



"Together We Learn"

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Recognition:

- 1. 15th Annual Rotary Club of Kelowna/School District No. 23 Public Speaking Contest – April 28, 2014**
Russ Bischoff, Vice-Principal, George Elliot Secondary School – Contest Organizer, and Gary Bennett and Dennis Campbell, Rotary Club of Kelowna, were recognized for supporting the Annual Rotary Club Public Speaking Contest.

Grade 6

- 1st Place Jenaya McRorie, Rose Valley Elementary School
- 2nd Place Hailey Lewis, Rose Valley Elementary School
- 3rd Place Jocelyn Lockwood, Oyama Traditional School

Grade 7

- 1st Place Isis Darosa, Anne McClymont Elementary School
- 2nd Place Snover Gill, Davidson Road Elementary School
- 3rd Place Logan Braun, Davidson Road Elementary School

- 2. BCSTA Long Service Award**

On behalf of the BC School Trustees' Association, the Superintendent of Schools recognized the following Central Okanagan School District trustees for their many years of service on the Board of Education:

Trustee Moyra Baxter	18 years
Trustee Rolli Cacchioni	9 years
Trustee Murli Pendharkar	9 years

Presentation:

- 1. District Student Council Request to Review Policy Form 525.4 – Student Using Vehicle During School Hours**

Kassidie Cornell, Grade 12, Mount Boucherie Secondary School and Charles Smith, Grade 11, George Elliot Secondary School, provided a presentation to the Board of Education requesting that the District Driving Policy Form 525.4 align with the Provincial Graduated Licensing Program. The student presenters requested that Novice Drivers be granted the ability to have one passenger when driving to school events. The Board received the recommendations from the members of the District Student Council and will gather further information from the School Protection Program before making a decision.

Action Items:

1. Review of the Department of Student Support Services – Level 1

The Board of Education received the Review of the Department of Student Support Services – Level 1 and forwarded the review to the Superintendent for further action.

2. Health Promoting Schools Review – Level 2

The Board of Education received the Health Promoting Schools Review – Level 2.

3. New Policy 352 – Discrimination Towards and by Staff as it Pertains to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

New Policy 425 – Discrimination Towards and by Students as it Pertains to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

The Board of Education approved new Policy 352 – Discrimination Towards and by Staff as it Pertains to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity and new Policy 425 – Discrimination Towards and by Students as it Pertains to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity with a revised definition of heterosexism.

4. Amendments to Policy 410 – Access to Educational Programs for Resident Students Over 16 Years; amendments to Policy 725 – Inviting Speakers to Schools; and deletion of Policy 415 – Admission of Inter-District Transfer Students

The Board of Education approved amendments to Policy 410 – Access to Educational Programs for Resident Students Over 16 Years and amendments to Policy 725 – Inviting Speakers to Schools. The Board of Education further approved the deletion of Policy 415 – Admission of Inter-District Transfer Students, as it is no longer applicable.

Information Items:

1. Superintendent's Emergent Issues

The Superintendent reported that outside groups have been attempting to recruit secondary students for non-sanctioned graduation trips. Often these trips do not have adequate supervision and compromise the safety of our students. A letter from the Superintendent has been posted on the District website expressing grave concerns with non-sanctioned events. Parents are encouraged to exercise extreme caution when making the decision about whether their students should attend these non-sanctioned trips.

2. Canadian Student Leadership Conference

The Superintendent responded to a Trustee query regarding the use of KSS during the upcoming conference. While KSS will lose two days of instructional time to accommodate the conference schedule, this time will be covered off by adding additional instructional minutes to each day in semester one as well as extending the hours of the first day of the school year.

The following items were reviewed by the Board:

1. Technology Education Program/Safety Review Report
2. Proposed Evaluation Cycle for 2008/2009 to 2014/2015 and Draft Education and Student Services Committee Meeting Schedule
3. Field Trips 2013/2014
4. General Statement

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Date:

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
School Board Office
The public is welcome to attend.

Next Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, June 4, 2014
4:30 pm Human Resources and Staff Services Committee (Cancelled)
6:30 pm Education and Student Services Committee

For comments, please contact:

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Board Meetings are held at the School Board Office on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, except the fourth Wednesday in March and December, or the months of July and August.