



"Together We Learn"

**School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)**

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2012

Prior to the start of the Public Board Meeting, the Superintendent extended sympathy to the families, friends, and staff connected to the two young people who tragically lost their lives last week in a single vehicle accident in Peachland. There were also two youth seriously injured in the accident and they are still recuperating. All four students had either current or previous connections to Mount Boucherie Secondary School.

Additionally, Mr. Marlon Brown, teacher at Dr. Knox Middle School, recently passed away unexpectedly. Mr. Brown was well known for his leadership in a variety of initiatives including the organization of the District Science Fair. As a result of Mr. Brown's mentorship, several Central Okanagan students achieved provincial and national recognition. Our thoughts are with his family during this difficult time.

The Chairperson called for a moment of silence.

Action Items:

1. Presentation from Mr. David Bruce – Leashed Dogs at Dorothea Walker Elementary School – October 10, 2012 Public Board Meeting

The Board of Education decided not to agree to the request for an amendment to Regional District Central Okanagan Dog Control Bylaw No. 366, Section 12.

2. Community Literacy Plan – Request for Clarification of Board Approval

The Board of Education agreed to send a letter to the Library and Literacy Branch of the Ministry of Education requesting clarification on the role of Boards of Education in the development of Community Literacy Plans, and the approval process required for their submission to the Ministry.

3. Board Letter to the Minister of Education Regarding the Provincial Three-Year Commitment to the Learning Improvement Fund

The Board of Education agreed to write a letter to the Minister of Education advising that the Learning Improvement Funds for this year have been received and dispersed to support the learning of students in the School District, and to thank the Minister for the provincial three-year commitment to providing Learning Improvement Funds to school districts.

Information Items:

The following items were reviewed by the Board:

1. Superintendent's Emergent Issues:

a. Provincial ERASE Bullying Strategy

The Ministry has confirmed the following Provincial ERASE Bullying Strategy Training dates:

- Elementary Schools: Wednesday, December 12, 2012 – One Day Session
- Middle and Secondary Schools: Thursday and Friday, December 13 and 14, 2012 – Two Day Session

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b. District Long-Term Facility Plan Consultation Forums

Staff, parent, and community feedback regarding the proposed District Long-Term Facility Plan is welcomed either by completing hard copies of the Long-Term Facility Plan Survey Form or by providing comments using Thoughtstream technology (see the link on the District website.)

c. Distribution of the Ministry Learning Improvement Fund (LIF)

The Ministry's Learning Improvement Fund was distributed to schools in two phases. In phase one, additional CEA hours were added to provide further support to students as well as additional teaching staff was added to schools to address the needs of vulnerable learners. In phase two, schools were invited to apply for additional funding to support vulnerability. All applications were reviewed by senior staff and funding was provided to address the needs of cohorts of learners.

2. 2012 Early Learning Initiatives Report

The Board of Education acknowledged the leadership of Clara Sulz, Director of Instruction (K-12), Donna Kozak, Early Learning Specialist, and Pat Smith, retired Speech Pathologist, for their leadership in implementing a wide variety of early learning initiatives to reduce vulnerability levels in the District's youngest learners. The District's early learning initiatives have been documented in a resource titled: An Early Learning (birth to age 8) Program Review - Vulnerable Children Becoming Thriving Primary Readers.

3. 2011/2012 Family Life Program Annual Report

The Board of Education received the Family Life Program Report.

4. COPAC 2012/2013 Draft Budget

The Board of Education reviewed the annual budget allocation for COPAC.

5. School Planning Council Process for 2012/2013

District School Planning Council meetings involving site-based School Planning Councils, Trustees and senior staff, will take place between February 2013 and May 2013.

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Date:

Public Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. (Please note the change in meeting day.)

School Board Office

The public is welcome to attend.

Next Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates:

November 7, 2012

4:30 pm Human Resources and Staff Services Committee

6:30 pm Education and Student Services Committee

Special Note – Change in Upcoming Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting Date

From: Wednesday, November 21st at 4:30 p.m.

To: Tuesday, November 20th at 4:30 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to review the public feedback into the proposed Long-Term Facility Plan, along with staff recommendations.

For comments, please contact:

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