



"Together We Learn"

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2011

Presentation:

1. Canadian Student Leadership Conference

Students, Emily Kluftinger and Emily Hannigan, made a presentation to the Board on their attendance at the Canadian Student Leadership Conference, September 26 to October 1, 2011 in Cornerbrook, Newfoundland. The students shared that the main purpose of the conference was to gain leadership skills in order to inspire and motivate their peers to make a difference in their school and community.

Superintendent's Report:

The Superintendent reported on the following:

- Bill 12, which describes a new Teacher Council structure for the Province of British Columbia, will replace the existing College of Teachers governing body. The new Council will be composed of 15 members: 3 teachers from the British Columbia Teachers' Federation, 5 teachers elected from around the province, and 7 members representing the various partner groups. The main purpose of the Council will be to set standards and approve teacher education programs. Additionally, a Disciplinary and Professional Conduct Board will be formed to receive complaints, conduct investigations, and oversee consent resolutions.
- The labour dispute between the BC Teachers' Federation (BCTF) and the BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) that started at the beginning of the year is ongoing. Despite the current teachers' strike, the duties and responsibilities of the Principals/Vice-Principals and Superintendents remain unchanged. As such, first term reports cards will be sent home; however, it is anticipated that most report cards will be incomplete in terms of student achievement information and teacher comments. Parents wishing to receive an update with regard to their child's achievement, are invited to contact their teacher(s) by either e-mail or phone. Any grade 12 student requiring first term grades for scholarship applications are encouraged to contact the school administration or the counselling department. (The District website has a 'Contact Information' link which contains a search feature for the email address and voice mail number of all employees.)
- For information regarding Ministry News Releases, please refer to the Ministry of Education website at: www.bced.gov.bc.ca. The Ministry's New Education Plan is now available on this site. The most recent Ministry news releases concerning the Central Okanagan include the building of the new Rosewood Drive Elementary School in West Kelowna as well as a 300 student addition at OKM Secondary School.
- The class size averages for the Central Okanagan School District have been finalized. As of November 1, 2011, the class size averages were as follows:

Kindergarten	18.8	Grades 4-7	26.6
Grades 1-3	20.5	Grades 8-12	26.1

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.

- The Central Okanagan School District is currently hosting the AAA Provincial Field Hockey Tournament. This is the first time this provincial tournament has been held outside of the lower mainland for some time. Special thanks goes to the coaches, parents, and volunteers for organizing this tournament and best wishes to the KSS team playing in the tournament.

Action Items:

1. October 31, 2011 Class Size, Class Composition and District Class Size Averages Report

The Board of Education approved the School Act Class Size/Class Composition Update Report for the month of October, 2011, and that the Declaration of Appropriate Learning Situation by the Superintendent be approved for submission to the Minister of Education.

2. School Board Office Disposition/Relocation

Pursuant to information received from the Secretary-Treasurer, any further action regarding the School Board Office Disposition/Relocation is put on hold at this time.

3. Registration Dates for 2012/2013 School Year

The Board approved the initial registration dates for the 2012/2013 school year as February 1, 2012 through to March 9, 2012. The closing date of registrations, in order to apply the Board's registration priorities as established in Policy 405R – Student Placement (*Regulations*), was set as August 30, 2012.

4. Amendments to Policy 735 – Corporate Advertising and Sponsorship

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 735 – Corporate Advertising and Sponsorship to include corporations, partnerships, proprietorships, joint ventures, co-ops, community groups, foundations and service clubs/groups.

5. Student Use of Zip Lines

The Board of Education approved the addition of zip lines while on field trips as a restricted activity in Policy 525A – Field Trip Activities (Appendix). The restrictions include:

- only zip lines in BC and Alberta;
- parents/guardians must receive full disclosure of the risks involved;
- parents/guardians must sign the zip line operator's waiver forms; and
- restricted to older students on outdoor education field trips.

6. Board Authorized Course (BAC) Proposals

The Board of Education approved the following Board Authorized Courses:

- Rugby 11 – Mount Boucherie Secondary School
- Basketball 11 – Mount Boucherie Secondary School
- Utility Arborist 11 – Rutland Senior Secondary School
- Aboriginal Outdoor Education 12 – Rutland Senior Secondary School
- Studies in Emergency Medical Services 12 – Rutland Senior Secondary School
- Baseball 10 – Rutland Senior Secondary School
- Baseball 11 – Rutland Senior Secondary School
- Baseball 12 – Rutland Senior Secondary School

A description of these courses will be forwarded to the Ministry of Education for approval and assignment of course codes.

Information Items:

1. **Aboriginal Education Program Eighth Annual Report – September 2010 to June 2011**

Dr. Coughlin, the new Principal of the Aboriginal Education Program, presented highlights from the report.

2. **Board Policy and Regulation 631 – School Closures/Consolidations**

The Superintendent confirmed there are no school closures recommended for the 2012/2013 school year.

Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Date:

Wednesday, November 23, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

School Board Office

1940 Underhill Street

Kelowna, B.C.

The public is welcome to attend.

Inaugural Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

School Board Office

The public is welcome to attend.

Next Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

1:00 Finance and Legal Committee

4:30 Planning and Facilities Committee