



"Together We Learn"

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: Wednesday, October 8, 2014

Introduction:

The Board Chairperson recognized that October 5th was World Teachers' Day.

1. Introduction of New Vice-Principal

Dana Patterson, Vice-Principal, Okanagan Mission Secondary School, was introduced and congratulated on her new administrative position.

Recognition:

1. The Board of Education recognized the following grade 12 Kelowna Secondary School students for placing first, second and third in the Hong Kong Veterans Commemorative Association (HKVCA) Cross Canada Writing Contest:
 - Emily Ganske
 - Angel Yu
 - Katie Webb
2. Graeme Stacey, a teacher at École Kelowna Secondary School, was recognized by the Board of Education for receiving a Minister of Veterans' Affairs Commendation.
3. Rhonda Draper, a teacher at École Glenmore Elementary School, was recognized by the Board of Education as the recipient of UBC Okanagan's Excellence in Teaching Award.

Presentation:

1. School Opening Report – Part 2

The Superintendent presented the School Opening Report – Part 2.

Overall, District enrolment has increased by 14 students over last year. We currently have 21,327 students. The differences between this year and last year are as follows:

- Secondary schools are 40 students over their projected enrolment, and they have 230 more students than they had by September 30, 2013.
- Middle schools are 50 students over their projected enrolment, and they have 15 more students than they had by September 30, 2013.
- Elementary schools are 7 students over their projected enrolment, but more significantly they have 164 fewer students than they had by September 30, 2013 (Most of this reduction is as a result of the change in grade configurations in the Mission and Lake Country zones of the District.)

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- Alternate student enrolment is currently 309 students compared to 404 students for the same time last year. However, this number is expected to increase prior to the provincial enrolment count of October 17, 2014.

While the total number of students in the School District is increasing slightly this year, where those students live and attend school is gradually changing.

For further information, the [School Opening Report - Part 2](#) is posted on the School District website – www.sd23.bc.ca.

Action Items:

1. Regional Strategic Transportation Plan Endorsement

The Board of Education agreed to send a letter of support to the City of Kelowna/Sustainable Transportation Partnership of the Central Okanagan (STPCO) endorsing the Regional Strategic Transportation Plan and including a request that the School District be involved in future planning of the Regional Strategic Transportation Plan.

2. 2014/2015 School Bus Replacement Request

The Board of Education approved the 2014/2015 School Bus Replacement Request. This year's capital request for six replacement buses is within the Ministry guidelines and will reduce ongoing maintenance costs on the current fleet. If the Ministry of Education approves the District's request, the replacement buses will meet all of the latest CSA-D250 safety standards and will assist in the reduction of diesel emissions.

3. Request for Endorsement of the *Community Plan for a Public System of Integrated Early Care and Learning (\$10/day Child Care Plan)* Proposed by the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC and Early Childhood Educators of BC

The Board of Education expressed support of the concept of a universal daycare system in British Columbia and that it be fully funded by the provincial government.

4. Request from the District of Lake Country to Support their Request for the Re-Installation of a 4-Way Stop at the Intersection of Pelmeash Parkway and Oyama Road

The Board of Education agreed to write a letter to the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure in support of the District of Lake Country's request that a four-way stop be reinstalled at the intersection of Pelmeash Parkway and Oyama Road.

5. Letter to the Minister of Education Regarding Use of the BCEd Plan Brand

The Board of Education agreed to write a letter to the Minister of Education regarding the inappropriate use of the BCEd Plan brand in politically-oriented messaging.

6. School Age Before and After School Care Program (and Possibly a Preschool Program) at École Casorso Elementary School

The Board of Education approved support for the grant application for The Clubhouse Child Care Center to operate a school age before and after school care program (and possibly a preschool program) at École Casorso Elementary School.

Information Items:

1. Superintendent's Emergent Issues

The Superintendent reported on the following:

- District staff members have started discussions with Lake Country Parent Advisory Councils (PAC's) regarding potential changes in catchment areas. District staff met with the Oyama PAC on September 29, 2014. Staff will be meeting with the Davidson Road Elementary School PAC on Thursday, October 9, 2014 (5:30 p.m.) at Davidson Road Elementary School and plan to meet with the École Peter Greer Elementary School PAC on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 (6:30 p.m.) at École Peter Greer Elementary School. Meetings will also be organized for the Lake Country Community and for the George Elliot Secondary School PAC.

The following items were reviewed by the Board:

1. Summer Projects 2014
2. Tender for Audit Services
3. System Goals for the 2014/2015 School Year
4. Level 4 and 5 Field Trip Summary Information
5. Trustee Attendance at Remembrance Day Ceremonies
 - Kelowna – Trustee Brinkerhoff and Trustee Gorman
 - Lake Country – Trustee Butler
 - Peachland – Trustee Baxter
 - Rutland – Trustee Cacchioni and Trustee Pendharkar
 - West Kelowna – Trustee Fraser
6. Field Trips 2014/2015
7. General Statement

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Date:

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
School Board Office
The public is welcome to attend.

Next Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, October 15, 2014
4:30 Planning and Facilities (Cancelled)
6:30 Finance and Legal

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