



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Recognition/Presentations/Delegations

1. On February 8, 2010, the District celebrated our third annual Harmony Day. In addition to events that took place at schools, students were invited to participate in a "**Harmony Day Video Contest.**" Teacher Jim Bradshaw and students from Rose Valley Elementary School were recognized for being this year's winners of the 2010 contest.
2. February is recognized as Wellness Month in the Central Okanagan School District. Two activities that are voluntarily organized by staff members for all employees are the **Volleyball and Curling Leagues.** Enzo DeLaurentiis, Barb Danielsen, and Mona Essler were also recognized for their years of service in organizing the District's volleyball league. Bev Conzevoy was acknowledged for her leadership in coordinating the District's curling league.

Presentation

1. The District Health and Safety Manager, Ken Emmons, presented the **2009 Safety Review.** At this time, the District offers claims management services to 21 Districts or 33.3% of the Province which equates to providing services to over 15,000 employees. These partnerships have resulted in a profit of \$152,455.00 to our District in the past year. The Board recognized Ken Emmons and his department for continuing to generate substantial revenue for the District.

Superintendent's Report

1. The Superintendent commended Kelsey Serwa, recent graduate of Kelowna Secondary School, for achieving a notable fifth place finish in the 2010 Olympic Games.
2. Trustee Gail Given and Assistant Superintendent Terry-Lee Beaudry were recognized along with the District's Education Week Committee for organizing and supporting several of the Education Week events planned for next week (March 1st – 5th).
3. The Central Okanagan Teacher-Librarians Association will be bringing award-winning author Kenneth Oppel to Kelowna for Education Week 2010. During this week, Mr. Oppel will speak to more than 4000 students. The public is invited to a free evening presentation on March 4th at the Kelowna Community Theatre (starting at 7:00 p.m.) to hear Mr. Oppel.

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4. The public is also invited to view the District's Science Fair, hosted at Okanagan College-Centre for Learning, on March 4th from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
5. The District's flag is currently at half mast in recognition of the passing of recent Kelowna Secondary School graduate, Bryce Essler. Bryce was tragically lost while swimming in Maui. The service for Bryce Essler is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 28th, 2010 at Trinity Baptist Church.

Action Items:

1. Amended Annual Budget Bylaw

The School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2009/2010 in the amount of \$174,023,627 was read a first, second and third time and finally adopted this 24th day of February, 2010.

2. Proposal for Substantive Change (Dual Credit Academy) – Rutland Senior Secondary School

The Board approved the Proposal for Substantive Change (Dual Credit Academy, to include the following partnerships: 1) British Columbia Institute of Technology: Electronics Technician - Common Core, Aircraft Structures Technician, Power Equipment Mechanic, Motorcycle Mechanic, Diesel Engine Mechanic and Electricity and Industrial Electronics; 2) Okanagan College: Residential Construction, and Administrative Assistant Fundamentals; 3) Electrical Industry Training Institute: Forestry - Utility Arborist; and 4) Justice Institute of British Columbia: Emergency Medical Responder), as attached and presented at the February 24th Public Board Meeting, to be implemented at Rutland Senior Secondary School starting September 2010.

3. Proposal for Substantive Change (Dual Credit Academy) – Kelowna Secondary School

The Board approved the Proposal for Substantive Change (Dual Credit Academy, to include the following partnership: Automotive Training Standards Organization - Automotive Service Technician (Level 1)), as attached and presented at the February 24th Public Board Meeting, to be implemented at Kelowna Secondary School starting September 2010.

4. Proposal for Substantive Change (Dual Credit Academy) – Mount Boucherie Secondary School

The Board approved the Proposal for Substantive Change (Dual Credit Academy, to include the following partnerships: 1) Okanagan College - Culinary Arts Program; 2) Justice Institute of British Columbia - Firefighting; and 3) Industry Training Authority & Cosmetology Industry Association of British Columbia - Hairdressing Program), as attached and presented at the February 24th Public Board Meeting, to be implemented at Mount Boucherie Secondary School starting September 2010.

5. Proposal for Substantive Change (Girls' Soccer Academy) – Mount Boucherie Secondary School

The Board approved the Proposal for Substantive Change (Girls' Soccer Academy), as attached and presented at the February 24th Public Board Meeting, to be implemented at Mount Boucherie Secondary School starting September 2010.

6. Proposal for Substantive Change (Soccer Skills Academy) – Dr. Knox Middle School

The Board approved the Proposal for Substantive Change (Soccer Skills Academy), as attached and presented at the February 24th Public Board Meeting, to be implemented at Dr. Knox Middle School starting September 2010.

7. Proposal for Substantive Change (Baseball Skills Academy) – Rutland Senior Secondary School

The Board approved the Proposal for Substantive Change (Baseball Skills Academy), as attached and presented at the February 24th Public Board Meeting, to be implemented at Rutland Senior Secondary School starting September 2010.

8. Proposal for Substantive Change (Swimming Academy) – OKM Secondary School

The Board approved the Proposal for Substantive Change (Swimming Academy), as attached and presented at the February 24th Public Board Meeting, to be implemented at OKM Secondary School starting September 2010.

9. Proposal for Substantive Change (Visual and Performing Arts Academy) – OKM Secondary School

The Board approved the Proposal for Substantive Change (Visual and Performing Arts Academy), as attached and presented at the February 24th Public Board Meeting, to be implemented at OKM Secondary School starting September 2010.

10. Proposal for Substantive Change (Outdoor Education Program) – Springvalley Middle School

The Board approved the Proposal for Substantive Change (Outdoor Education Program), as attached and presented at the February 24th Public Board Meeting, to be implemented at Springvalley Middle School starting September 2010.

11. Proposal for Substantive Change (Hockey Skills Academy) – Constable Neil Bruce Middle School

The Board approved the Proposal for Substantive Change (Hockey Skills Academy), as attached and presented at the February 24th Public Board Meeting, to be implemented at Constable Neil Bruce Middle School starting September 2010.

12. Board Motion for Informing Parents of Equitable Access to Substantive Change Programs/Academies

The Board of Education requires schools to inform parents/caregivers through newsletters, notices to parents, course selection handbooks, and at the time of registration of the District's Financial Hardship clause (see Policy 425 and 425R), ensuring that students will not be excluded from any educational program/academy due to financial hardship.

13. Permission to Utilize Capital

The Board of Education agreed to request permission from the Minister of Education to utilize the Capital Reserve fund to offset the Annual Facility Grant (AFG) shortfall.

14. Letter to the City of Kelowna Regarding Adding the Okanagan Mission Secondary Expansion to the 10 year Capital Plan

The Board of Education agreed to write the City of Kelowna asking them to include the expansion of Okanagan Mission Secondary within their 10-year Capital Plan. The Board is hoping that the City will consider partnering with the District and Ministry in providing community-use facilities in the Mission, including a performing arts theatre.

15. Letter to the Minister of Education regarding the 2010/2011 Annual Facility Grant

The Board of Education agreed to write a letter to the Minister of Education, regarding the cancellation of the Annual Facility Grant expressing concerns that the lack of funds are impacting the condition of School District facilities resulting in Health and Safety issues.

16. Letter from the Minister of Education regarding a Change to the Trustee Electoral Area Boundaries

THAT: The Board contact Terry Stewart, Senior Legislative Analyst, Minister of Education, to ascertain exactly what information they require to obtain approval to adjust the trustee electoral area boundaries and what information is already on file with the Ministry of Education.

Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Date:

Wednesday, March 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, March 3, 2010

4:30 p.m. General Affairs Committee

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

Wednesday, March, 31 2010

1:00 p.m. Finance and Legal Committee