



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: Wednesday, January 16, 2013

Recognition:

Introduction:

Veendam Sister City Exchange Students

Mr. Brian Street and Mr. Dick Gunoff, members of Kelowna's Veendam Sister City Committee, introduced the following two exchange students who spoke very positively of their school experiences in the Central Okanagan School District:

Sander Hofstee, Grade 12 – Okanagan Mission Secondary School

Henrieke Dekens, Grade 12 – Rutland Senior Secondary School

The Board of Education welcomed Sander and Henrieke and wished them continued success during their time in the Central Okanagan.

Recognition:

Chad Reid (Teacher Teaching on Call) and Aaron Volk (Teacher – Rutland Senior Secondary School)

The Board of Education and the Kelowna Fire Department recognized Chad Reid (Teacher Teaching on Call) and Aaron Volk (Teacher – Rutland Senior Secondary School) for their quick response to a fire that took place at Rutland Senior Secondary School.

Action Items:

1. Superintendent's Mid-Year Report on Student Achievement 2012-2013

The Superintendent emphasized that we continue to be an improving District with a multi-year trend-line demonstrating improved achievement results, especially in the following areas:

- **Early Learning** – reduction of Aboriginal/non-Aboriginal primary students at-risk by the end of grade 3 (from 16% of primary students at-risk in 2009 to 11% in 2012)
- Increased **Graduation Rates** for all students (from 82.9% in 2009 to 86.5% in 2012)
- Increased **Aboriginal Graduation Rates** (from 55.3% in 2009 to 68.9% in 2012)
- Grade 10 **Participation in Career Preparation (CP) Program Experiences** (25% in 2009 to 60% in 2012)

The Superintendent also recognized challenging areas for the District which include:

- The **grade readiness** (measured by those students who pass all of their core courses within the appropriate grade) and **graduation rates for Aboriginal students** remain below the District target.
- The overall report card data shows concern for **moving more students from minimally meeting expectations to fully meeting expectations**

The Board Meeting Highlights are published after each Public Board Meeting.

Board Meetings are held the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, except January, March, July, August and the fourth Wednesday in December, at the School Board Office.

- **Grade readiness data at the grade 10 level has dropped** which requires further study and intervention
- There continues to be **concern about providing enough support for children in care** to ensure their success in school

The Board of Education approved the Superintendent's Mid-Year Report on Student Achievement 2012-2013. The complete report will be posted to the District's website and forwarded to the Ministry of Education to meet its January 31, 2013 deadline.

Information Items:

The following items were reviewed by the Board:

1. **Superintendent's Emergent Items:**
 - a. The **Registration Period for the 2013-2014 school year** will begin **Monday, February 4th through Thursday, March 7th, 2013**. Parents are encouraged to register Kindergarten and new students during this registration period.
It is anticipated that both Davidson Road Elementary and Chute Lake Elementary will be over capacity in the coming year, resulting in several catchment area students being directed to the nearest available school to accommodate them. Based on this, parents of incoming Kindergarten students and others new to the school, are advised that space is made available on a 'first come, first served' basis, with the parents who register at the beginning of the registration period having the greatest chance of gaining access to the school for their children.
 - b. **Parents interested in the French Immersion Program are encouraged to attend the following Informational Meetings:**
Westside
Monday, January 21 at 6:00 pm at George Pringle Elementary
Lake Country
Tuesday, January 22 at 6:30 pm at Peter Greer Elementary
Kelowna
Wednesday, January 23 at 6:30 pm at Hollywood Road Education Services (Room 2)
 - c. The **Health-Promoting Schools Committee** will be hosting an **Employee Wellness Fair "Taking Care of Each Other; Taking Care of You"** on **Friday, February 15, 2013 at the Rotary Centre for the Arts**.
2. **Board Committee Information – 2013** - Trustee appointments to Board, District and Community Committees was provided for information.
3. **Month End Enrolment – December 2012** was provided for information.

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Date:

Public Board Meeting
 Wednesday, January 30, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
 School Board Office
 The public is welcome to attend.

The Board Meeting Highlights are published after each Public Board Meeting.
 Board Meetings are held the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, except January, March, July, August and the fourth Wednesday in December, at the School Board Office.

Next Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates:

January 23, 2013

3:30 pm

Special General Affairs Committee Meeting

4:30 pm

Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting (CANCELLED)

6:30 pm

Finance and Legal Committee Meeting

For comments, please contact:

Moyra Baxter, Chairperson of the Board of Education, 250-767-6153

Hugh Gloster, Superintendent of Schools, 250-860-8888

Larry Paul, Secretary-Treasurer, 250-860-8888

The Board Meeting Highlights are published after each Public Board Meeting.

Board Meetings are held the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, except January, March, July, August and the fourth Wednesday in December, at the School Board Office.