

COMMITTEE MEETING

COMMITTEE III – EDUCATION AND STUDENT SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, 2011 SEPTEMBER 14

Committee Report to the Board, 2011 September 19

The Committee met to discuss the following items:

1. Community Action Initiatives – DTES/Strathcona

The Chairperson welcomed F. Jeffries, Inner City Response Initiative. F. Jeffries thanked committee members for the opportunity to speak and commented that her colleagues M. Jorgensen, Principal, Strathcona Elementary School and C. Brown, Community Recreation Coordinator, Ray-Cam Community Centre would be joining her in presenting but had been delayed. She referred to the document entitled, **Inner City Response Initiative** and spoke briefly about the place based initiative at Strathcona and the work in progress.

The place based approach focuses on building on the capacity of local communities, encouraging local networks of referrals and support and targeting benefits to economically disadvantaged families. The initiative is focused on early learning.

Through the Collaborative Action Initiative, there is an opportunity to secure funding. This is a two-stage process. In the first stage, F. Jeffries had worked closely with M. Jorgensen to develop a Letter of intent summarizing their plans for a proposal. The second stage entails the completion of a full grant application. The group is seeking formal support from the Board and key partners within the community. The grant application and letters of support are due by September 30th.

The Chairperson expressed her appreciation to Trustee Gregson for bringing this issue to the committee's attention. She thanked F. Jeffries for this extraordinary initiative and noted that this item will be brought back to a future meeting of this committee.

This item was received for information.

2. Delegation – International Baccalaureate (IB)

The Chairperson welcomed M. Kokan and H. MacLennan, Southland Parents. They thanked committee members for the opportunity to speak. On behalf of the Southlands Elementary parents, they wanted to express their support for the IB Primary Years Program (PYP) and noted they would like the program at Southlands to be a designated district program. The IB Program provides authentic and equal learning opportunities for all students. Parents want choices and the IB program provides this in a public neighbourhood school.

G. Little, Retired Associate Superintendent believes in the IB philosophy, sound education practice and the concept of community. He introduced S. Katz, Executive Director, Community Affairs. S. Katz commented that instituting First Nations language and culture in the program is a good fit. There is a need to have strong teacher engagement and Musqueam speakers in the future. He introduced L. Grant, Musqueam Elder, Teacher, University of British Columbia. L. Grant talked about the Musqueam language and cultural as being important for Musqueam students to feel a sense of belonging.

The Chairperson thanked the parents and community members for their collective powerful presentations.

This item was received for information.

3. International Baccalaureate (IB) in Vancouver

V. Overgaard, Associate Superintendent, Learning Services referred to the memorandum dated 2011 September 09, entitled **International Baccalaureate (IB) in Vancouver**. She noted that the paper provided has a long-term vision and a proposal to seek sources of funding to support the IB in the district. She explained that the recommendation presented to the Committee to designate Southlands and King George as District Programs was the first step which would ensure sustained commitment to the programs. Other aspects of the vision and funding would be considered later in the year through budget and the Sectoral Review. V. Overgaard provided estimated staffing and budget required in response to a trustee's query.

Trustees indicated support for the recommendation to move forward to the Board. A Trustee expressed concerns regarding the overall cost of offering additional IB programs in the Vancouver district.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the IB Middle Years Program in the King George Family of Schools, and the Primary IB Program at Southlands, be designated District Programs.

4. Standing Committee Orientation

The Chairperson referred to the memorandum entitled **Standing Committee Orientation**. She encourages all members of the committee to read the package that reviews the specific function of the Education and Student Services (Committee III). She found it useful regarding how our policies and by-laws fit together.

The Chairperson emphasized the importance of having representatives on Standing Committees who provide trustees with valuable feedback.

This item was received for information.

5. BCSTA Motions

The Chairperson referred to the memorandum dated 2011 September 8, entitled **Submission of Motions – BCSTA’s October 22nd Provincial Council Meeting**. The deadline for submitting motions to the 2011 BCSTA Provincial Council meeting scheduled on 2011 October 22nd. In order to provide enough time for motions to be reviewed by the Legislative Committee and for approved motions to be sent out to all boards for review prior to the meeting, all motions must be received at the BCSTA office by 2011 September 23rd.

This item was received for information.

6. New Business

a) Aboriginal Education Enhancement Implementation and Monitoring Committee - Update

Clarification provided in Section V.B.2. of the 2011 Sept 19 Board Minutes.

Trustee Bacchus attended a meeting of the Aboriginal Enhancement Implementation and Monitoring Committee where S. Agabob, Acting District Principal, Aboriginal Education spoke about the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement (AEEA). He requested from members of the Aboriginal Enhancement Implementation and Monitoring Committee their feedback as to how they think we are doing with respect to progress with the goals of the AEEA and what commitments groups are prepared to make towards the implementation of the AEEA. The Chairperson commented that all committee members should consider this matter.

7. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of this Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, 2011 October 12 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
Denise Johnson

Association Representatives Present:

Bridget Browning, VEPVPA
Cathy Hasley, PASA
Ivy Leung, DPAC
Shannon SoroChan, VASSA