



"Together We Learn"

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: Wednesday, June 13, 2012

Recognition:

1. Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal Award

The Board of Education recognized Graeme Stacey, a teacher at Kelowna Secondary School, for receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal Award. Mr. Stacey received this award for his significant work and efforts on behalf of Canadian Hong Kong Veterans in educating teachers, students and the public in bringing awareness of the unknown story of World War II "C" Force.

2. Rotary Club/School District No. 23 Public Speaking Contest Winners

The Board of Education recognized the following students as finalists in the 13th Annual Rotary Club/School District No. 23 Public Speaking Contest:

Grade 6

- 1st place Sydney Ingram, Dorothea Walker Elementary School
- 2nd place Lorena Madrazo, Hudson Road Elementary School
- 3rd place Helena Liegmann, Anne McClymont Elementary School

Grade 7

- 1st place Cate Hanlon, Anne McClymont Elementary School
- 2nd place Talston Scott, Dorothea Walker Elementary School
- 3rd place Claire Robb, Dorothea Walker Elementary School

3. Wyatt Auto Parts & Westward Tools Award Recipients

The Board of Education recognized the following students for receiving the Wyatt Auto Parts & Westward Tools Award for outstanding achievement:

- Kolton Jansons, Grade 12, Rutland Senior Secondary School (BCIT Dual Credit Diesel Engine Technician Foundation Program)
- Patric Tutt, Grade 12, OKM Secondary School (BCIT Motorcycle and Marine Technician Foundation Program)

4. BC Association of School Business Officials – Larry Ozero Leadership Award

The Board of Education recognized Larry Paul, Secretary Treasurer, for recently receiving the Larry Ozero Leadership Award from the BC Association of School Business Officials.

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Superintendent's Report:

The Superintendent reported on the following:

- Best wishes were extended to the 72 staff members who are retiring from the Central Okanagan School District in June 2012. Their contributions were recognized and honoured at the District's June 9th, 2012 retirement ceremony.
- The first graduates of this year were recognized on January 26th, 2012 at the BCIT Graduation. On May 17, 2012, the District celebrated the Aboriginal student graduation. Graduation ceremonies are currently underway at all five secondary schools. In total, over 2000 students will be graduating in the Central Okanagan this year. Over the past several years, graduation achievement rates in School District No. 23 have continued to rise at an unprecedented rate. *(The Central Okanagan's graduation rate in 2004 was 76%. In 2011, the graduation rate reached an unprecedented 86.2%.)*

Action Items:

1. Draft Achievement Contract 2012/2013

The Superintendent provided a brief overview of the Achievement Contract. After a review and discussion, the Board of Education approved the 2012/2013 Achievement Contract, and agreed to submit it to the Ministry of Education on or before July 15, 2012.

2. 2012/2013 CommunityLINK Allocation

The Board of Education approved the recommended CommunityLINK Allocations for 2012/2013.

3. Revised 2012/2013 School Calendar

The Board of Education approved the adoption of a Local School Calendar for the 2012/2013 school year that recognizes the revised date for Family Day (from February 18 to **February 11, 2013**). In consultation with staff and parents, school principals will be establishing a site-based calendar for the 2012/2013 school year, with the revision, prior to June 30, 2012.

DESIGNATION	B.C. Standard School Calendar 2012/2013	Proposed SD No. 23 Local Calendar 2012/2013
Days in session	194	194
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
Family Day		February 11
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

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4. School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Long-Term Facility Plan

The Board of Education supported the following Superintendent's recommendations for the development of the Long-Term Facility Plan (as recommended by the Planning and Facilities Committee), and that a draft plan be presented for further review at the June 20, 2012 Planning and Facilities Committee Public Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION #1:

THAT: The District work towards the long term goal of phasing in a consistent grade configuration in all areas of the District with K – 5 elementary schools, Grade 6 – 8 middle schools and Grade 9 – 12 senior secondary schools.

The timing of changes to the grade configuration structure will be based upon:

- The best needs of the students
- The needs of each individual and unique community within the school district
- The need to manage growth and the best use of existing school buildings
- Financial considerations

RECOMMENDATION #2:

THAT: When planning for construction of new schools, where appropriate, the enrolment capacities fall within the following sizes:

- Elementary schools – 350 to 500 students (optimum 400 students)
- Middle schools – 500 to 800 students (optimum 650 students)
- Secondary schools – 1,200 to 2,000 students (optimum 1,500 students)

RECOMMENDATION #3:

THAT: The French Immersion middle school program be decentralized to provide greater accessibility to French Immersion middle school students in outlying areas of the District, provided that the program is sustainable in terms of enrolment, location, form and cost.

RECOMMENDATION #4:

THAT: Early Learning Programs be provided at regionally located schools, and wherever possible, at those schools that have been identified through the Early Learning Development Indicator as those schools that have the greatest need. The location of any Early Learning Program must be sustainable in terms of capacity availability, enrolment, location, form and cost.

RECOMMENDATION #5:

THAT: To serve the diverse educational needs of students, distinct schools, unique programs and specialty academies be supported, provided that the specific program is approved by the Board, the program operates within the parameters of the School Act, there is available space, qualified staff and evidence of student demand, and the program is financially feasible and sustainable.

5. Invitation to the Minister of Education

The Board of Education will be sending an invitation to the Minister of Education to visit the School District to review its educational initiatives.

Information Items:

The Board of Education also reviewed the names of those elected to the following partner group executives for the 2012/2013 school year:

1. Central Okanagan Teachers' Association (COTA)
2. Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC)

Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Date:

Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 27, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
School Board Office
The public is welcome to attend.

Next Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates:

June 20, 2012
3:30 pm Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting
6:30 pm Finance and Legal Committee Meeting