

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

September 10, 2002

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: A. McBeath, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

ORIGINATORS: D. Barrett, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools
B. Holt, Executive Director Instruction and Curricular Support Services

RESOURCE
STAFF: Barbara Morgan McDermid, Stuart Wachowicz

INFORMATION

TRUSTEE REQUEST #151, JUNE 18, 2002 (TRUSTEE ODYNSKI): PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED TO THOSE STUDENTS IN MARINE BIOLOGY 25 WHO DO NOT GO ON THE FIELD TRIP TO THE BAMFIELD MARINE RESEARCH FACILITY IN BRITISH COLUMBIA BECAUSE OF THE \$500 TO \$600 COST. CAN STUDENTS ACCESS THE VICTORIA SCHOOL FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS ENDOWMENT FUND TO COVER THE COSTS OF THE FIELD TRIP? This course is offered at Victoria for the first time this semester. The same course and Bamfield trip are offered at Strathcona, Ross Sheppard and W.P. Wagner.

The course is an entity unto itself. Trip participation is not needed for student success in the course. The Bamfield trip compliments the course but is not a necessity and will not be used in evaluation. The trip will be offered as an enrichment opportunity and student interest and response will be handled in the same manner other enrichment opportunities are offered to students.

The Victoria School Foundation for the Arts is for master classes and scholarships for students in the arts. (D. Barrett, 429-8035)

TRUSTEE REQUEST # 154 JUNE 18, 2002 (TRUSTEE ODYNSKI): PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE BUDGET REGARDING THE RENEWAL OF FRENCH LANGUAGE PROGRAMS Following is a breakdown of the budget for the first year of the three-year renewal project. The amount for the first year of the program is based upon the \$400,000 provided by the Basis of Allocation Committee and the \$173,000 provided by Alberta Learning.

In addition to the work shown below, the federal government has approached us to consider a possible expansion of the mentioned tasks which would serve to support the district objectives, as well as help achieve national goals for French renewal. Should agreement be

reached, the federal government would match the district contribution over the next three years, substantially enhancing the impact of the project on student achievement.

**French Language Renewal Project Budget
Proposed Budget for Year One**

| Personnel | Salaries/Benefits |
|---|--------------------------|
| FSL Consultant (1FTE) - New | \$ 80,000.00 |
| French Immersion Consultant (1FTE) - New | \$ 80,000.00 |
| Project Coordination/ Administrative Support | \$ 45,000.00 |
| Total Personnel: | \$205,000.00 |
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| Development Activities | |
| Advisory Committee | \$ 8,000.00 |
| Policy Development and Implementation | \$ 8,000.00 |
| Alignment of district program goals with national and international guidelines | \$ 8,000.00 |
| Articulated FSL Programs | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Identification and Selection of Learning Resources | \$ 12,000.00 |
| Marketing and Promotion- FIM and FSL | \$ 47,000.00 |
| Recognition of Graduating Students and Staff | \$ 20,000.00 |
| Professional Development: Leading to improved French Language skills for French instructional staff | \$ 40,000.00 |
| Participation in francophone communities | \$ 15,000.00 |
| Development of learning resources | \$ 50,000.00 |
| Contracts/Development Activities | |
| Travel Expenses | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Development/adaptation/translation of Learning Resources | \$ 80,000.00 |
| Printing and Distribution | \$ 20,000.00 |
| Assessment | \$ 40,000.00 |
| Total Contract and Development Activities | \$368,000.00 |
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| Grand Total | \$573,000.00 |

(S. Wachowicz, 429-8186)

TRUSTEE REQUEST #156 JUNE 18, 2002, (TRUSTEE MARTIN): PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING SPECIAL NEEDS TESTING AND HOW THIS IS FUNDED BY SCHOOLS AND IS THE COST A DISINCENTIVE? The district distributes \$7,122,734 to schools to provide for assessment of students, consultation and in-service to staff in relation to curriculum and programming for students. This translates into:

- an elementary school with 200 students receives \$29,953*
- a junior high school with 497 students receives \$30,256
- a senior high school with 1207 students receives \$21,496

Consulting Services has established set costs for some of the common assessments which schools request. The assessment costs range from \$125. to \$625. per student. Most assessments for students with special needs fall within this range. Historically district schools have spent 50% to 55% of their allocation from the district to access consultants from Consulting Services. In 2001 – 2002, 11 schools out of 178 elementary, junior high and elementary-junior high schools used 100% of their funding to access Consulting Services. All senior high schools expended their total allocation.

*Elementary schools are awarded a larger proportion of Consulting Services funding to ensure that students with special needs are identified early in the child's schooling. (B. Morgan McDermid 429-8381)

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