



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: Wednesday, September 14, 2011

Recognition:

1. Introduction of New Principals/Vice-Principals

The Board of Education welcomed the following new Principals and Vice-Principals:

Des Sjoquist, Principal, Glenmore Elementary School
Jessica Anjos, Vice-Principal, Glenmore Elementary School
Brady Holland, Vice-Principal, Dr. Knox Middle School
Raelyn Larmet, Vice-Principal, Casorso Elementary School

2. "Red Light Runner"

The Board of Education recognized the following for their contributions to the video "**Red Light Runner**":

Constable Tim Monteith, RCMP
Dave Gibson, Traffic Safety Officer, Central Okanagan School District
Dave Misener, Transportation Manager, Central Okanagan School District
Alex Vieira, Bus Driver for the Central Okanagan School District

RCMP, present at the Board meeting, announced that 96 tickets were issued for traffic violations on the first day of school and encouraged drivers to be vigilant in order to keep our students and families safe.

Superintendent's Report:

Highlights from the Superintendent's **School Opening Report** included the following:

- The most significant systemic change for the 2011/2012 school year is the completion of the introduction of Full Day Kindergarten (FDK) for the remaining 9 of the 30 elementary schools that did not begin the program last year.
- As of September 12, 2011, the District headcount enrolment was 21,696. The projected headcount for September 2011 was 21,784. While this represents a decline of 88 students, it is anticipated that this shortfall will be reduced through the registration of additional students in our Central School's Program. While the total number of students in the School District is expected to decrease slightly this year, significant growth is observed in the Upper Mission, Rose Valley, and Shannon Lake Elementary School.
- All schools in the District reported relatively smooth and orderly openings this year, despite the labour dispute that resulted in teacher job action starting on the first day of the school year. School enrolments at the majority of the schools appear to be relatively close to the projected enrolment numbers.

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

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

- There are currently 190 fee paying International Students registered in the School District for the 2011/2012 school year. Additionally, the District's Welcome Centre helped settle 131 students and families into the Central Okanagan schools and community. Families continue to arrive from every continent.
- Parents are becoming more aware of the transportation registration process and, combined with the early payment discount, staff were able to assign over 1,000 more seats prior to school opening compared to last year. Payment has been received for 3,753 students.
- The Human Resources Department has completed the placement of teaching staff throughout the District. During the months of May and June 2011, a total of 230 teacher postings were filled. During the summer months, an additional 200 temporary contracts were awarded to teachers with a few additional positions added in September. Over the summer months, 40 Certified Education Assistants were hired to fill vacancies and new positions.
- At present, the School District is utilizing 66 portable classrooms and 15 new modular classrooms for student learning. The District currently has 24 portables at elementary schools, 17 at middle schools, and 24 at secondary schools plus one portable at the School Board office.
- The external auditors have concluded their year-end review of the District's financial reports. Accounting processes were once again found to be comprehensive and appropriate.

The Superintendent expressed gratitude to the Central Okanagan School District No. 23 administrative, teaching and support staff, parents and community members for preparing for school opening, and ensuring a smooth and safe start-up for our students. The full 2011 School Opening Report for September 2011 is available on the District website (www.sd23.bc.ca).

After presenting the Opening Report, the Superintendent announced the Minister of Education's visit to School District No. 23. Details of the visit include the following:

The Honourable George Abbott, Minister of Education, will be touring three of the District's elementary schools on September 15, 2011. At 10:30 a.m., the Minister will tour Chute Lake Elementary School. At 12:00 p.m., Minister Abbott will tour Anne McClymont Elementary and Primary as well as attend an opening event at Anne McClymont Primary. At 1:15 p.m., the Minister will tour and participate in the Opening of the new eight-classroom addition at Shannon Lake Elementary School.

Ministry of Education 3 Year Plan

In August 2011, the Ministry presented to the Superintendents of British Columbia an ambitious three-year plan to restructure the educational programs (K-12). Key components of the Ministry's 3 Year Plan include:

- supporting teacher excellence;
- promoting flexibility and choice for students and families;
- revising graduation standards;
- eliminating optional exams;
- transforming curriculum and assessment practices to support personalized learning;
- revising the early years, middle years, and graduation programs;
- reviewing and revising reporting procedures and report cards;
- providing greater opportunities for students and staff to access technology;
- changing the accountability model to ensure full transparency; and,
- revisiting Achievement Contracts to ensure the educational agenda aligns with personalized learning.

Contingency Plan for Job Action

The Superintendent recognized the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association for their efforts to problem solve issues in response to the current Job Action. All 102 of the District's management staff have been dispatched to 42 school sites to assume supervision responsibilities before and after school. Recess has been cancelled to provide some opportunity for business continuity as it would be very difficult to have the District's management staff supervising school sites at three different times during the day.

Updates will be provided to parents by school administrators and through the School District's website.

Action Items:

1. CommunityLINK Funding Allocation Review

The Board of Education agreed that starting with the 2012/2013 budget process, the proposed distribution of the CommunityLINK funding allocation be reviewed by both the District Health Promoting Schools Committee and the Finance and Legal Committee prior to it coming to the Board of Education.

Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Date:

Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

School Board Office

1940 Underhill Street

Kelowna, B.C.

The public is welcome to attend.

Next Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates:

Finance and Legal Committee

Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

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