



"Together We Learn"

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: **Wednesday, November 23, 2011**

Presentations:

1. Presentation to Trustees

Chairperson Rolli Cacchioni and Trustee Moyra Baxter recognized Trustee Wayne Horning, Trustee Anna Hunt-Binkley and Trustee Gail Scanlan for their nine years of service on the Board of Education, and Trustee Gail Given and Trustee Jeff Watson for their three years of service on the Board of Education.

2. 2011 Chairperson's Report to the Board

Trustee Cacchioni presented the 2011 Chairperson's Report to the Board. The Chairperson highlighted the District's areas of focus, progress made in support of the District's goals, and achievement results during the 2010/2011 school year. The Chairperson also recognized the hard work, leadership and dedication of the District's official partner groups, members of senior staff, and fellow Trustees in support of public education.

The Chairperson's Report is available to view on the School District website:

<http://www.sd23.bc.ca/BoardOfEducation/MeetingMinutes>

Superintendent's Report:

The Superintendent reported on the following:

- Recognition was given to Principals, Vice-Principals, teachers and support staff for all of their efforts to assist students in fulfilling graduation requirements. The Ministry recently released the six year graduation statistics, announcing an increase in the District's graduation rate from 84.7% in the 2009-2010 school year to 86.2% in the 2010-2011 school year. Additionally, the District's Aboriginal Graduation Rate has increased from 60% to 61%.
- The Music BC Charitable Foundation has partnered with the new Best Buy electronics store in Kelowna to provide a total grant of \$10,000.00 to be divided between Rutland Senior Secondary and Dr. Knox Middle School as part of their 'Adopt an Instrument Program'. The funds will be used to provide musical instruments in support of the music programs in each of these schools.

Action Items:

1. Representation on the Aboriginal Education Council

The Board of Education approved an additional seat for the Kelowna Métis Association on the Aboriginal Education Council. This now provides the Métis community with two voting members on the 15 person Council.

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

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

2. *Achieving A Necessary Future* Project Review

The Board of Education received the *Achieving A Necessary Future* Project Review. The Board further authorized staff to engage in a process, involving input from all partner groups, to replace the present *Achieving A Necessary Future* structure, by developing a new collaborative model of support that includes the investigation of differentiated intervention strategies to meet the needs of all vulnerable students in all elementary schools.

3. Amendments to Policy 505 and 505R (Regulations) “Learning Assistance”

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 505 and 505R (Regulations) “Learning Assistance”. The amendments were necessary to align with the Ministry of Education’s Special Education Services: Manual of Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines.

4. New Policy 386 “Employee Use of Electronic and Social Media Communications” and New Policy 486 “Student Use of Electronic and Social Media Communications”

The Board of Education approved as Interim Policies, new Policy 386 – Employee Use of Electronic and Social Media Communications and new Policy 486 – Student Use of Electronic and Social Media Communications. The Board of Education further directed the Superintendent to send the interim Policies to all school Parent Advisory Councils and the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council, requesting feedback prior to the end of January 2012. The two new interim Policies replace Policy 385 “Use of Cellular Phones or Communication/Wireless Devices in School or on School Property” and Policy 485 “Use of Cellular Phones or Communication/Wireless Devices in School or on School Property”.

5. New Policy 453 “Child Protection” and New Regulation 453R “Child Protection”

The Board of Education approved new Policy 453 and Regulation 453R – Child Protection.

Information Items:

- 1. Video Surveillance: Annual Report to the Board**
- 2. Kelowna Secondary School Timetable Change – Status Report**
- 3. Interior Health – Healthier Schools Healthier Students (HSHS) Project Update
Year 1 Evaluation of the Health Promoting Schools Coordinator Initiative**

Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Dates:

Inaugural Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

The public is welcome to attend both of these meetings.

Next Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates:

To be determined at the December Inaugural Meeting.