



"Together We Learn"

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: **Wednesday, April 11, 2012**

Recognition:

The Board of Education recognized **RCMP Sgt. Ann Morrison** for leading the work in the Community Operation Support Unit for the Kelowna Detachment of the RCMP. In this capacity, Sgt. Morrison has worked to build strong partnerships that have helped to address a variety of social, health, and education issues in our community. Specific to School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan), Sgt. Morrison has been instrumental in establishing the new SOAR Program, a substance misuse prevention program for grade six students. Her contributions to the District were recognized as being worthy of special commendation.

Declaration:

Earth Day 2012

The Chairperson made the following Declaration:

School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) declares Sunday, April 22, 2012 as "Earth Day" in support of environmental awareness.

Staff participated in "Earth Hour" by reducing the use of energy in school district facilities on March 31, 2012 from 8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Superintendent's Report:

The Superintendent reported on the following:

The Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship Society (COBSS) will be hosting a Donor Appreciation Tea at the Central Schools Gym on Thursday, April 12, 2012 (4:00 p.m.). At this event, some of the founders of COBSS and current donors will be honoured for their efforts in providing financial support to students pursuing post-secondary education immediately after graduation.

Action Items:

1. 2012-2013 School Calendar

The Board of Education approved the Local School Calendar for the 2012/2013 school year that recognizes a 2 week spring break. In consultation with staff and parents, school principals will be establishing a site-based calendar and will make this calendar available to all parents by May 31, 2012.

DESIGNATION	B.C. Standard School Calendar 2012/2013	Proposed SD No. 23 Local Calendar 2012/2013
Days in session	194	194 (3 summer Pro Days Aug. 28 – Aug. 30)
Number of days of instruction	187	187*
Number of non-instructional days	6	3
Schools open	September 4	September 4
Administrative Implementation Day	September 21	October 5
Thanksgiving Day (schools closed)	October 8	October 8
Teacher Professional Day	October	October 19
Remembrance Day (schools closed)	November 12	November 12
Schools close for Winter vacation	Friday December 21	Friday December 21
Winter vacation period (schools closed)	December 24-January 4	December 24-January 4
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Monday January 7	Monday January 7
Teacher Professional Day (Support Staff In-Service Day)	February 15	February 15
Proposed Family Day		February 18
Schools close for Spring vacation	Friday March 15	Friday March 8
Spring vacation period (schools closed) Standard Local Variation	March 18-22	March 18-22 + March 11-15
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Monday March 25	Monday March 25
Good Friday (schools closed)	March 29	March 29
Easter Monday (schools closed)	April 1	April 1
Victoria Day (schools closed)	May 20	May 20
Administrative Day (students do not attend)	Friday June 28	Friday June 28
Schools close	Friday June 28	Friday June 28

2. Recognition of Staff and Volunteers

The Board of Education approved the recognition of all staff and volunteers during the week of April 30, 2012, with the delivery of a card of appreciation and a plant to each school and work site.

3. Letter to the Minister of Education re: Appointment of a Mediator

The Board of Education agreed to write to the Premier and the Minister of Education expressing its concern regarding the controversy surrounding the appointment of the Mediator in the dispute between the government and the BCTF.

Information Items

1. Superintendent's 2012/2013 District Budget Recommendations

The Superintendent presented his Budget Recommendations for the 2012/2013 school year.

Every year the Ministry of Education announces next year's budget allocation to School Districts. For the 2012/2013 school year, the Ministry of Education will be providing a total of \$4.725 billion in operating grants to Boards of Education throughout the province. This compares to \$4.721 billion for the 2011/2012 school year. This increase in the Provincial Education Budget, as well as a

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redistribution among funding categories, provides additional funding to address specific objectives established by the Ministry. The per pupil funding level of \$6,784 per School Age FTE (Full Time Equivalent) student remains the same for the 2012/2013 as it was for the 2011/2012 school year.

Within the Central Okanagan School District, provincial funding has resulted in an operating grant of \$174.1 million for 2012/2013. This represents a \$1.8 million increase in the preliminary Operating Grants over 2011/2012. This increase, combined with increases in locally generated funds, provides a \$2.7 million increase to operating revenue for the coming year.

The Superintendent's recommendations for the allocation of these resources, along with the anticipated surplus carry forward funds, will be deliberated at the April 18, 2012 Public Finance and Legal Committee meeting and at the April 25, 2012 Public Board meeting. Both meetings will be held at the School Board office.

Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Date:

Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
School Board Office
The public is welcome to attend.

Next Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates:

April 18, 2012
4:30 pm Planning and Facilities Committee
6:30 pm Finance and Legal Committee