macer thanked the Community School Teams Coordinators for their incredible and valuable hard work. Each hub is uniquely different. They collaborate taking on an incredible amount of work and they do their jobs without sacrificing the quality of work.

In answer to questions from Committee members, the following information was provided:

- o there are school by school data available and the logic model is helping to refocus the work, identify gaps, and align resources;
- o the work in each school varies as it is designed to meet the needs in that context;
- o there is some onus on the school staff to find out about the work of the Community School Team;
- o in previous models, there were staff assigned to schools. In this model, there is a team

- working with a group of schools. More children may be given support, but staff may not know the team as well as they had when assigned to one school; and
- o the staff on the Teams and in the Alternative Programs have greatly appreciated having R. Bergeron to work with as the District Principal responsible for this area.

S. Cardwell, Superintendent thanked R. Bergeron, C. Macer, and the staff who had come to the meeting. He noted that the questions were important as we need to review structures so that staff can continue to do their excellent work.

The Chairperson commended R. Bergeron, C. Macer and the entire team for the work they are doing. It is important to be frank and be strategic on how we respond.

This item was received for information.

2. Summer School Report

The Chairperson welcomed M. Ciarniello who introduced P. Andrade, Manager, CIE Programs and Administration. He referred to the memorandum dated 2011 November 09 entitled **Summer School 2011 Program Report** and briefly presented background information and highlighted aspects of the report.

The following information was provided:

- o the Summer School Program is inclusive and each year more programs are added to include more students. This year, for example, French Immersion was added;
- o CIE is collaborating with the Community Schools Teams to offer summer programs;
- o there was a small increase in registration this year;
- o an updated computer system will likely assist with the efficiency of the registration system, but families will still want to line up to register in person; and
- o CIE will continue to explore new programs and will update the website.

This item was received for information.

3. New Business

- a) The Chairperson noted that Trustee C. Gibson would no longer be with the Board and thanked her for her substantial contribution to this Committee.

4. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of this Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, 2012 January 11 at 17:30 hours.

Jane Bouey, Chairperson

Committee III Members Present:

Patti Bacchus
Al Blakey
Jane Bouey
Ken Clement
Ken Denike
Carol Gibson
Mike Lombardi

District Management Present:

Steve Cardwell
Valerie Overgaard
Jordan Tinney
Maureen Ciarniello
Catherine Remedios

Association Representatives Present:

Bruce Murton, VEPVPA
Ivy Leung, DPAC
Shannon SoroChan, VASSA