



"Together We Learn"

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: **Wednesday, April 25, 2012**

Recognition:

Okanagan Mission Secondary School Teachers

Recipients of the Ken Spencer Award for Innovation in Teaching and Learning

The Board of Education recognized Carolyn Durley, Graham Johnson and Paul Janke for receiving the Ken Spencer National Award for Innovation in Teaching and Learning.

Declaration:

Asian Heritage Month – May 2012

The Chairperson made the following Declaration:

The Board of Education declares the month of May 2012 as "Asian Heritage Month" in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan).

Presentation:

Heather Anderson, Arion Therapeutic Farm

Ms. Henderson provided a presentation on therapeutic riding, describing how the local non-profit farm provides equine and animal facilitated therapies for students and adults with special needs.

Declaration:

National Day of Mourning – April 28, 2012

The Chairperson made the following Declaration:

The Board of Education declares April 28, 2012 as a Day of Mourning in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) and observes a moment of silence to honour those workers who have been hurt or who have lost their lives in the course of doing their work.

Superintendent's Report:

The Superintendent reported on the following:

- Issues regarding Bill 22 and the current labour dispute continue to be worked through at a District and school level. The amount of teacher involvement in extra-curricular activities is still yet to be determined. It is anticipated that graduation ceremonies will continue; however, teacher involvement may be different than in previous years.
- As a result of schools participating in the annual Terry Fox Run this past year, School District No. 23 schools raised \$24,654.59 for cancer research.

Action Items:

1. School Act Class Size/Class Composition Update Report: March 2012

The Board of Education approved the School Act Class Size/Class Composition Update Report for the month of March 2012, and that the Declaration of Appropriate Learning Situation by the Superintendent be approved for submission to the Minister of Education.

2. Capital Projects Bylaw No. 126383 – 2012/2013 Annual Facilities Grant

The Board of Education gave first, second and third readings and adopted School District No. 23 Capital Project Bylaw No. 126383 – Annual Facilities Grant.

3. CUPE Member Employment Opportunities During the Two-Week Spring Break

The Board of Education directed the Superintendent to discuss with CUPE the feasibility of offering meaningful employment to those CUPE employees who are disadvantaged by the two-week Spring Break, and that discussions take place before the Calendar Committee meets next year, and before the 2013/2014 Budget discussions, with recommendations brought to the Board of Education in a timely fashion.

4. Student Transportation Charge – 2012/2013

The Board of Education approved a 50% reduction in the Student Transportation Charge as described in Policy 470 and 470R (Regulations) "Transportation Services Management" for all students using the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) transportation system.

5. Trustee Indemnity for the 2012/2013 Fiscal Year

The Board of Education set the Trustee Indemnity for July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 with no increase to the stipend.

6. Superintendent's 2012/2013 District Budget Recommendations

The Board of Education adopted the specific budget allocations and decisions, pertaining to the 2012/2013 Preliminary School District Budget as presented at the April 25, 2012 Public Board Meeting, with an amendment to include the revised student transportation charge.

Information Items

1. School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) 2011 Graduate Outcomes Survey Report

2. School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Student Readiness Annual Report

Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Date:

Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 9, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
School Board Office
The public is welcome to attend.

Next Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates:

May 2, 2012
6:30 pm Education and Student Services Committee

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.