



"Together We Learn"

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2013

Declaration:

1. Education Week 2013

The Board of Education declared March 4 to 8, 2013 as "Education Week" in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan).

Recognition:

1. Education Week (March 4 to 8, 2013) – Poster Contest Winners

The Board of Education recognized the following students as the poster contest winners for Education Week 2013:

Paige Cates and Allie Sieben, Grade 4 – Chute Lake Elementary School

Kim Tsai, Grade 7 – Springvalley Middle School

Courtney Easy, Grade 12 – Kelowna Secondary School

2. Community Sports Hero Award

The Board of Education recognized Hal Hennenfent, teacher at Glenrosa Middle School, for recently receiving a Community Sports Hero Award from the City of Kelowna, PacificSport and Tourism Kelowna for his involvement with volleyball with the Okanagan Central Schools Athletic Association, Okanagan Valley Sport Athletic Association, Volleyball BC, BC High School Boys Volleyball committee and the Kelowna Volleyball and Okanagan Official's group.

Presentation:

1. Lifesavers Student Group Presentation

A group of secondary school students shared their experience as members of the District's Lifesaver student group. These senior students travel to the secondary schools in the District to raise awareness regarding teen suicide. They lead assemblies that help their classmates to know that there are resources and support services available to them, while also talking about resiliency skills.

Action Items:

1. Proposal for Substantive Change (Academy of Indigenous Studies) – Mount Boucherie Secondary School

The Board of Education approved the Proposal for Substantive Change (Academy of Indigenous Studies) – Mount Boucherie Secondary School, to be implemented at Mount Boucherie Secondary School beginning in September 2013.

2. Proposal for Substantive Change (Golf Academy) – Dr. Knox Middle School

The Board of Education approved the Proposal for Substantive Change (Golf Academy) – Dr. Knox Middle School, to be implemented at Dr. Knox Middle School beginning in September 2013.

3. Proposal for Substantive Change (Music Academy) – Glenmore Elementary School

The Board of Education approved the Proposal for Substantive Change (Music Academy) – Glenmore Elementary School, to be implemented at Glenmore Elementary School beginning in September 2013.

4. Board Authorized Course (BAC) Proposal – Athlete Training 10

Board Authorized Course (BAC) Proposal – Athlete Training 11

Board Authorized Course (BAC) Proposal – Athlete Training 12

Board Authorized Course (BAC) Proposal – Individual Sports Training 11

Board Authorized Course (BAC) Proposal – Individual Sports Training 12

The Board of Education approved the above Board Authorized Course Proposals, pending PAC and School Planning Council approval from the school where the courses will be offered or a Board-approved Memorandum of Understanding outlining the roles and responsibilities of all parties involved with School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) in offering the courses.

5. Amended Annual Budget Fiscal Year 2012/2013

The Board of Education gave first, second and third readings, passed and adopted the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2012/2013 in the amount of \$214,117,251.

6. Provincial Budget Announcement – Projected Expense Changes for the 2013/2014 School Year

The Board of Education reviewed the preliminary budget items for the 2013/2014 school year. Trustees reviewed the identified budget pressures that are anticipated and discussed the impact this may have on school district operations. The Board approved sending a letter to the Minister of Education indicating the projected expense changes as calculated by District financial staff for the 2013/2014 budget and expressing concern regarding budget pressures.

7. Rescinding of Public Board Meeting Motion 12P-173 (November 28, 2012)

The Board of Education rescinded Public Board Meeting Motion 12P-173 (November 28, 2012): *“THAT: Parents of grade 6 students in the Okanagan Mission area, prior to January 2014, be provided the option of registering their child(ren) in Okanagan Mission Secondary School for grade 7 starting in September 2014, or having them remain in their existing elementary school”.*

Information Items:

The following items were reviewed by the Board:

1. Superintendent's Emergent Issues

The Superintendent discussed the following items:

- February 27th was Pink Shirt – Anti-Bullying Day, and all Central Okanagan School District sites recognized this important event as a way to raise the profile of the anti-bullying message.
- Updates were provided regarding the Kindergarten Registration Process and the capacity challenges that are being faced at both Davidson Road Elementary in Lake Country, and Chute Lake Elementary in the upper Mission. The current registration period ends on March 8th.
- A focus group meeting is happening in Lake Country on February 28th to solicit input into the strategy for managing growth in the area in the years to come.
- The community was reminded that the Budget consultation process is underway, and there is a survey available on the website. Any budget submissions must be made by March 8, 2013 if they are to be included in the Superintendent's Budget Report to the Board of Education.

2. Education Week: March 4 - 8, 2013

Education Week in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) will be March 4 to 8, 2013. The theme for Education Week 2013 is: *"21st Century Learners Celebrating Public Education"*.

3. Suspension Summary Report: 2006/2007 to 2011/2012

The overall trend line for the number of indefinite and definite student suspensions is declining. The implementation of alternative programs and strategies is making a difference in reducing the number of suspensions.

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Date:

Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
School Board Office
The public is welcome to attend.

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