



"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, February 25, 2015

Presentations:

1. School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) 2014 Safety Review

Presenter: Dave Cavezza, District Health & Safety Supervisor
In attendance: Ken Emmons, District Health & Safety Manager

Dave Cavezza, the District Health & Safety Supervisor, presented the 2014 Safety Review. The Central Okanagan School District offers claims management services to 31 Districts (and 1 private school) which is more than half of the School Districts in the Province, generating a profit of \$174,962 which has provided additional resources to schools. Ken Emmons reported that the District has saved other Districts in the province a total of \$1.5 million in 2014 as a result of effective claims management in the previous year.

2. Bullying Awareness (Pink Shirt) Day, February 25, 2015

The Board of Education declared February 25, 2015 as "Bullying Awareness Day" in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan).

Action Items:

1. 2015-2016 School Calendar

The Board of Education adopted a Local School Calendar for the 2015-2016 school year as identified below and will make the calendar available to all parents by February 28, 2015, and the Ministry of Education by March 31, 2015. Upon accepting the Local School Calendar for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education agreed to continue to offer CUPE employees meaningful work as it was offered in the past, and, in addition, offer CEAs the opportunity to attend professional development for compensation. The Board of Education also requested that the Superintendent direct school Principals, in consultation with staff and parents, to establish a site-based calendar for the 2015-2016 school year. In establishing such calendars, principals must:

- a. Conform to the School Act and Regulations, applicable Collective Agreements, and School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Board Policy.
- b. Schedule school parent/teacher conference times.
- c. Schedule their school's calendar and bell schedule.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 (CENTRAL OKANAGAN)
2015-2016 School Calendar

DESIGNATION	SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 Local Calendar 2015/2016
Days in session	191 (3 summer Pro Days September 1-3)
Number of days of instruction	184
Number of non-instructional days	7
Schools open	September 8
Administrative Implementation Day	October 9
Thanksgiving Day (schools closed)	October 12
Teacher Professional Day	October 23
Remembrance Day (schools closed)	November 11
Schools close for Winter vacation	Friday, December 18
Winter vacation period (schools closed)	December 21 - January 1
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Monday, January 4
Family Day	February 8
Teacher Professional Day (Support Staff In-Service Day)	February 19
Schools close for Spring vacation	Friday, March 11
Spring vacation period (schools closed)	March 14 - March 28
Good Friday (schools closed)	March 25
Easter Monday (schools closed)	March 28
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Tuesday, March 29
Victoria Day (schools closed)	May 23
Administrative Day (students do not attend)	Thursday, June 30
Schools close	Thursday, June 30

2. Upgrading Courses for Graduated Adults: Funding Changes

The Board of Education agreed to write a letter to the Ministry of Education regarding the Ministry's decision to discontinue funding for graduated adults.

3. The Board's Response to the Provincial Budget Announcement

Chairperson Baxter expressed concern with the recent provincial announcement that \$29 million must be found by school districts in next year's budget, with a further \$25 million found in the following year. The Board will discuss this topic at the next Board Meeting, by which time there may be more information as to government's plan as how these savings will be allocated to individual school districts.

Information Items:

The following items were reviewed by the Board:

1. **Aboriginal Education Program Annual Report**
2. **District Scholarship and Award Winners 2013-2014**
3. **Month End Enrolment – January 2015**
4. **Field Trips 2014/2015**
5. **General Statements**

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Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Date:

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

Next Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, March 4, 2015
4:30 pm Human Resources and Staff Services Committee (CANCELLED)
6:30 pm Education and Student Services Committee (CANCELLED)

For comments, please contact:

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