



"Together We Learn"

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2013

Recognition:

1. Travis Pulleyblank, Grade 12, Kelowna Secondary School

Travis was recognized by the Board of Education for being awarded first place in British Columbia for the Canadian Chemistry Contest (aimed at the top 10% of Canadian Secondary School Students).

2. Dragons' Den Winners

The Board of Education recognized the following winners of the recent Young Entrepreneur Dragons' Den event held on Thursday, May 30, 2013:

Middle School:

- **1st Place** – "Eco Stars" (Madelyn Degruchy and Summer Fulford) – Dr. Knox Middle School
- **2nd Place** – "Lucky 7 (Snug A Bug)" (Nicole Keeler and Ashley Kowal) – Dr. Knox Middle School
- **3rd Place** – "Unilock" (Spencer Carr, Dana Christakos, and Hiro Kobayashi) – KLO Middle School
- **Innovation** – "Lite Enviro Design" (Jean-Marc Hoffmann, Devan Mick, Sam Morris-Probert and Jake Morris-Probert) – KLO Middle School
- **Green Leader** – "Eco Stars" (Madelyn Degruchy and Summer Fulford) – Dr. Knox Middle School
- **Social Leader** – "All Stars" (Harrison Larson and Naved Wasti) – Constable Neil Bruce Middle School
- **Trade Show** – "Lucky 7 (Snug A Bug)" (Nicole Keeler and Ashley Kowal) – Dr. Knox Middle School

Secondary School

- **1st Place** – "böx" (Ian Dixon and Courtney Gillatly) – Okanagan Mission Secondary School
- **2nd Place** – "Stud Muffins" (Alana Attew, Lara McPhail and Meghan Robinson) – Okanagan Mission Secondary School
- **3rd Place** – "F.I.B.L.E.S." (Rebecca Alfred, Daniel Alfred, Lukas Pfob and Zackery Pfob) – Okanagan Mission Secondary School
- **Innovation** – "EZ Can" (Thomas Griffith and Logan Ulveland) – Kelowna Secondary School
- **Green Leader** – "Bio Sugar Fertilizer" (Kassidy O'Flynn, Arlyn Semeschuk and Ciara Ryan) – Okanagan Mission Secondary School
- **Social Leader** – "F.I.B.L.E.S." (Rebecca Alfred, Daniel Alfred, Lukas Pfob and Zackery Pfob) – Okanagan Mission Secondary School
- **Trade Show** – "Bio Sugar Fertilizer" (Kassidy O'Flynn, Arlyn Semeschuk, and Ciara Ryan) – Okanagan Mission Secondary School

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Presentation:

1. Central Okanagan School District/University of British Columbia (Okanagan) Partnership for Student Teachers

Presenters: Donna Kozak, Early Learning/Literacy/CMOS (Collaborative Model of Support) Coordinator
Dr. Leyton Schnellert, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Education, UBCO

The presenters shared the unique pilot at Pearson Road Elementary School that involved 62 student teachers, (now referred to as 'teacher candidates'), learning how to teach language and literacy within classrooms at Pearson Road Elementary School. This job-embedded learning connected theory to practice, providing outstanding opportunities for students, resident teachers, and teacher candidates.

Action Items:

1. Draft Achievement Contract 2013/2014

The *School Act* requires each Board of Education in British Columbia to prepare and submit to the Minister of Education an Achievement Contract with respect to student performance and plans for improving achievement. The Board of Education approved the 2013/2014 Achievement Contract. The approved Achievement Contract will be forwarded to the Ministry of Education by the July 15, 2013 deadline.

2. Ministry Early Learning Transfer Under Agreement

The School District receives Ministry funding to operate eight StrongStart Centres at the following locations: A.S. Matheson Elementary, Raymer Elementary, George Pringle Elementary, Hudson Road Elementary, Pearson Road Elementary, South Rutland Elementary, George Elliott Secondary and Peachland Elementary School. The Board of Education approved the new Early Learning Transfer Under Agreement with the Ministry of Education, providing the necessary funding to maintain eight StrongStart Centres plus receive funding for Ready, Set, Learn initiatives.

3. Casorso Elementary School Enhancement Project – Adventure Playground

The Board of Education approved the District entering into a second School Enhancement Project Funding Agreement with Casorso Elementary School to add additional adventure playground equipment within District standards.

4. Transportation – Additional Service Routes

The Board of Education waived the requirement in Policy 470 and Regulations 470R "Transportation Services Management" to collect the actual cost for Additional Service Routes and, for the 2013/2014 school year, set the transportation charge for all riders at the level established in Motion 12P-059 (April 25, 2012 Public Board Meeting).

5. 2013-2014 CommunityLINK Allocation

The Board of Education approved the Recommended School-based CommunityLINK Allocations for the 2013-2014 school year. These funds support vulnerable students through a variety of initiatives, including the provision of a 'brown-bag' lunch program.

6. Education Week and the Education Week Breakfast

The Board of Education scheduled Education Week from March 10 – 14, 2014, approved the continuation of the Education Week Breakfast for the 2014 school year, and encouraged schools to host events and involve the media, where possible, to promote public education.

7. Request for Board of Education Letter of Support – 2016 BC Senior Games

The Board of Education approved writing a letter in support of Kelowna hosting the 2016 BC Senior Games.

8. Board of Education Invitation to the new Minister of Education

The Chairperson will prepare a letter of congratulations to the Honourable Peter Fassbender for being recently appointed as British Columbia's new Minister of Education. The Board will invite the Minister to visit the Central Okanagan School District to tour school sites and observe our District's unique learning initiatives.

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Date:

Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 26, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

(This will be the final Board meeting of the 2012-2013 school year.)

School Board Office

The public is welcome to attend.

Next Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

4:30 pm Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting

6:30 pm Finance and Legal Committee

The public is welcome to attend.

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