



"Together We Learn"

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2013

Recognition:

1. Alice Rees, COTA President

The Board of Education recognized Alice Rees, President of the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association, for her thirty-seven years of dedication to the students and staff of the Central Okanagan School District.

**2. Kayla Dominelli, Teacher – Springvalley Middle School
Kron Sigal Award for "Excellence in Holocaust Teaching"**

The Board of Education recognized Kayla Dominelli for receiving the Kron Sigal Award for "Excellence in Holocaust Teaching".

**3. Robert (Bob) Pretti, School District No. 23 Bus Driver
Driver of the Year Award from the Association of School Transportation Services of BC**

The Board of Education recognized Bob Pretti for receiving the Driver of the Year Award from the Association of School Transportation Services of BC for being an accident free school bus driver for the past 33 years.

**4. Enzo DeLaurentiis, Teacher, South Rutland Elementary School
School District No. 23 District Elementary Track and Field Meet Organizer**

Enzo DeLaurentiis was recognized by the Board of Education for his 15 years of organizing the Central Okanagan School District's Elementary Track and Field Meets.

Presentation:

1. Central Okanagan Regional Science Fair Committee

Presenters: Wynter Oakes, Teacher-Librarian, KLO Middle School
Karla Lockwood, Teacher, KLO Middle School
Katrina Klegeris, Grade 9, KLO Middle School

The presenters shared their experiences in the District/Regional Science Fair competitions. Katrina was recognized for representing the Central Okanagan School District as a student entrant at the 2013 Canada Wide Science Fair in Lethbridge, Alberta.

2. Addition to Okanagan Mission Secondary School – Update

Presenter: Robert Parlane, CEI Architecture

Mr. Parlane presented the architect drawings for the expansions to OKM which includes Neighbourhood Learning Centres, a new gym, multi-purpose space, and a Performing Arts Centre.

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3. Superintendent of Schools "Year in Review"

The Superintendent provided an overview of the 2012/2013 school year identifying achievements, special events, challenges and business involving the Board of Education.

The Superintendent identified many achievements to be proud of including:

- Six Year Graduation Rate now at 86.5% compared to the provincial average of 81.8%
- Aboriginal Graduation Rate now at 68.9% compared to the Provincial Average of 56.4%

Noteworthy gains were recognized in student achievement. In particular:

- A reduction of Aboriginal/non-Aboriginal primary students at risk by the end of grade 3
- A significant increase in Grade 10 participation in Career Prep (CP) Program Experience (25% in 2009 to 60% in 2012)

Student involvement in We Day, Harmony Day, National Aboriginal Day, Family Literacy Day and several other recognition days have led to positive school cultures as well as local and global citizenship.

In 2012/2013 highlights from the business of the Board included:

- Approving the Long-Term Facility Plan which includes educational and zonal recommendations
- Completing the planning and preparation for the construction of Mar Jok Elementary School and the addition to Okanagan Mission Secondary School
- Entering into Purchase Agreements for the Aspen Grove property in Lake Country and the Ponds site in the Mission
- Establishing the 2013/14 budget, including the reduction of \$1.8 million
- Sending 22 letters advocating on behalf of public education

The Superintendent thanked the Board of Education, all staff members, partner groups, and the community for their efforts to support student achievement this year.

The Board Chairperson acknowledged the efforts of the groups identified by the Superintendent, and recognized the leadership shown by the Superintendent and his management team.

(The Superintendent's "Year in Review" summary is available on the Central Okanagan School District website.)

Action Items:

1. Tender Award – Project No. 115779 – Okanagan Mission Secondary School Addition

The Board of Education authorized the award of contract to Delnor Construction Inc. in the amount of \$8,709,902.00 plus GST for the completion of Project No. 115779: Construction of the Okanagan Mission Secondary School Addition.

2. Future of Grade 7 Students in Lake Country Schools

The Board of Education approved the relocation of Grade 7 students from Oyama Traditional School, Peter Greer Elementary School and Davidson Road Elementary School to George Elliot Secondary School where an interim Grade 7-8 middle school program will be created, as of September, 2014. Staff will work with the George Elliot Secondary School administration and the District of Lake Country to develop plans for a six classroom portable annex to house the Grade 7 students.

3. Future of Grade 7 Students in Okanagan Mission Schools

The Board of Education approved the relocation of Grade 7 students from Chute Lake Elementary School, Anne McClymont Elementary School and Dorothea Walker Elementary School to Okanagan Mission Secondary School where an interim Grade 7-8 middle school program will be created, as of September, 2014.

4. Westside Elementary School Catchment Review Options

The Board of Education directed staff to proceed with community engagement on a hybrid of closed and open elementary catchments which entails creating distinct boundaries around each elementary school, with the exception of creating a shared zone between Helen Gorman Elementary and Glenrosa Elementary Schools.

5. École Glenmore Elementary School Project Identification Report (PIR)

The Board of Education approved the École Glenmore Elementary School Project Identification Report to be submitted to the Ministry of Education, and that the 2013/2014 Capital Plan submission include a request for a total replacement of École Glenmore Elementary School on the existing site with a capacity of 80 Kindergarten + 450 students, and with a total project budget, including reserves, of \$16,672,007. The Board of Education also directed staff to develop a Neighbourhood Learning Centre community consultation process to identify and confirm the current gaps in community programs and services for review by the Board, should the Ministry of Education support the next stage of the Project Development Report.

6. Health Promoting Schools (HPS) Committee Revised Terms of Reference

The Board of Education approved the proposed revisions to the Health Promoting School Committee's Terms of Reference.

7. Revised Evaluation Cycle for Education Program Reviews, Annual Reports, Support Structures, and Initiatives

The Board of Education approved the Revised Evaluation Cycle for Education Program Reviews, Annual Reports, Support Structures, and Initiatives.

8. Amendment to Board Standing Committee Policies

All Board Standing Committee Policies will be amended to add the following statement to Scope of Functions:

To review and evaluate all policies directly pertaining to the (name of Committee) function at least once every three years.

Board Committees will also establish a schedule for reviewing relevant policies throughout the Board of Education's three year term.

9. Ad Hoc Policy Review Committee

The Board of Education approved the disbanding of the Ad Hoc Policy Review Committee and that the Committee will reconvene in the future if/when required.

10. School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Annual Budget Fiscal Year 2013/2014

The Board of Education gave first, second and third readings, passed and adopted, School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2013/2014 in the amount of \$212,706,254.

11. 2013/2014 School Planning Council (SPC) Goals

The Board of Education approved the 2013/2014 School Planning Council (SPC) Reports and Goals for all 42 schools in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan).

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12. Correspondence to the Minister of Education

The Board of Education made a decision to write a letter to the Minister of Education expressing concern regarding the process of suspending the BCPSEA and appointing a single spokesperson without proper consultation with the BCSTA and local School Boards.

Information Items:

1. Superintendent's Emergent Issues

- The Superintendent thanked Principals, Vice-Principals, and teaching staff for organizing and supervising 111 Level 4 and Level 5 Field Trips during the 2012-2-13 school year. Over 3800 students participated on these special trips.
- The Okanagan Mission Secondary (OKM) School's Social Media Class will be hosting the "Digital Citizenship and SoMe Summit" for students and teachers on November 27th, 28th, and 29th, 2013. Dr. Alec Couros, from the University of Regina, will help to facilitate a collective understanding of Digital Citizenship.

The following items were reviewed by the Board:

- 2. Central Okanagan Community and School District No. 23 Literacy Plan**
- 3. Review of the Central Okanagan School District Rental Program**
- 4. 2013/2014 Five Year Capital Plan Submission**
- 5. Portables from School District No. 53 (Okanagan Similkameen)**
- 6. Amended Form 525.1 – Field Trip Application**
- 7. Annual report from the Whistleblower Service**

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Date:

Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
School Board Office
The public is welcome to attend.

Next Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, August 28, 2013
4:30 pm Planning and Facilities Committee (*to be confirmed*)
Wednesday, September 4, 2013
4:30 p.m. Education and Student Services Committee

For comments, please contact:

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