

Committee: **Chairs' Committee**

Meeting Date: **Wednesday, March 4, 2009**

Meeting Time: **7:30 to 10:30 p.m.**

OCASC Representative at Meeting: **Anne Teutsch**

Report / Summary / Highlights:

Transfer Policy Consultation

There was a long (almost 1½ hours) discussion on the consultation plan for reviewing the Transfer Policy. Instead of a draft of a revised policy going out for consultation, the current policy will go out along with a number of questions or possible issues that need to be addressed. This policy applies to both elementary and secondary schools. The timelines allow for consultation between March 23 and May 25. The revised policy will go first to Education Committee and then to Board for approval in June. This policy consultation plan was passed at Chairs' Committee and must now be approved by the Board prior to the consultation commencing.

Care of Children with Life Threatening Medical Conditions Policy Consultation

This policy has a number of procedures associated with it, including procedures for administering medication to students, dealing with life threatening allergies and managing diabetes cases in the school. This policy will be reviewed, assuming approval of the consultation plan by the Board, with consultation with various groups, including Public Health, principals, OCASC and staff federations. The consultation plan has the amended policy going to the Board for approval in October 2009.

Governance Discussion

There has been some ongoing discussion at Chairs Committee about governance. What is the role of Chairs' Committee? Should agenda items be dealt with by discussion or debate? How to keep focus on the business at hand? How best to engage parents?

It was decided that there is a need for a policy and planning meeting, separate from a regular Chairs' Committee meeting, dedicated specifically to a governance discussion.

District Goals Mid-Year Report

There was a presentation by Director Lyall Thomson updating the committee on the status of the District with respect to its goals for the 2008/2009 school year. The goals are divided into the three pillars - Learning, Leadership and Community. The complete Mid-Year Report can be viewed at:

http://www.ocdsb.ca/Documents/Board_Meetings/Meetings/2009/March_2009/Chairs_mar4_2009/10_09_041_Chairs_Mid_year_goals%20.pdf

Long Range Agendas

Items coming up include:

- Transfer Policy Review with Consultation (March Chairs' Committee)
- Care of Children with Life Threatening Medical Conditions Policy Review with Consultation (March Chairs' Committee)
- Accessibility Plan Policy Consultation (March Business Services Committee)
- Consultation and Community Engagement Strategies (April Chairs Committee)
- Changes of Delivery to Transportation Services (April Business Services Committee)
- All Day Learning Report (May Education Committee)
- Secondary FSL Review (May Education Committee)