



"Together We Learn"

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2012

Recognition:

Erik Madsen, Nick Novak and Daniel Harrison, Students at George Elliot Secondary School - Winners of the BCAA Dry Grad Video Contest

The Board of Education recognized Erik Madsen, Nick Novak and Daniel Harrison for winning first place for their video "One Way" in the 2011/2012 BCAA Dry Grad Video Challenge.

Declaration:

Harmony Day 2012

The Board Chairperson made the following declaration:

- WHEREAS** Harmony Day recognizes that the citizens of the Central Okanagan come from all over the world; and,
- WHEREAS** Harmony Day provides an annual opportunity for the School District No. 23 community to celebrate cultural diversity while committing to mutual respect; and,
- WHEREAS** Harmony Day creates sensitivity to and respect for differences; and,
- WHEREAS** Harmony Day allows School District No. 23 to focus on the mission of educating students in a safe, inspirational learning environment where every student develops the knowledge and skills to be a lifelong learner and a healthy productive member of the global society; and,
- THEREFORE** I, Rolli Cacchioni, as Chairperson of the Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan), do hereby proclaim February 22, 2012 as Harmony Day in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan).

Black History Month

The Board Chairperson made the following declaration:

The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) declares the month of February 2012 as "Black History Month" in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan).

Presentation:

School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) 2011 Safety Review

The District Health & Safety Manager, Ken Emmons, presented the **2011 Safety Review**. Additionally, Mr. Emmons announced that the British Columbia Municipal Safety Association and WorkSafeBC recently recognized School District No. 23 for demonstrating a continuous commitment to raising the standard of worker health and safety in Local Government. School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) is the first district in the province to exceed audit expectations in both areas of Return to Work programs and Health and Safety Management.

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.

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Superintendent's Report:

The Superintendent reported on the following:

- KSS staff recently hosted the Western Canada Basketball Tournament. Nearly 2,000 attended this past weekend to cheer on the KSS AAA Boys' Basketball team, currently the #1 ranked team in the province.
- The Budget Consultation Process has now commenced. The community is invited to provide input (see the School District website to access the online budget survey).
- Over 150 students will participate in the District's Science Fair on February 23rd (3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.) and February 24th (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) at Okanagan College. The public is welcome to attend.

Information Items:

1. Suspension Summary Report

The overall trend line for the number of indefinite and definite suspensions is declining. The implementation of alternative programs is making a difference in reducing the number of suspensions.

Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Date:

Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
School Board Office
The public is welcome to attend.

Next Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates:

February 15, 2012
1:00 pm Finance and Legal Committee
3:00 pm Planning and Facilities Committee

February 17, 2012
Meeting with local MLAs and the Board of Education