

COMMITTEE MEETING

COMMITTEE I – MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATING

MONDAY, 2011 OCTOBER 24

Committee Report to the Board, 2011 November 07

1. Acceptable Use Policy

M. Ciarniello, Associate Superintendent, presented a report dated 2011 October 18. She reviewed a draft Information Technology and Communication Systems: Appropriate Use Policy and draft Employee and Student Acceptable Use Regulations. The purpose of the policy is to:

- define the purpose of the Vancouver Board of Education’s information technology systems;
- provide direction for the appropriate use of these systems; and
- indicate expectations and consequences related to use of these systems.

The Committee members discussed the following issues:

- what would be considered as “taking appropriate measures to ensure data remains confidential”;
- the inclusion of “political lobbying” under non-acceptable use of district technology resources;
- the need to ensure that the district obtains legal opinion on the draft policy and regulations;
- the importance of having a sign-on procedure that requires users to read and agree to abide by the district’s Information Technology and Communication Systems, Appropriate Use Policy.

This item was received for information.

2. Technology Plan – Update

A. Van Alstyne, District Principal-Learning Technologies, provided a PowerPoint presentation on Tech Planning, which consists of the following key areas: digital citizenship, information literacy, innovation and creativity, and Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Skills. Other highlights include district schools' participation in Global Project, Google Sketchup, social media (Facebook, Twitter, and Youtube), Dialogue and Resources, "Hands on vs. Hands Up" technology.

A. Van Alstyne provided an overview of the role and benefits of technology to teaching and learning.

In response to a Committee representative inquiry, the Superintendent clarified that:

- the option of providing mobile carts for schools is a resource solution;
- the Request for Proposals on the wireless project should be a priority for alternate programs; and
- an employee purchase plan for technology could be explored for the district.

This item was received for information.

3. International Enrolment – Update

B. Onstad, Manager-International Education, presented a report dated 2011 October 24, *International Education Update*. She reviewed the following key points:

- International Student Enrolment update; and
- 2011-2012 timeline summary for placement of district secondary students.

In response to inquires, staff confirmed that:

- there are international students in all district secondary schools; and
- the district uses the services of agencies for some international students.

Following discussion, staff were requested to provide the following information at a future meeting:

- the history and process for accepting international students in schools; and
- a breakdown of actual number of international students placed in the district on a per catchment/cross boundary area and per school basis.

This item was received for information.

4. Sustainability Update

J. Tinney, Deputy Superintendent, provided an overview of the district's Sustainability initiative. He indicated that the initiative is part of the Board's overall Strategic Plan.

K. Roberts, Manager-Climate Action, presented an update on the district's Energy and Climate Action initiatives. The topics of his presentation included the following items: Lighting Upgrade Program, Carbon Management & Reporting, Renewable Energy Additions, Sustainable Building Design & Construction, Education & Awareness-Students and Workplace, VSB Energy System Review-Fortis BC, Electricity Savings, Top 10 BC Hydro Ranking, Refrigerator Energy Conservation Program, UBC Co-op Student-Mechanical Engineering, and Looking Ahead-the Future for the VBE as a leader on Sustainability.

K. Millsip, Sustainability-Co-ordinator, presented an update on the district's sustainability initiatives with regard to Food, Waste, Transportation, and other projects such as the EDCO Office Supply Request for Proposals, Sustainability inventory, Technical design templates for the exterior of VBE sites, Sustainability website, Access to Nature, Safe Planet Art Contest, ECHO, and System Change not Climate Change Conference at Windermere Secondary on 2011 December 9.

J. Tinney noted that staff will continue to outline the plan for sustainability in the district.

This item was received for information.

5. Board and Committee Packages – electronic options

The Chairperson of the Committee informed that as part of the district's technology and sustainability initiative, staff are working towards paperless distribution of Board and Committee packages.

6. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of this Committee is scheduled for Monday, 2011 November 21 at 1730 hours.

Meeting adjourned at 1930 hours.

Mike Lombardi, Chairperson

Committee I Members Present:

Al Blakey, Patti Bacchus,
Jane Bouey (items 1-4), Allan Wong

Other Trustees Present

Ken Clement, Ken Denike, Carol Gibson

Senior Management Present:

Steve Cardwell, Jordan Tinney,
Rick Krowchuk, Maureen Ciarniello

Union/Association Representatives Present:

Geoff Taylor, VASSA
Magdalena Kassis, VEPVPA
Warren Williams, CUPE 15
Jacqueline Louie, VDSC