



"Together We Learn"

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: Wednesday, January 22, 2014

Declaration:

1. Harmony Day and Human Rights Month – 2014

Moyra Baxter, Chairperson of the Board of Education, made the following declaration:

WHEREAS: Harmony Day recognizes that the citizens of the Central Okanagan come from all over the world; and,
WHEREAS: Harmony Day provides an annual opportunity for the Central Okanagan School District community to celebrate cultural diversity while committing to mutual respect; and,
WHEREAS: Harmony Day creates sensitivity to and respect for differences; and
WHEREAS: Harmony Day allows the Central Okanagan School District to focus on the mission of educating students in a safe, inspirational learning environment; and,
THEREFORE: I, Moyra Baxter, as Chairperson of the Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan), do hereby proclaim February 5, 2014 as Harmony Day in the Central Okanagan School District;
and also do hereby proclaim the month of February 2014 as Human Rights Month in the Central Okanagan School District.

2. School Bus Safety Week – February 2 through to February 7, 2014

Moyra Baxter, Chairperson of the Board of Education, declared February 2 through to February 7, 2014 as "School Bus Safety Week" in the Central Okanagan School District, supporting the theme "Be Smart – Be Seen, I Wait in a Safety Place".

3. Eric Neilson Day - February 6, 2014 as proclaimed by the Central Okanagan School District and the City of Kelowna

Moyra Baxter, Chairperson of the Board of Education, made the following proclamation:

I, Moyra Baxter, as Chairperson of the Board of Education of School District No. 23, do hereby proclaim February 6, 2014 as Eric Neilson Day in the Central Okanagan School District.

(Eric Neilson, selected as a member of the 2014 Canadian Olympic Team, was raised in Kelowna and attended Central Okanagan School District schools, graduating from Rutland Senior Secondary in 1999. Rutland Middle School students are currently engaged in school-wide projects in support of Eric Neilson's Olympic effort.)

Action Items:

1. Renewal of Special Program for Positions in the Aboriginal Education Program

The Board of Education approved the application for renewal and expansion of the Special Program with the British Columbia Human Rights Tribunal for positions in the Aboriginal Education Program, and directed staff to include in all advertisements for teaching positions that preference may be given to applicants with Aboriginal ancestry.

2. BC Hydro Statutory Right-of-Way for Mar Jok Elementary School

The Board of Education gave first, second and third readings, and adopted School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Property Bylaw No. 126 (registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way) in favour of BC Hydro on Lot 35, District Lot 503, Osoyoos Division Yale District, Plan KAP73555 Except Plan EPP27929.

Information Items:

1. The Superintendent reported on the following:

- The Superintendent extended a thank-you to Trustees for their attendance at several significant District events including the recent Enhancement Agreement Signing Ceremony, the BCIT Graduation, and the 100 Year Celebration at Central Schools.
- The Superintendent provided an update on the roll out of the new on-line registration process which will open on Monday, February 3, 2014.
- KSS is one of four finalists in the Provincial Junior Achievement BC Innovation Jam competition. The final winner will be announced in May 2014.

The following items were reviewed by the Board:

2. An update on the School Planning Council Process
3. Accessibility Advisory Committee – City of Kelowna
4. Month End Enrolment – December 2013
5. Field Trips 2013/2014
6. General Statements

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Date:

Regular Public Board Meeting and Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
School Board Office
The public is welcome to attend.

Next Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, January 29, 2014
4:30 pm Planning and Facilities Committee
6:30 pm Finance and Legal Committee

For comments, please contact:

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