



"Together We Learn"

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: Wednesday, October 12, 2011

Recognitions:

1. Tom Sawtell, Coordinator – "Lion's Quest Program"

The Board of Education recognized Tom Sawtell for working closely with nine Lion's Clubs in the Okanagan Region to coordinate the implementation of the Lion's Quest Program in the Central Okanagan School District. Since 1994, the Lions Clubs have donated over \$150,000.00 to support training and resources for Lion's Quest delivery within the District.

2. Trustee Recognition

The Thompson Okanagan Branch of the British Columbia School Trustees Association recognized Trustees Wayne Horning, Gail Given, Gail Scanlan, and Jeff Watson for their years of service. These Trustees have publicly announced that they will not be seeking re-election.

Superintendent's Report:

The Superintendent reported on the following:

The Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC), in partnership with the British Columbia Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC), will be hosting a regional parent conference starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, October 15, 2011 at Dr. Knox Middle School. This **Parents as Partners – Building Success Conference** will provide an opportunity for parent leaders and educational partners to share information and resources in a regional setting, and to continue to build the relationship of parents as partners in education.

Approximately 550 students (grades 6-12) and 55 adult supervisors will be attending WE DAY Vancouver on Thursday, October 13, 2011. This event, coordinated by Free the Children, inspires and empowers students to engage in local and global humanitarian service.

Over the course of the 2010/2011 school year, the District will be conducting a review of grade configurations and school catchment areas in order to produce an updated Educational Facilities Plan.

With several trustees declaring their intent not to seek re-election, District staff will be planning an orientation program for new Trustees elected to the Board of Education. This will be followed with a review of the District's Strategic Plan.

The District will be engaged in a comprehensive Health and Safety Audit this year. Further information will be forthcoming.

Central Okanagan School District staff, in partnership with the Aboriginal Education Council and local Aboriginal communities, will be engaging in an extensive consultation process with the intent of developing the District's second five-year Enhancement Agreement.

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.

Action Items:

1. **September 30, 2011 Class Size, Class Composition and District Class Size Averages Report**

The Board of Education received and approved the September 30, 2011 Class Size, Class Composition and District Class Size Averages Report. In order to meet Section 76.1 of the British Columbia School Act, the Chairperson of the Board of Education will provide to the Minister of Education a declaration of Class Size.

The class size averages for the Central Okanagan School District are as follows:

Kindergarten	18.74
Grade 1-3	20.53
Grade 4-7	27.65
Grade 8-12	25.7

2. **Background Re: Metis Representation on the Aboriginal Education Council**

The Board of Education moved:

THAT: The decision regarding the request to add an additional Metis seat on the Aboriginal Education Council (AEC) be tabled until no later than the November 23rd, 2011 Board meeting; and, in the interim, staff be directed to organize a meeting between the Board of Education and the Aboriginal Education Council.

3. **Attributes of a Central Okanagan School District Learner in the 21st Century**

The Board of Education approved the Attributes of a Central Okanagan School District Learner in the 21st Century.

The attributes are as follows:

A Learner is one who is engaged, resilient and seeks to understand through:

- Literacy, Numeracy and Subject Competencies
- Information, Media, and Technology Literacy
- Self-Direction, Work Ethic and Accountability
- Healthy Lifestyle
- Financial Literacy

A Thinker is one who analyzes, makes connections, inferences, asks questions, and transfers knowledge through:

- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- Open Mindedness and Reflection
- Flexibility and Adaptability

An Innovator is one who sees possibilities and generates original ideas with value through:

- Curiosity and Imagination
- Creativity, Design and Performance
- Initiative and Entrepreneurship

A Collaborator is one who excels at working with others to create new understanding through:

- Appreciating Diversity
- Effective Communication
- Interdependence
- Relationship Building

A Contributor is a citizen who participates in the local and global community through:
Finding, Following, and Sharing Passions
Respect, Empathy, and Kindness
Integrity and Ethical Behaviour
Civic and Environmental Responsibility
Embracing Diverse Cultures and Lifestyles

The "Attributes/One Goal" Committee was recognized for engaging in a District-wide consultation process to develop the attributes.

4. Recognition of Staff and Volunteers

The Board of Education will recognize all staff and volunteers twice in the 2011/2012 school year with cards and flowers.

Information Items:

1. Cancellation of Recess During Job Action

The Superintendent provided a detailed report which outlined background information related to the decision to cancel recess during the current Job Action as well how the cancellation of recess has impacted Central Okanagan schools.

2. Draft One Goal Statement

The Superintendent circulated an initial draft of the one goal statement which will be circulated to partner groups and PACs for further input. This will be brought back to a future Board Meeting for further discussion.

3. Trustee Attendance at Remembrance Day Ceremonies

The following Trustee will be attending Remembrance Day services in each region:

Kelowna	Trustee Horning and Trustee Scanlan
Lake Country	Trustee Hunt-Binkley
Rutland	Trustee Cacchioni and Trustee Given
West Kelowna	Trustee Watson
Peachland	Trustee Baxter

Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Date:

Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
School Board Office
1940 Underhill Street
Kelowna, B.C.
The public is welcome to attend.

Next Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, October 19, 2011
4:30 Planning and Facilities Committee

Wednesday, November 2, 2011
4:30 General Affairs Committee