



"Together We Learn"

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Recognition:

1. Dilworth Quality Homes Inc.

The Board of Education recognized Greg Asling, General Manager of Land Development and Housing and Dilworth Quality Homes Inc. for the support his company has provided to the students enrolled in the Residential Construction Program at Rutland Senior Secondary.

2. Kelowna Daily Courier

The Board of Education recognized Terry Armstrong, Group Publisher, and the Kelowna Daily Courier staff for their coverage of educational initiatives and their supply of free newspapers to classrooms through the Newspapers in Education Program.

Introduction:

1. The following new Principals/Vice-Principals were introduced:

Wendy Briggs, Principal, Dorothea Walker Elementary School
Kyla Babcock, Vice-Principal, A.S. Matheson Elementary School
Cliff Schwartz, Vice-Principal, Glenrosa Middle School
Darryl Smith, Vice-Principal, Rutland Senior Secondary School
Monique West, Vice-Principal, Rutland Elementary School
Tim Van Brummelen, Vice-Principal, Rose Valley Elementary School

Presentation:

1. 2013 School Opening Report – Part 1

The Superintendent presented the School Opening Report – Part 1. The highlights of the Report include:

- All schools in the District reported relatively smooth and orderly school openings this year.
- In total, 11 of the 42 schools in the Central Okanagan School District experienced increases of more than 15 students in their actual enrolment when compared to projections. Significant growth is observed in the number of students in the Shannon Lake, Mission, North Glenmore areas and parts of Lake Country .
- The projected headcount for September 2013 was 21,169, which represented an anticipated decline of 185 students from the same time last year.
- As of September 10th, 2013, however, the District headcount enrolment was 21,452, representing an increase of 283 over projections and 98 students above last year's September 30th enrolment (21,354).

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- The overall enrolment trend appears to reflect a significant increase in the District, especially when compared to the original projections that were set. However, once the enrolment for secondary schools and Central School Programs and Services is finalized, including those students who are cross-enrolled, it is anticipated that the actual increase will be slightly less than the numbers quoted above.
- The Central Okanagan School District International Education Program continues to experience strong enrolment with 263 fee paying students registered in the School District for the 2013/2014 school year.
- The Welcome Centre for the School District helped settle 146 students and their families, representing 35 countries.
- At present, the School District is utilizing 73 portable classrooms (32 at elementary, 17 at middle and 24 at secondary) along with 14 modular classrooms for student learning.
- Throughout the summer season, the Operations Department has been very busy completing a number of facility upgrades. Additionally, work continues on the addition at Okanagan Mission Secondary School and the construction of the new Mar Jok Elementary School in West Kelowna. Both capital building projects are expected to be completed prior to September 2014.
- The external auditors have concluded their year-end review of the District's financial reports. The fiscal and accounting processes were once again found to be comprehensive and appropriate.

The Superintendent expressed gratitude to the Central Okanagan School District administrative, teaching and support staff, parents and community members for preparing for school opening, and ensuring a smooth and safe start-up for our students.

The full 2013 School Opening Report – Part 1 is available on the School District website (www.sd23.bc.ca - Publications).

Action Items:

- 1. Capital Project Bylaw No. 126621-02 – 2013/2014 Annual Facilities Grant (Revised)**
The Board of Education gave first, second and third readings, passed and adopted, School District No. 23 Capital Project Bylaw No. 126621-02 – 2013/2014 Annual Facilities Grant.
- 2. Draft New Policy 621 “Protocol for Flying Flags at Half-Mast”**
The Board of Education approved new Policy 621 “Protocol for Flying Flags at Half-Mast” after adding a reference to the National Day of Mourning.
- 3. Policy 423 “Health Promoting Schools”**
The Board of Education reaffirmed Policy 423 “Health Promoting Schools”.
- 4. Investigation into the Installation of Webcams to Broadcast Board Meetings**
The Board of Education made the decision not to direct staff to explore the expense/feasibility associated with broadcasting Board meetings to the general public.
- 5. Options for Election of Board Chairperson**
Trustees discussed the approach to be used when an election takes place for Board Chairperson. The Board made the decision to use a majority voting system.

Information Items:

1. Superintendent's Emergent Issues

- With the anticipated opening of Mar Jok Elementary School in September 2014, District staff will be engaging the Westside community in discussions regarding the realignment of catchment areas. As such, the public is invited to attend the following consultation meetings:
 - **Rose Valley Community Consultation Meeting:**
 - o Monday, September 30th, 2013 at Rose Valley Elementary School (6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)
 - **Shannon Lake Community Consultation Meeting:**
 - o Tuesday, October 1st, 2013 at Shannon Lake Elementary School (6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)
 - **General Meeting at Mount Boucherie Secondary School** to receive input on catchment areas for the whole of the Westside:
 - o Thursday, October 10th (6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)
 - **French Immersion Consultation Meeting:**
 - o Tuesday, October 15th at Glenrosa Middle School (6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)
- The Superintendent recommended that the meeting location for the November 20th, 2013 Planning and Facilities Committee be moved from the School Board Office to Mount Boucherie Secondary School at 6:00 p.m.
- The Superintendent reported that the on-line payment program for parents has been very well received. To date, 70% of payments have been made on-line. This new approach to collecting fees has proven to be very efficient. The District's 'ability to pay' policy was referenced.

The following items were reviewed by the Board:

2. Kelowna Art Gallery – Year-End Report
3. School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) 2012/2013 Public Sector Executive Compensation Report
4. Trustee Attendance – COPAC Meetings September to December 2013
5. Amendment to Board Standing Committee Policies
6. Month End Enrolment – June 2013
7. Field Trips 2013/2014
8. General Statements

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Date:

Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 25, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
School Board Office
The public is welcome to attend.

Next Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, September 18, 2013
1:00 p.m. Finance and Legal Committee
4:30 p.m. Planning and Facilities Committee

For comments, please contact:

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