

Education Programs and Planning Committee [EPPC] Meeting Report – May 19, 2015

1. Minutes of April 21, 2015 EPPC Meeting

- Minutes of March 24, 2015 EPPC meeting adopted.

2. Dual Credit Agreement with UNBC – Lee Karpenko, Principal, Learning Innovation

- Opportunity for students to stay connected to school
 - Students can walk away with a few university & high school credits at the same time
- Post-secondary courses funded by Education ministry if part of students' planned programs of study leading to graduation → graduation credit program
 - No tuition charged to student
 - Student will receive UNBC mark & transcript
 - Information on transcript & dogwood → e.g., PSIX 12A → Post-secondary institution code
 - X → UNBC
 - 12A → course identification (may be some additional words behind 12A)
 - D → CNC PSI Code
- Agreement Principles
 - Course rigour maintained → SD 57 students to follow same regulations, policies & performance expectations as UNBC students
 - Same entry requirements
- Agreement Objectives
 - Enhance academic success & transition to post-secondary environment
 - Utilize dual credit courses that provide secondary school graduation & post-secondary credits
 - Collaboration to develop & execute for
 - Advertising/promoting dual credit opportunities
 - Joint professional developmental opportunities
 - Review & revise Services & Financial Agreement at end of each calendar year
- SD 57 will
 - Provide opportunity for UNBC representatives to visit schools & provide information on UNBC degree programs
 - Promote opportunities for students to participate in dual credit programs
- UNBC will
 - Accept Grade 12 students who meet prerequisite requirements into appropriate UNBC courses
 - Apply appropriate grades & credits to students enrolled in dual credit partnership
 - Provide official UNBC transcripts (no charge) at end of each UNBC semester to facilitate transfer of credit to SD 57 student
- List of September courses → $\frac{3}{4}$ (6) of the courses are during the day. A couple would be after regular school hours. Can only take 1 course per semester
 - ANTH 102-3 → Anthropology: A World of Discovery
 - CHEM 110 → Chemistry of Everyday Life
 - ENSC 111-3 → Introduction to Environmental Science
 - FNST 100-3 → The Aboriginal Peoples of Canada
 - HIST 190-3 → World History to 1550
 - ORTM 100-3 → Foundations of Outdoor Recreation and Tourism
 - POLS 100-3 → Contemporary Political Issues
 - PSYC 101-3 → Psychology as a Science
- List of January courses → September easier because semesters don't line up
 - Biology 110-3 → Introductory Ecology
 - COMM 100-3 → Introduction to Canadian Business
 - ECON 100-3 → Microeconomics
 - HIST 191-3 → World History Since 1550

- PHYS 121-3 → Introduction to Astronomy II: The Universe
- PHYS 150-3 → Physics for Future Leaders
- PSYC 101-3 → Psychology as a Science
- Question re: tuition for PSYC 101-3 → \$495 versus \$680
 - SD 57 would claim course cost at end of September via 1701 account
- Question re: online opportunities
 - Potentially for CNC & Northern Lights College → didn't just want it to be an "urban" opportunity
 - Right now → only "face to face" with UNBC

3. Trades, Skills and Program Development Update – Lee Karpenko, Principal, Learning Innovation

- Since last update in January → submit final report to ministry by July 30th & to EPPC early next year (September EPPC meeting?)
- Goals → looking at what we're currently doing
 - Looking for opportunities for all elementary & secondary students
 - Develop opportunities with new industries & businesses
 - Be more responsive to students
 - More hands on
- Lee's role is "connector & builder"
 - Aboriginal outdoor gathering place → getting closer
 - BASE (Building a Solid Foundation) → looking at Facility Services and Schools
 - Defining roles
 - Purchasing
 - Safety
 - Mentoring
 - New access
 - Working together better
 - Mackenzie → rural grant (\$5 000) → more \$\$ for travel or courses
 - ITA into more schools
- Building → Dual Credit at UNBC & potential Dual Credit with other PSIs → Vancouver Island University, Northern Lights & Comosun College
 - Planning 10 software
 - Skills exploration at PGSS → trades sampler course → welding, carpentry, electrical, plumbing, mechanical
 - \$40 000 donation for tools
 - Heavy Metal Rocks & interview videos
 - CTC & SSA
- Next steps → develop more opportunities for students
 - Expand career programs so it is not just "hit and miss"
 - Look at how we do WEX, Grad Transitions & Dual Credit
 - Have skills exploration (Skills Explore 10) course in every school as a 4 credit course
 - Wants a "trade sampler" at CNC
- Big questions → how we're going to double number of apprentices in PG as stated in government mandate? We're building the foundation now
 - How do we keep moving forward?
 - What does next year look like?

4. Schedules of Fees and Deposits – Lisa Carson, Assistant Superintendent

- Reference made to Policy 5101 – Financial Hardship
- Lisa went through the different items that include fees or deposits (see handout)
- “Editorial” (my word) comment made at EPPC meeting → “it is becoming more and more difficult for rural students to be involved or participate in various activities, i.e., field trips, etc. We need to work more with rural students in terms of the financial hardship issue, i.e., costs for buses, etc.”

5. District Achievement Contract Update – Brian Pepper, Superintendent

- Bill 11 passed → so no District Achievement Contracts & Literacy Plans need to be prepared & submitted by July 15th
- New process/guidelines for district & school planning, and student learning communication implemented in the fall for 2105/16
 - Mid-June → deadline for communication of instructions to districts
- Question whether we will need a strategic plan → Superintendent thinks strategic plan will be around student achievement
 - Also provincial & public reporting

6. Yearly Plan – Review & Update (Cindy Heitman)

Next Meeting – June 16, 2015