



"Together We Learn"

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Central Okanagan Board of Education acknowledged that this meeting was held on the Traditional Territory of the Okanagan People.

Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Recognition:

1. Karen Hansen – Association of School Transportation Services of British Columbia (ASTSBC) 2015 School Bus Driver of the Year

The Board of Education recognized Karen Hansen for receiving the School Bus Driver of the Year Award from the Association of School Transportation Services of British Columbia.

2. James Strachan, Teacher, Kelowna Secondary School, 2015 Canadian Association of Physicists (CAP) Award for Excellence in Teaching High School/CEGEP Physics (British Columbia and Yukon)

James Strachan, a teacher at Kelowna Secondary School, was recognized for receiving the 2015 Canadian Association of Physicists (CAP) Award for Excellence in Teaching High School/CEGEP Physics (British Columbia and Yukon).

Presentation:

1. "Year in Review" – Hugh, Gloster, Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent provided an overview of the 2014/2015 school year identifying achievements, special events, challenges and business involving the Board of Education.

The Superintendent identified many achievements/accomplishments to be proud of including:

- Six Year Graduation Rate is now at 88.3% (up from 85.6% last year) which compares positively to the provincial average of 84.2%.
- Aboriginal Graduation Rate is now at 72.9% (up from 66.7% last year) which compares positively to the provincial average of 61.6%.
- The English Language Learners' Graduation Rate is 91.4% which compares positively to the provincial average of 86.6%.
- Early Learning – Reduction of Primary Students at risk by the end of grade 3 (now down to 11% of all students)

The Superintendent also identified significant highlights including:

- Hosting 1,200 participants at the Canadian Student Leadership Conference
- Celebrating the Grand Opening of Mar Jok Elementary School
- Welcoming grade seven students at Okanagan Mission Secondary and George Elliot Secondary Schools

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In 2014/2015 highlights from the business of the Board included:

- Welcoming two new Trustees to the Board of Education, resulting from the November 2014 Elections
- Hosting 12 public consultation meetings to garner feedback regarding the grade reconfiguration in the Rutland zone, the Westside French Immersion program, and the Lake Country Catchment Area Review
- Completing the construction of Mar Jok Elementary School, the addition to Okanagan Mission Secondary School, and the annex at George Elliot Secondary School
- Approving the grade reconfiguration of all schools in the Rutland zone for September 2015

In the 2014/15 school year, the District also received:

- Tommie Gold Award for “Best Outside of the Box” Design for Mar Jok Elementary School
- Heritage BC Award for the Central School Programs and Services Building

The Superintendent thanked the Board of Education, all staff members, partner groups, and the community for their efforts to support student achievement this year. Superintendent Gloster also acknowledged the retirements of 37 teachers, 3 administrators, 5 members of the management staff and 45 support staff.

(The Superintendent's "Year in Review" summary is available on the Central Okanagan School District website.)

Action Items:

1. Central Okanagan Family Hub

The Board of Education approved, in principle, the concept of the Central Okanagan Family Hub at Pearson Road Elementary School.

2. School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Annual Budget Fiscal Year 2015/2016

The Board of Education approved a \$5,000 grant to Kelowna Museums for the 2015/2016 school year.

The Board of Education gave first, second, third readings, passed and adopted the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2015/2016 in the amount of \$220,873,139.

3. Transportation – Additional Service Routes

The Board of Education waived the requirement in Policy 470 and Regulations 470R – Transportation Services Management to collect the actual cost for Additional Service Routes and, for the 2015/2016 school year, set the Transportation Fee for all riders at the level established in Motion 15P-073 (April 29, 2015 Public Board Meeting).

4. Okanagan Mission Junior Middle School Project Definition Report

The Board of Education approved that the Okanagan Mission Junior Middle School Project Definition Report be submitted to the Ministry of Education, and that the 2015/2016 Capital Plan submission include a request for a new school construction for the Okanagan Mission Junior Middle School:

- o With a capacity of 750 students
- o With a total project budget, including reserves, of \$37,780,359

The Board of Education directed staff to develop a Neighbourhood Learning Centre community consultation process to identify and confirm the current gaps in community programs and services, for review by the Board should the Ministry of Education support the next stage of the Project Development Report.

5. Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) On-Line Course Proposal – World Religions 12

The Board of Education approved the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) On-Line Course Proposal – World Religions 12.

6. Draft New Policy 702 – Aboriginal Education Community Partnerships

The Board of Education approved new Policy 702 – Aboriginal Education Community Partnerships.

7. Amendments to Policy 525 – Field Trips, Regulations 525R – Field Trips, Form 525.1 – Field Trip Application, Form 525.4 – Student Using Vehicle During School Hours and Form 525.3 – Transportation of School District No. 23 Students – Vehicle Use and Authorized Driver's Statements

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 525 – Field Trips, Regulations 525R – Field Trips, Form 525.1 – Field Trip Application, Form 525.4 – Student Using Vehicle During School Hours and Form 525.3 – Transportation of School District No. 23 Students – Vehicle Use and Authorized Driver's Statements.

8. 2015/2016 School Planning Council (SPC) Goals

The Board of Education approved the 2015/2016 School Planning Council Goals for all 43 schools in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan).

Information Items:

1. Superintendent's Emergent Issues

- The Superintendent provided an update on the Lake Country Catchment Area Working Group which met twice in June to examine possible options for the reconfiguration of catchment areas in Lake Country. The Working Group will meet again in September to continue the dialogue with the intention of developing recommendations for Board approval.
- The Kelowna Capital News "Graduation Special Edition" recognizes the valedictorians from all of the District's Secondary Schools as well as features some of the 2015 graduates.

The following items were reviewed by the Board:

1. Review of School Capacities
2. Project Identification Reports – Update
3. French Immersion Task Force Update
4. Month End Enrolment – May 2015
5. Level 4 and 5 Field Trip Summary Information
6. Field Trips 2015/2016
7. General Statements

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting:

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 6:00 pm
School Board Office

Next Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, August 26, 2015
4:30 pm Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting (TENTATIVE)

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