



"Together We Learn"

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2013

Introduction:

1. The Board of Education welcomed new Central Okanagan School Business Official (COSBO) member **Emily Watson**, Planning Manager, to School District No. 23.

Declarations:

1. Harmony Day 2013

The Board 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 School District No. 23 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 School District No. 23 to focus on the mission of educating students in a safe, inspirational learning environment where every student develops the knowledge and skills to be a lifelong learner and a healthy productive member of the global society; and,
- THEREFORE** I, Deb Butler, as Acting Chairperson of the Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan), do hereby proclaim February 6, 2013 as Harmony Day in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan).

2. School Bus Safety Week – February 4 through to 8, 2013

The Board Acting Chairperson made the following declaration:

School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) declares the week of February 4 through to February 8, 2013 as "School Bus Safety Week" in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan), supporting the theme "Be Aware – Cross with Care".

3. Black History Month

The Board Acting Chairperson made the following declaration:

The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) declares the month of February 2013 as "Black History Month" in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan).

Action Items:

1. Career Life Programs Review

Following a comprehensive review process, the Board of Education approved the continuation of the District's Career Life Programs, along with recommendations for future improvements.

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2. Dual Credit Programs Review

The Board of Education approved the review that was recently completed of the District's Dual Credit Programs and the recommendations that were made by staff involved in the programs.

3. Amended Policy 355 "Employee Recognition"

The Board of Education approved amendments to Policy 355 "Employee Recognition".

4. Review of District Policies/Sunset Clause

The Board of Education agreed to form an Ad Hoc Policy Review Committee to review Board Policies. This Committee is to be comprised of three trustees and a representative from each partner group.

Information Items:

The following items were reviewed by the Board:

1. Superintendent's Emergent Issues

- a. The Central Okanagan School District and Vancouver Island University will be co-hosting a Summit: "When Vulnerable Children Thrive, Dreams Come True", on January 31, 2013 and February 1, 2013. Keynote speakers include Dr. Richard Allington, Dr. Anne McGill-Franzen, Dr. Clyde Hertzman, and Dr. Janet Mort. Over 300 educators will be attending from around the province and beyond.
- b. The Central Okanagan Science Fair will take place on February 12th and 13th, 2013 at Okanagan College. The public is welcome to attend the upcoming District Science Fair.

2. School Planning Council Process Update

Schools will be hosting District School Planning Council meetings from February-May 2013. Trustees, senior staff, and School Planning Councils will come together to discuss how each school is meeting the needs of ALL learners.

3. Clarification of Board Policy 405 and Regulations 405R "Student Placement"

The Board of Education agreed to conduct a review of Policy 405 and Policy 405R to ensure that the language within the policy clearly reflects the Board's intentions.

4. Superintendent's Letter Regarding the District's Plan for Over-Capacity Enrolment in Lake Country Area Schools

The Superintendent shared with the Board of Education a letter that went home with elementary students in Lake Country to advise parents of the anticipated overcrowding issue at Davidson Road for the 2013/2014 school year. Overflow students will be bused to Peter Greer Elementary School for the upcoming school year. District staff will be meeting with a representative group of Lake Country parents from each school in February to discuss how to manage the increased enrolment that is expected over the next several years.

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Date:

Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

School Board Office

The public is welcome to attend.

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Next Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates:

February 6, 2013

4:30 pm

Human Resources and Staff Services Committee

6:30 pm

Education and Student Services Committee

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