



*"Together We Learn"*

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

# **BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

**Date: Wednesday, April 13, 2011**

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## **Declaration:**

The Board Chairperson made the following declaration:

"School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) declares Friday, April 22, 2011 as **"Earth Day"** in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) supporting environmental awareness."

## **Presentation:**

### **School District Response to Emergency Situations**

Presenters: Al Lalonde, Principal, Central School Programs and Services  
Gerry Mason, Vice-Principal, Mount Boucherie Secondary School

The presenters provided an overview of new emergency response materials and information on the District's new Threat Assessment Protocol. All administrators and school-based counselling staff have received Threat Assessment Training from Threat Assessment expert, Kevin Cameron. Every school has a School Threat Assessment Team. For serious situations, the District's Threat Assessment Team is available for further support. A District website has also been created to assist staff in dealing with emergency situations and critical incidences.

Both presenters were commended for their ongoing commitment to assisting the District in taking a proactive stance in prevention or in dealing with critical incidences.

## **Superintendent's Report:**

The Superintendent reported on the following:

- The Education Week Planning Committee was recognized for their work in coordinating and supporting a variety of activities, during the week of March 14-18, to celebrate public education.
- The District's Human Resources staff was recognized for organizing the recent Employee Recognition "Years of Service" Ceremony. Employees with 10, 20, 30, 35 years were recognized for their longstanding service to the District. Quigley teacher, Charlotte Ackerman, was commended for 40 years of teaching in the District. New employees were also welcomed to the District.
- Today marked the launch of the new SOAR Program for grade six students. This program, which replaces DARE, is a drug and alcohol awareness program which focuses on **S**ubstance misuse prevention, **O**ptions for making better choices, **A**wareness of what substance abuse can do, and **R**esisting any temptations. A presentation of SOAR will be provided at an upcoming Board meeting.

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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.

- KLO Middle School was recognized as one of the winners of Science World's third annual BC Green Games. This province-wide contest awarded KLO Middle School with \$1,000 to support further green initiatives.
- Over 200 students from Springvalley Middle School recently completed a 30 Hour Famine, raising over \$20,000 for World Vision. Over the past three years, Springvalley Middle School has raised over \$50,000 for this organization. Commendations were provided to staff, students, and parents for joining together to support this global service project.

**Action Items:**

**1. School Board Office Disposition/Relocation – Request for Proposals**

The Board of Education approved the Request for Proposals for the disposal of the current Administration Building and Site, as presented at the April 13, 2011 Public Board Meeting.

**Information Items:**

**1. Superintendent's 2011/2012 District Budget Recommendations**

The Superintendent's 2011/2012 District Budget Recommendations were provided as an information item. The Board of Education will deliberate the recommendations at the April 20, 2011 Public Finance and Legal Committee meeting commencing at 6:30 p.m., with final Board approval occurring at the April 27, 2011 Public Board Meeting commencing at 6:00 p.m. All meetings will take place at the School Board Office.

**Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Date:**

Wednesday, April 27, 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, April 20, 2011  
 4:30 pm Planning and Facilities Committee  
 6:30 pm Finance and Legal Committee