



"Together We Learn"

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2013

Presentation:

1. "The Brave Project" – Dr. Knox Middle School

Teacher Bruce Watts, Principal Rod Baruta, and the Grade 9 Video Production Students of Dr. Knox Middle School were all recognized for their development of anti-bullying videos as part of "The Brave Project". Examples of these videos are available on the Provincial ERASE Bullying website.

Recognition:

1. Bill Zeman, CUPE President – Retirement

The Board of Education recognized Bill Zeman, CUPE President, for his 30+ years of service to the Central Okanagan School District, and congratulated him on his retirement effective February 28th, 2013. Mr. Zeman was unable to attend the meeting – the Board Chair will forward the Board's best wishes.

Presentation:

1. Paul Nesbitt – Designated Driver Dads

Mr. Nesbitt shared his experiences as the Founder of the Designated Driver Dads Program which provides a "taxi" service to adolescents and young adults needing a safe, ride home every Friday and Saturday morning (between 1:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m.).

Action Items:

1. Annual Facility Grant Plan for 2013/2014 through 2017/2018

The Board of Education approved the Annual Facility Grant Plan for 2013/2014 through 2017/2018.

2. Memorial Park Bench at Glenrosa Elementary School

The Board of Education approved the request of Glenrosa Elementary School and the Parent Advisory Council to install and maintain a memorial bench in remembrance of a child from a Glenrosa family.

3. Constable Neil Bruce Middle School Parking and Access Improvements

The Board of Education agreed to send a letter to the District of West Kelowna outlining improvements to the Constable Neil Bruce Middle School parking lot to date, and advising that the School District is awaiting District of West Kelowna upgrades to Daimler Road.

The Board Meeting Highlights are published after each Public Board Meeting.

Board Meetings are held the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, except January, March, July, August and the fourth Wednesday in December, at the School Board Office.

Information Items:

The following items were reviewed by the Board:

1. Superintendent's Emergent Issues

The Superintendent discussed the following items:

- The Superintendent is anticipating a shortfall of just over \$2 million as the preliminary budget for 2013-2014 is being established. On April 3, 2013, the Finance and Legal Committee meeting will be receiving input and further discussing budget information for the upcoming school year. The Superintendent's Budget Recommendations will be coming forward at the April 17th, 2013 Finance and Legal Committee meeting.
- Grade 12 students completing secondary school may be eligible for scholarships and awards from the Ministry of Education. These monies can be used to assist in tuition for attendance at designated post-secondary institutions. For further information, please refer to the Ministry of Education website: <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/awards/>.
- The District has received the Ministry's allocation of the District/Authority Scholarship Awards. These scholarships reward graduating students for excellence in their chosen non-academic field(s). Students who demonstrate superior achievement in any of the areas of Fine Arts, Applied Skills, Physical Activity, Second Languages, Community Service, and Technical Trades Training are eligible to apply for these scholarships. This year increased provincial funding will enable the District to award 170 students with \$1,000.00 scholarships.
- The Kelowna Art Gallery will be hosting the opening of the "Art in Action" Gala on Thursday, March 28th at 7:00 p.m. Central Okanagan student artwork will be on display from March 30th, 2013 to June 2nd, 2013.
- The Central Okanagan School District will be, once again, hosting the 36th Annual Interior Jazz Festival in Kelowna from April 11th, 2013 to April 13th, 2013 at the Kelowna Community Theatre and Rotary Centre for the Arts.
- The District's Annual Years of Service Recognition/New Employee Welcome Reception will be held on Thursday, April 4, 2013 commencing at 4:00 p.m. at the Coast Capri Hotel. Long-serving employees with 10, 20, 30, 35 and 40 years of service will be recognized.

2. Revenue and Expense Summary at January 31, 2013

This information was provided for public review.

3. Ministry of Education's *Discover Your School* Web Tool Initiative

The Ministry has announced a new provincial web tool which will provide a variety of information about each school in the Province.

4. Provincial Government News Release, August 30, 2011 – "BC Sport Schools Get Geared Up for Student Athletes"

This release provided background information about the Provincial endorsement by the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development for programs such as the one delivered by Pacific Sport, to help athletes with their high-performance sport development.

5. Amendments to Policy 345R "Violence in the Workplace (Regulations)" and Amendments to Form 345

This information was provided to inform the public of the amendments to Board Policy.

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Date:

Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
School Board Office
The public is welcome to attend.

Next Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, April 3, 2013
1:00 pm Finance and Legal Committee
4:30 pm Human Resources and Staff Services Committee
6:30 pm Education and Student Services Committee
The public is welcome to attend.

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