



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: **Wednesday, January 12, 2011**

Superintendent's Report:

The Superintendent reported on the following:

Recognition was provided to the support staff for all of their efforts to deal with the heavy snowfall the morning of January 12, 2011, ensuring all facilities were safe and ready to receive our students and staff. In addition, the Superintendent thanked Principals, Vice-Principals and teachers for their efforts to support student safety during the most recent period of inclement weather. Due to severe winter conditions, out of town student travel has been postponed and/or cancelled until road conditions improve.

The senior staff of the School District (Admin Council), is currently engaged in consultation with students, staff and parents of Kelowna Secondary School around proposed timetable changes. Members of Admin Council attended the KSS PAC meeting on Tuesday, January 11th to receive input from staff, students, and parents. All input is being collated for review and Admin Council will be sharing their decision with the school community in the next few weeks.

Action Items:

1. **French Immersion Program Supplemental Review 2010**

The Board of Education approved the following:

1. THAT: The Board continue to support the early French Immersion program model and not add a late French Immersion program option at this time.
2. THAT: The Board maintain the French Immersion program in a dual track setting.
3. THAT: The Board consider no specific District action relative to the secondary French Immersion program at Kelowna Secondary School at this time.
4. THAT: The Board consider no specific District action relative to the middle years French Immersion program at KLO Middle School at this time.
5. THAT: The Board maintain the existing French Immersion program at Peter Greer Elementary at this time;
AND THAT: Reconsideration of the delivery of French Immersion in Lake Country take place in the event of new school construction or significant changes in student enrolment.
6. THAT: The Board consider no specific District action relative to the French Immersion program at George Pringle Elementary School at this time;
AND THAT: Reconsideration of the delivery of French Immersion on the Westside take place in the future with consideration of a middle school French Immersion program on the Westside.
7. THAT: The Board maintain the French Immersion program at Belgo Elementary School and monitor enrolment growth.
8. THAT: The Board maintain the French Immersion program at Glenmore Elementary School and monitor enrolment growth.

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2. French Immersion (FI), Full Day Kindergarten (FDK) and the Future of Grade 7's in the Mission and Lake Country Schools

The Board of Education approved the following:

1. THAT: The Board maintain the existing grade configurations for all schools within both Lake Country and the Mission areas;
AND THAT: The Board consider any unique program proposals for select groups of grade 7's to attend the grade 8-12 secondary schools in their communities on their own merit, using the guidelines established in Board Policy 540 - Proposals for Substantive Change (Distinct Schools, Unique Programs and Specialty Academies).
2. THAT: The Board approve the capping of the enrolment of Chute Lake Elementary at its capacity as established for the 2011/2012 year, ensuring that all existing students are able to complete grades K to 7 within their neighbourhood school. Limit future Kindergarten enrolment based on the number of students who can be sustained at Chute Lake Elementary through to the completion of their elementary school program.*
3. THAT: The Board approve the opening of the primary building at Anne McClymont Elementary, using the funds that have been dedicated to this project by the Ministry of Education.**
4. THAT: The Board direct any future overflow English students in the Mission area from Chute Lake Elementary to Anne McClymont Elementary.***
5. THAT: The Board adopt a phased-in dual-track French Immersion program at Dorothea Walker Elementary School, starting with Kindergarten to Grade 3 students from Chute Lake Elementary, Anne McClymont Elementary and Dorothea Walker Elementary catchment areas in September 2011, and then adding grades 4 to 6 French Immersion, one grade each year;
AND FURTHER THAT: The Board approve students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 who have older siblings already attending Casorso Elementary, be given the option of attending Casorso school instead.
6. THAT: The Board approve Kindergarten French Immersion enrolment at both Dorothea Walker Elementary and Casorso Elementary Schools be limited to a maximum of two classes each (44 students).

***Pertaining to recommendation #2** - Existing Board Policy 405 and Regulations 405R - "Student Placement" gives preference to siblings of catchment area students during the new student registration period. This will help to achieve the goal of keeping families with younger children wanting to enrol at Chute Lake Elementary together.

****Pertaining to recommendation #3** - This will provide sufficient space to house both the overflow population from Chute Lake Elementary as well as the growth taking place in the Anne McClymont Elementary catchment area.

*****Pertaining to recommendation #4** - Existing Board Policy 470 - Transportation Services Management, stipulates that in some situations it may be necessary for the District to relocate students from one school to another. When this does happen, the students may be eligible for School District transportation options (busing or a transportation allowance). If parents choose to have their children attend a school other than the one that is identified as the overflow site, no transportation assistance is offered.

3. Registration Dates for the 2011/2012 School Year

The Board of Education approved the following:

- THAT: The initial registration dates for the 2011/2012 school year be set as February 1, 2011 through to March 11, 2011;
- AND THAT: The closing date of registrations, in order to apply the Board's registration priorities as established in Regulation 405R – Student Placement (*Regulations*), be set as September 1, 2011.

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Information Items:

1. **Drinking Water in Schools**

The schools that have bottled water supplied on an ongoing basis at district expense due to water advisories include: Davidson Road, North Glenmore, Oyama Traditional, South Kelowna and Watson Road Elementary Schools. With the exception of Davidson Road Elementary School, all other schools listed above have been receiving bottled water for nine years. The annual costs to the School District ranges from \$20,000 to \$40,000 per year, dependent upon the Spring run-off situation. The Board of Education subsequently requested that this information be shared with the Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Perry Kendall, with a request that follow up take place with Interior Health.

2. **Aboriginal Education Program – Seventh Annual Report**

The Assistant Superintendent shared a few key points highlighted in the Annual Aboriginal Education Program Report. The Program continues to support the goals of the current Enhancement Agreement. Steady progress is being made in improving the graduation rate of our Aboriginal students, which is now at 60%. Staff is currently engaged in a review of the Program in preparation for developing our District's second five-year Enhancement Agreement with the Aboriginal Communities of the Central Okanagan.

Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Date:

Wednesday, January 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, January 19, 2011

1:00 p.m. Finance and Legal Committee

4:30 p.m. Planning and Facilities Committee

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