



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Recognition:

1. The Board of Education recognized the following:

- **The Across the Lake Swim Society and the H2O Adventure and Fitness Center for their commitment to providing free swimming lessons for all Grade 3 students in the Central Okanagan School District.**
In attendance: Peter Rudd, President, Across the Lake Swim Society
Mark Fromberg, Past President, i/c Merchandising, Across the Lake Swim Society
Randall Wight, H2O Adventure and Fitness Center
Renee Bell, H2O Adventure and Fitness Center
- **Springvalley Middle School Permaculture Project – Winner of the Best School Garden – City of Kelowna Communities in Bloom Green Thumb Garden Contest**
In attendance: Troy White, Principal
Karen Angle, Teacher
Keith Green, CEA
Students: Chloe Strocher and Dorian Saunders

Presentation:

1. **Balanced School Calendar Report**

The Superintendent provided a presentation on the Balanced School Calendar Report prepared by the SFU Centre for the Study of Educational Leadership and Policy (CSELP) dated July 19th, 2013. The Report was prepared by Bruce Beairsto, Larry Sackney, Marc Legacy, and Fred Renihan. Langley School District's School Calendar consultation process was also referenced in the presentation. The Report will be forwarded to the District's Calendar Committee.

Action Items:

1. **Amendments to Policy 541 – Board Authorized Courses and New Appendix 541A – Board/Authority Authorized Courses (Appendix)**

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 541 – Board Authorized Courses and approved new Appendix 541A – Board/Authority Authorized Courses (*Appendix*).

2. Amendments to Westside Area Workplan

The Board of Education approved the following changes to the Westside Area Workplan, which includes the following items to be discussed at upcoming meetings:

- Mar Jok and Westside Elementary Catchment Areas
 - o November 20, 2013 Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting
 - o November 27, 2013 Board of Education Public Meeting
- Feasibility of the French Immersion Middle School Program on the Westside
 - o January 2014 Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting (date TBC)
 - o January 2014 Board of Education Public Meeting (date TBC)
- Potential recommendations for changes to elementary feeder schools for CNB and GMS Middle Schools
 - o Timeline to be established following the outcome of the FI middle school decision

More details are available on the School District website – www.sd23.bc.ca.

3. Board Direction to the BCSTA Provincial Councillor

The Board of Education provided direction to the trustee representing it at the upcoming BCSTA Provincial Council meeting. A motion was passed supporting the BCSTA Bargaining Structure Task Force Report in principle, with the recommendation that the proposed Bargaining Representative Council Box be removed from the report. It was also recommended that any Bargaining commitments be fully funded by the government. Furthermore, all costs related to BCSTA assuming any roles formerly conducted by BCPSEA, be fully funded by the government.

Information Items:

1. Superintendent's Emergent Issues

- The Superintendent reported that the District has now received 195 responses to the on-line survey on the proposed Westside catchment areas. Staff is now following up on the feedback received from the Public Consultation meetings and the on-line survey results. As a result of the feedback received, staff will also be contacting specific cohort groups for more information. Recommendations will be forthcoming prior to Friday, November 15, 2013. These recommendations will be posted on the School District website and will be further discussed at the Wednesday, November 20, 2013 Planning and Facilities Committee meeting at Mount Boucherie Secondary School at 6:00 p.m.
- The Superintendent also recognized staff, students, and parents who were involved in WE DAY Vancouver. Over 600 students represented the Central Okanagan School District at this event.

2. Learning Improvement Fund (LIF) Spending Plan Update

Trustees received a report outlining how the provincial Learning Improvement Funds are being allocated within the Central Okanagan School District.

The following items were reviewed by the Board:

1. Month End Enrolment – September 2013
2. Field Trips 2013/2014
3. General Statement

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Date:

Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
School Board Office
The public is welcome to attend.

Next Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, November 6, 2013
4:30 p.m. Human Resources and Staff Services Committee
6:30 p.m. Education and Student Services Committee

For comments, please contact:
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