



"Together We Learn"

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Central Okanagan Board of Education acknowledged that this meeting was held on the Traditional Territory of the Okanagan People.

Date: Wednesday, January 28, 2015

The Board of Education appointed Eileen Sadlowski, Director of Finance, as Acting Secretary Treasurer for the January 28th, 2015 Public Board meeting.

Declarations:

1. Harmony Day and Human Rights Month – 2015

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 Central Okanagan School District 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 the Central Okanagan School District to focus on the mission of educating students in a safe, inspirational learning environment; and,

THEREFORE I, Moyra Baxter, as Chairperson of the Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan), do hereby proclaim February 18, 2015 as Harmony Day in the Central Okanagan School District;

and also proclaimed the month of February 2015 as **Human Rights Month** in the Central Okanagan School District.

2. School Bus Safety Week – February 2 through to February 6, 2015

The Board Chairperson declared the week of February 2 through to February 6, 2015 as "School Bus Safety Week" in the Central Okanagan School District, supporting the theme "2015: Bully Free Zone!".

Presentations:

1. District School Planning Council Meetings (SPC)

Terry Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent and Hugh Gloster, Superintendent, provided a brief background on the origin of School Planning Councils, the roles and responsibilities of School Planning Councils, and the Board of Education's role in approving school plans. The District SPC meeting schedule which outlines when Trustees meet with School Planning Councils to review the school plans and goals was discussed.

Action Items:

1. Timing of the Rutland Grade Configuration

The Board of Education approved the Superintendent's recommendation to implement the grade configuration change to Rutland area schools as per Board Motion 12P-089 for September 2015.

2. Registration Dates for 2015/2016 School Year – Motion to Amend a Previously Approved Motion

The Board amended Motion 15P-004 (January 14, 2015) to read that the closing date of registrations, in order to apply the Board's registration priorities as established in Regulation 405R – Student Placement (Regulations) be set as September 3, 2015.

3. ThoughtExchange – Approval of Timeline and Proposed 2015/2016 Budget Questions

The Board of Education approved the ThoughtExchange timeline and proposed questions for input into the 2015-2016 School District's Operating Budget.

Information Items:

1. Superintendent's Emergent Issues

The Superintendent reported on the following:

- District staff and members of the COTA Executive have begun to meet to consider how best to deploy the resources provided through the Learning Improvement Fund for the 2015-2016 school year.

The following items were reviewed by the Board:

1. Student Readiness Report
2. Field Trips 2014/2015
3. General Statement

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Date:

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 6:00 pm
School Board Office

Next Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, February 4, 2015
4:00 pm General Affairs Committee Meeting
4:30 pm Human Resources and Staff Services Committee Meeting (CANCELLED)
6:30 pm Education and Students Services Committee Meeting

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