



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2013

Presentation:

1. Online Student Registration Program

Superintendent of Schools, Hugh Gloster, provided a presentation on the District's development of an Online Student Registration Program. There has been a long history of parents lining up well in advance for the opening of the registration period. While not to be considered a perfect system, the online program would "virtualize the standing in line process", providing a common specific time across the District to register on the opening day of registration (February 3, 2014). The program requires several steps to complete the registration, however, the first step is relatively easy and each registrant receives a date/time stamp on their online application which establishes their place in line. A confirmation e-mail is immediately sent to the parent to confirm that the first part of their application has been received. Applicants are then provided with a deadline to complete the second step of the process. Schools must receive appropriate documentation (i.e., a birth certificate and proof of residency) before the student's registration application is processed.

To prepare for the February/March registration period, Beta testing of the online registration system will occur immediately. New parents with no access to technology will be able to visit their neighbourhood school and register on line at the school. (Technology assistance will be available at the schools.) Moving to this online system will introduce a level of efficiency into the system, while also eliminating the need for parents to line up for long periods of time or in inclement weather.

(The Central Okanagan's initial registration dates for the 2014/2015 school year are set as February 3, 2014 to March 7, 2014.)

Action Items:

1. Online Student Registration Program

The Board of Education approved the District-wide implementation of the online student registration program for the 2014 registration period which begins on February 3, 2014.

2. School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) 2014/2015 Budget Development Timeline

The Board of Education approved the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) 2014/2015 Budget Development Timeline.

3. Policy Review: Policy 205 – Administration of Finances; Policy 206 – Purchasing; and Policy 208 – Confidential Disclosure: Reporting and Investigating Allegations of Financial Irregularity

The Board of Education approved the deletion of Policy 205 – Administration and affirmed Policy 206 – Purchasing and Policy 208 – Confidential Disclosure: Reporting and Investigating Allegations of Financial Irregularity.

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4. Joint Use Agreement – Okanagan Mission Secondary School (Neighbourhoods of Learning Centre)

The Board of Education approved the Joint Use Agreement (Okanagan Mission Secondary School) with the City of Kelowna.

5. Superintendent's Report on Student Achievement 2013/2014

The Superintendent emphasized that we continue to be an improving District with a multi-year trend line demonstrating improved achievement results, especially in the following areas:

- Early Learning
- Results in Provincially examinable subjects, including:
 - Math 10 Final Marks - Foundations of and Pre-Calculus - Number of students earning C+ or higher (Aboriginal/All students)
 - English 10 Final Marks - Number of students earning C+ or higher (Aboriginal/All students)
 - Science 10 Final Marks - Number of students earning C+ or higher (Aboriginal/All students)
 - Social Studies 11 Final Marks - Number of students earning C+ or higher (Aboriginal/All students)
 - English 12 Final Marks - Number of students earning C+ or higher (All students)
- Graduation/Completion Rates
- Aboriginal Graduation Rate
- Academic Grade Readiness

The Superintendent also recognized challenging areas for the District which include:

- While we are continuing to improve Academic Grade Readiness, our focus remains on reaching Academic Grade Readiness targets for grade 10 (85%) and grade 11 (80%).
- We continue to have fluctuations in the number of Grade 10 students participating in Career Programs experiences.
- We have demonstrated significant improvement in Aboriginal student achievement over time, however, the grade readiness and completion rates remain off target.
- There remains a significant gap between the number of Aboriginal students achieving a C+ or better when compared to all students. (For example, English 12 - 64% Aboriginal compared to 78% for all students.)
- Moving students from minimally meeting to fully meeting or exceeding expectations for their stage of development continues to be a District focus.

The Board of Education approved the Superintendent's Report on Student Achievement 2013/2014 as presented at the December 11, 2013 Public Board meeting. The Board agreed to forward the report to the Ministry of Education to meet its January 31, 2014 deadline. The Superintendent's Report on Student Achievement 2013/2014 will also be posted to the School District website.

Information Items:

The following items were reviewed by the Board:

1. Revenue and Expense Summary at October 31, 2013
2. District Health Promoting Schools Committee – Yearly Summary of School Planning Council Reports and School Goals Related to Health Promoting Schools 2012-2013
3. CUPE Local 3523 Executive – November 2013 to November 2014
4. Field Trips 2013/2014
5. General Statements

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Date:

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
School Board Office
The public is welcome to attend.

Next Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, January 15, 2014
4:00 p.m. Human Resources and Staff Services Committee
5:30 pm General Affairs Committee
6:30 pm Education and Student Services Committee

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