



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2010

Acknowledgements from the Superintendent of Schools

1. From February 4th to 6th 2010, Kelowna Secondary School hosted the Western Canada Senior Boys' Basketball Tournament, providing the community with the opportunity to witness outstanding basketball. School spirit was alive and well at KSS!
2. On February 8, 2010, the District's third annual **Harmony Day** was celebrated in our elementary, middle, and secondary schools. Several events were planned in schools to promote our District's cultural values, including mutual respect.
3. February is **Wellness Month** in the School District. Activities have been planned throughout the month to promote student and employee wellness. CUPE Local 3523 will be hosting Dr. Martin Collis on February 19th, 2010 to foster health and wellness.

Public Question/Comment Period

1. Jessica Martin, representing the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association, shared information regarding the upcoming Okanagan Zone Regional Teachers' Conference on February 19th, 2010 at George Elliot Secondary School.

Action Items:

1. 2010-2011 School Calendar

The Board of Education passed the following motions with regard to the School Calendar for the 2010-2011 school year:

THAT: The Board of Education adopt a Local School calendar for the 2010-2011 school year that recognizes a 2 week spring break as identified in the attached calendar proposal;

AND FURTHER THAT: Upon accepting a Local School Calendar with a 2 week spring break, the Board of Education continue to offer CUPE employees meaningful work as it was offered in the 2009-2010 school year;

AND FURTHER THAT:

1. The Superintendent direct school Principals, in consultation with staff and parents, to establish a site-based calendar for the 2010/2011 school year and to make the calendar available to all parents by May 31, 2010; and

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.

2. In establishing such calendars, principals must:
 - a. Conform to the School Act and Regulations, applicable Collective Agreements, and School District No. 23 Board Policy.
 - b. Schedule school parent/teacher conference times.
 - c. Schedule their school's calendar as follows:

Days in session	192 (3 summer Pro Days Aug. 31 - Sept. 2)
Number of days of instruction	185*
Number of non-instructional days	3
Schools open	September 7
Administrative Implementation Day	September 24
Thanksgiving Day (schools closed)	October 11
Teacher Professional Day	October 22
Remembrance Day (schools closed)	November 11
Schools close for Winter vacation	Friday, December 17
Winter vacation period (schools closed)	December 20 - January 3
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Tuesday, January 4
Teacher Professional Day (Support Staff In-Service Day)	February 18
Schools close for Spring vacation	Friday, March 18
Spring vacation period (schools closed)	March 21-25 + March 28-April 1
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Monday, April 4
Good Friday (schools closed)	April 22
Easter Monday (schools closed)	April 25
Victoria Day (schools closed)	May 23
Administrative Day (students do not attend)	Thursday, June 30

- d. Maintain the Ministry prescribed minimum number of minutes of student instruction per day (Kindergarten - 2.4 hours per day, elementary grades 1 to 7 - 4.75 hours per day, middle/secondary grades 7 to 12 - 5.15 hours per day). *By withdrawing three non-instructional days from the standard school calendar to the summer and adding a small number of minutes per school day (3 minutes for Elementary and 4 minutes for Middle/Secondary), we would be maintaining the same total hours of instruction for students and meet the minutes required for 185 days of instruction (as in the B.C. Standard School Calendar).

2. School Act Class Size/Class Composition Update Report

The Board of Education approved the School Act Class Size/Class Composition Update Report for the month of January, 2010.

3. Policy 706R – District Student Council (*Regulations*)

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 706R – District Student Council (*Regulations*).

4. New Policy 660 – Environmental Sustainability

The Board of Education approved new Policy 660 – Environmental Sustainability.

5. Letter to the Ministry of Transportation Requesting Gravel Pit Traffic Restrictions

The Board of Education agreed to send a letter to the Minister of Transportation and other municipalities and local governments in the Central Okanagan, requesting a restriction on gravel pit companies transporting product on public roads under their jurisdiction where students are either transported or walking to and from schools from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on school days.

6. Joint Statement on School Ranking – Email request from the Central Okanagan Teachers’ Association – February 3, 2010

The Board of Education agreed to reaffirm its position that Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) results should not be used to rank schools and that the Board issue a joint statement with the Central Okanagan Teachers’ Association (COTA) and other partner groups restating the position.

7. March 10, 2010 Public Board Meeting

The Board of Education agreed to cancel the March 10th, 2010 Public Board Meeting due to spring break.

Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Date:

Wednesday, February 24, 2010 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, February 17th, 2010

3:30 p.m. Human Resources and Staff Services Committee

4:30 p.m. Planning and Facilities Committee

6:30 p.m. Finance and Legal Committee

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

4:30 p.m. General Affairs Committee

6:30 p.m. Education and Student Services Committee