



EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

Wednesday, September 2, 2015, 4:00 P.M.
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE
425 Jermyn Avenue

MEMBERS PRESENT **Bruce Johnson, Chair**
Ginny Manning, Trustee
Linda Van Alphen, Trustee
Bruce Johnson, Trustee
Barb Sheppard, Trustee
Bill Bidlake, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT **Wendy Hyer, Superintendent of Schools**
Bonnie Roller Routley, Secretary-Treasurer
Dave Burgoyne, Assistant Superintendent
Maureen Maywood, Director of Finance
Don MacIntyre, Director of Instruction
Jane Owen, Executive Assistant

1. Call to Order

Trustee Bruce Johnson called the meeting to order at 3:59 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: Duly moved and seconded
That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

3. Presentations

3.1 My Education BC

Chair Johnson welcomed Doug MacDonald to the Education Committee meeting to provide a presentation on the implementation of the student information system overview the past year.

Doug MacDonald spoke on the history of student information systems and about the three programs that were used prior to My Education BC. He then provided an update on implementation of the new student information system, My Education BC.

This program was originally designed in California for over 400,000 students and has evolved with feedback from many users and has changed considerably through the past two years.

The My Education BC team at School District No. 67 have worked hard and have been instrumental in providing feedback with regards to troubleshooting issues. There has been a lot of inputting to correct files and editing of courses to make it more user friendly.

Mr. MacDonald also mentioned that although the work level was significant, they were pleased to be involved with Wave 1 of the implementation of My Education BC because they have been able to provide valuable input into many positive changes that were implemented and benefited other districts in later waves.

Several trustees thanked Mr. MacDonald as well as the staff he works closely with for all their hard work and dedication in the success of My Education BC with the goal of helping to provide consistency with this technology.

4. Information Items

5. Action Items

5.1 School Improvement Plans

The School Improvement Plan is an annual report of each schools improvement that follow under the school completion model. Don MacIntyre, Director of Instruction reviews the plans to ensure they meet the necessary requirements for the Ministry of Education. A recommendation from the Board of Education is necessary to accept each plan and once accepted the plans will be posted to the School District website.

Don MacIntyre spoke to the Board about the school plans and the concept of how they work by allowing the schools to decide on the questions they felt clearly spoke about the direction their school was heading in. One school in particular, KVR Middle School has been following the RTI framework and Director MacIntyre introduced Principal Steve DeVito to present on their direction at KVR and why the RTI model has been successful for the school.

Steve DeVito thanked teachers, support teachers as well as special education teachers with their common goal of providing opportunities to work with the students in a variety of ways. Meeting and working together to talk about the strengths of students and how students can be supported. Some examples were given, one in particular – previously taking the student out of the class (pull-out model) and changing the situation to using a

BIS model (keeping the support teacher in the classroom). Many examples were presented as well as the type of methods they are working on to meet the needs of all students.

Other schools are watching KVR Middle School as a model and early adopter. Parents appreciate the hard work that the staff is doing to work closely together in providing students with even more support where it may be required.

MOTION: Duly moved and seconded

That the Board of Education approve the School Improvement Plan for every school in the school district. CARRIED

5.2 Policy No. 203 - Student Fees

The purpose of this policy is to clarify those programs, resources and services that are free of charge and also to outline the fees and deposits that the Board may charge, which are in accordance with the School Act, regulations and ministerial orders.

The policy also provides a fee waiver process to support families who experience financial hardship with the goal of supporting equal access to all educational programs and opportunities for students.

The first recommended change is found under Policy and under Section 12 b. i. - and this change is to clarify who has the authority to waive school fees. It is the principal who has this authority - last year there were a few instances where various staff were approving the waiving of fees even though they do not have the authority to waive fees. This change in wording is intended to clarify the process.

The second change is in Section 9.D. i and ii where it speaks about consulting or getting approval from the SPC. As a result of Bill 11, SPC's are no longer a recognized formal body, so this has been replaced by PAC. The PAC is the formal parent body that advises and consults with the principal.

MOTION: Duly moved and seconded

That the Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education that Policy No. 203 - Student Fees be approved in principle and forwarded to partner groups for any suggestions for changes. CARRIED

5.3 Policy No. 310 - District Code of Conduct

In May of this year, Audry Ackah, Legal Council for the BCSTA, contacted districts in respect to the *Provincial Standards for Codes of Conduct Order (M276/07)*. The Ministerial Order requires Boards to establish codes of conduct for the schools within their school district in accordance with the Ministerial Order.

Previously, the Ministerial Order required Boards to ensure that their codes of conduct for schools included “one or more statements that address the prohibited grounds of discrimination set out in the BC *Human Rights Code* in respect of discriminatory publication and discrimination in accommodation, service and facility in the school environment.” That section 6(a) of the Ministerial Order was amended to require Boards to ensure that that their codes of conduct specifically reference each of the prohibited grounds of discrimination set out in section 7 (Discriminatory publication) and section 8 (Discrimination in accommodation, service and facility) of the *Human Rights Code*, RSBC 1996, c. 210. Accordingly, Boards will need to ensure that their codes of conduct for schools specifically reference each of the following prohibited grounds of discrimination which are set out in sections 7 and 8 of the *Human Rights Code*:

- race,
- colour,
- ancestry,
- place of origin,
- religion,
- marital status,
- family status,
- physical or mental disability,
- sex,
- sexual orientation, and
- age

Currently our policy does not reference each of the prohibited grounds of discrimination set out in sections 7 and 8 of the *Human Rights Code*. Steps are required to amend these details to ensure that they comply with the current Ministerial Order.

Once changes have been adopted to this policy, district staff will work with schools to ensure their School Codes of Conduct comply with the changes in the Ministerial Order.

MOTION: Duly moved and seconded

That the Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education that Policy No. 310 - District Code of Conduct be approved in principle and forwarded to partner groups for any suggestions for changes. CARRIED

5.4 Policy No. 250 - School Planning Councils

MOTION: Duly moved and seconded

That the Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education that Policy No. 250 - School Planning Councils be deleted. CARRIED

6. Upcoming Policies

Superintendent Hyer discussed there may be some policy changes in the near future. Should any policies change, they will be brought forward for review after September due to school start-up being a challenging time of year.

Trustee Sheppard thanked Superintendent Hyer for the information and will inform the PAC's.

7. Question Period

A new media representative from the Penticton Western News introduced himself to the Education Committee and was welcomed by the committee.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 pm.

MOTION: Duly moved and seconded

That the Education Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED