



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: **Wednesday, February 13, 2013**

Presentation:

1. **School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) 2012 Safety Review**

Presenter: Ken Emmons, District Health & Safety Manager

Ken Emmons, the District Health & Safety Manager, presented the **2012 Safety Review**. In 2011-2012, School District No. 23 offered claims management services to 25 Districts or 42% of the province, generating a profit of \$144,231.00. Since the inception of this program in 2005, the District has realized a profit of \$845,425.00 which has provided additional resources to schools.

Action Items:

1. **2013 – 2014 School Calendar**

The Board of Education approved the Local School Calendar for the 2013 - 2014 school year that recognizes a 2 week spring break. In consultation with staff and parents, school Principals will be establishing a site-based calendar and will make this calendar available to all parents by February 28, 2013. The Board of Education further agreed to continue to offer 10 month CUPE employees meaningful work (during spring break) as it was offered in the past, and, in addition, offer a limited number of CEAs the opportunity to attend some professional development for compensation.

DESIGNATION	Proposed SD No. 23 Local Calendar 2013/2014
Days in session	191 (3 summer Pro Days Aug. 27 – Aug. 29)
Number of days of instruction	184
Number of non-instructional days	7
Schools open	September 3
Administrative Implementation Day	October 11
Thanksgiving Day (schools closed)	October 14
Teacher Professional Day	October 25
Remembrance Day (schools closed)	November 11
Schools close for Winter vacation	Friday, December 20
Winter vacation period (schools closed)	December 23 - January 3
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Monday, January 6
Family Day	February 10
Teacher Professional Day (Support Staff In-Service Day)	February 21
Schools close for Spring vacation	Friday, March 14
Spring vacation period (schools closed)	March 17 - March 28
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Monday, March 31

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Good Friday (schools closed)	April 18
Easter Monday (schools closed)	April 21
Victoria Day (schools closed)	May 19
Administrative Day (students do not attend)	Friday, June 27
Schools close	Friday, June 27

2. Clarification of Board Policy 405 and Regulations 405R “Student Placement”

The growth in population in the upper Mission area of the School District has resulted in more in-catchment students wishing to attend Chute Lake Elementary School (CLE) than there is space to accommodate them. In order to address the overcrowding challenges that are being faced by CLE for the 2013-2014 school year, the Board provided clarity to the registration priorities that would be applied for the upcoming year. Trustees supported maintaining a minimum of two Kindergarten classes in the school, while also giving priority placement where possible to students on the waitlist who have siblings at CLE. The Superintendent and the school Principal will be communicating this information to the Chute Lake Elementary School community.

Information Items:

The following items were reviewed by the Board:

1. Superintendent’s Emergent Issues

- a. Friday, February 15th marks the Provincial Professional Day. There are several events happening throughout the District. The Central Okanagan Teachers’ Association is hosting “Making Connections 2013” with a focus on quality assessment and enhancing student learning. CUPE Local 3523 has organized an Employee Wellness Fair and the District’s Administrative team will be focusing on project-based learning, assessment, and critical thinking practices. Commendations were provided to all associations for offering a comprehensive professional development program for employees.
- b. Commendations were also given to all staff involved in supporting the District’s Science Fair at Okanagan College this week. There were 250 entrants in the science competition with over 700 students attending to observe the Fair. The top student of the Science Fair is receiving the Marlon Brown Memorial Award.

2. Lake Country Area Focus Group to Discuss Future Enrolment

The first meeting for invited school representatives is scheduled for Thursday, February 28th, 2013, 6:30 pm at George Elliot Secondary School. (Please note that this is a meeting of a focus group and is not an open public forum.)

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Date:

Public Board Meeting
 Wednesday, February 27, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
 School Board Office
 The public is welcome to attend.

Next Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates:

February 20, 2013
 1:00 pm Finance and Legal Committee
 4:30 pm Planning and Facilities Committee

For comments, please contact:
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