

Program Review

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To: Board of Education

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Name of Program: Pleasant Valley Secondary School Hockey Academy

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

A Hockey Academy is a program of choice. Students may select this program through their school counsellor and be enrolled in the two designated classes in their school. One of these courses would be a Board Authority Approved Hockey Academy 10-12 Course (approved in 2018), and the other which would be one of Physical and Health Education 9, Physical and Health Education 10, or Fitness and Conditioning 11 or 12 OR (of students wish to take one of the previously listed courses in addition to the academy), a Board Authority Approved Athletic Leadership 10 (approved in 2018) or Athletic Leadership 11/12 (pending approval at this Board Meeting). The program would be offered inside the regular school day and within the school timetable, and would include three sessions a week (Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from September to January, 8:45-9:45am) on ice at NorVal Arena, as well as tactical training, fitness, nutrition, leadership, and mentorship components that will occur off ice during the school day. We have tentatively booked this ice time in anticipation of running the program in September. The academy would occupy two “blocks” out of a student’s timetable, and our school timetable would rotate to accommodate the ice time. We have engaged with RPM Hockey, a reputable organization with ten other school districts, to provide us with the expertise required for this program.

2.0 CONNECTION TO STRATEGIC PLAN/ACHIEVEMENT CONTRACT

This program fully supports the School District’s Strategic Plan goals of *Students First* and *Culture of Health and Wellness*. This program will expand opportunities for students to have input and choice in learning experiences as well as supports learning that encourages healthy living and physical activity.

3.0 BACKGROUND

Currently we are offering very few academy opportunities in School District No. 83. An Outdoor Leadership Program has been offered at times when interest has been evident. This winter, a mountain biking academy has begun at J.L. Jackson. However, we believe there is a much greater appetite for these types of opportunities. We held a parent information session via Zoom on February 11 and online registration (pending board approval of course) began the following morning on February 12 and a number of families have indicated their interest in participating. We are therefore looking to move forward with a program for Pleasant Valley Secondary in Armstrong to be run in a first semester (or first two quarters) through the 2021-2022 school year, should there be adequate enrollment.

4.0 PROGRAM ACHIEVEMENTS/INTENDED OUTCOMES/CURRENT GOALS

Academies are intended to provide our students with opportunities to pursue excellence in areas of passion in a way that cannot be provided in a traditional classroom setting. It is also our intention to provide the type of programs that we know people having been leaving the district to access, and that we believe we can and should be providing for our learners.

We would consider the program potentially viable with a minimum of 20 resident students, augmented by international students if space is available, to a maximum of 30 participants. Feedback indicates there is a high level interest for this program.

5.0 COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH OPERATING THE PROGRAM

This program has a standard user fee of \$1320 per student for a semester, which includes ice time, coaching, field trips, soft goods through our partner RPM, and transportation between PVSS and the local arena. Appendix A (attached) gives a cost summary for the program. Academy fees must be revenue neutral, and cover only the costs of the program as described.

As an elective program in our schools, it would require approximately 20 students to fully cover staffing and administrative costs, and therefore not divert funding away from other elective choices. With the current level of interest and the ability to enroll International students, we expect the number 20 to be met or exceeded. Families unable to pay the fees may discuss payment options with the school principal as per board policy, and there are scholarships available through RPM Hockey for students who can demonstrate need.

6.0 IMPACT OR EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROGRAM

After the program has been established, staff will review its effectiveness and report back to the board as part of the annual workplan. Using meetings with school, district, and academy staff, and conversations and e-surveys with the participants, parents, and the community, staff will collect and share feedback using the following guiding questions:

- a) Is enrolment in the program robust enough to continue?
- b) Is the program meeting the needs and expectations of the participants and community?
- c) Are the partnerships needed for this program working for the school, the district, and the community?
- d) How is the program impacting the participants' core and elective programming choices at their school?
- e) How is the program impacting the schools' elective programming options and educational environment?
- f) Are there changes or adjustments that could be made to improve the effectiveness of the program?
- g) Are there other programs that could meet the needs of our learning community instead of or in addition to the Hockey Academy?

8.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

1. **THAT: The Board of Education approve the PVSS Hockey Academy as a Program of Choice to be offered to students, on conditions of substantive enrollment for the 2021-20 school year.**

9.0 APPENDIX A: Academy Budget Plan for Pleasant Valley Secondary Hockey Academy

PVSS Hockey Academy Budget Plan DRAFT

Revenue		
Students	Academy Fee	Total
20	\$1320	\$26,400

Expenses		
Expenditures	Cost per student	Total
Coaching	\$500	\$10 000
Transportation	0	
Insurance	\$50	\$1000
Ice fees	\$350	\$7000
Academy apparel	\$100	\$2000
Consumables	\$120	\$2400
Equipment - General	\$200	\$4000
Total Expenditures		

Recommended Fee* \$1320 per student

*Based on 20 students