



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: **Wednesday, January 27, 2010**

Recognition/Presentations/Delegations

Recognitions:

1. The Board recognized two administrators with School District No. 23 who recently were selected by the National Selection Committee of The Learning Partnership to be two of Canada's Outstanding Principals:

Lisa McCullough – recognized for her accomplishments when Principal at Mount Boucherie Secondary School

Rhonda Ovelson – recognized for her accomplishments when Principal at A.S. Matheson Elementary School

Introduction:

1. The Board welcomed **Lisa McCullough** as the new Director of Instruction (K-12).

Presentation:

1. **Amber Nedelec** and **Karen Longhurst**, members of the Kelowna Peace Group, provided a presentation which included a request to the Board of Education to remove Military recruiting from all schools. The Board of Education received the presentation.

Proclamation/Declaration

1. **Harmony Day – February 8, 2010**

Chairperson Rolli Cacchioni made the following Proclamation:

WHEREAS Harmony Day recognizes that the citizens of the Central Okanagan come from all over the world; and,

WHEREAS Harmony Day provides an annual opportunity for the School District No. 23 community to celebrate cultural diversity while committing to mutual respect; and,

WHEREAS Harmony Day creates sensitivity to and respect for differences; and,

WHEREAS Harmony Day allows School District No. 23 to focus on the mission of educating students in a safe, inspirational learning environment where every student develops the knowledge and skills to be a lifelong learner and a healthy productive member of the global society; and,

THEREFORE I, Rolli Cacchioni, as Chairperson of the Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan), do hereby proclaim February 8, 2010 as Harmony Day in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan).

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Board Meetings are held the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, except December, July and August, at the School Board Office.

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2. **School Bus Safety Week – February 1, 2010 through to February 5, 2010**

Chairperson Rolli Cacchioni made the following Proclamation:

THAT School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) declare the week of February 1, 2010 through to February 5, 2010 as "School Bus Safety Week" in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) supporting the theme "Cross in View, it's the Right Thing to Do!"

Report from the Superintendent of Schools:

1. Superintendent Gloster recognized Trustees for attending the Full Day Kindergarten community meetings as well as the School Planning Council orientation sessions over the past few weeks.
2. Olympic fever is in our city! The Superintendent acknowledged the involvement of several staff, students, and parents in the recent Torch celebrations.
3. Budget information sessions continue to be facilitated to solicit input from partnership groups prior to the Superintendent making recommendations for next year's budget. There is a public budget presentation on Monday, February 1, 2010 at Hollywood Road Education Services (1040 Hollywood Road) commencing at 7:00 p.m. This is open to all interested people.

Education Week is March 1 - 5, 2010. The theme for this year's Education Week is: ***"Encouraging Champions of Today for a Better Tomorrow"***. Several schools will be highlighting student achievements as well as showcasing student performances. More information will be forthcoming in newsletters and in the media.

The **Catchment Area Survey** is available on the School District's website. Parents are invited to provide their input until **February 15th, 2010**.

Action Items:

1. **Rutland Senior Secondary School Residential Construction Program and Dilworth Quality Homes Inc. Partnership**

The Board of Education approved staff entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with Dilworth Quality Homes Inc. to allow students of the RSS Residential Construction Program to construct a home at the Tower Ranch development.

2. **Amendments to Policy 115 – Inaugural and Annual Board Meetings Section 2.5 – Election of Vice-Chairperson**

The Board of Education approved amendments to Policy 115 – Inaugural and Annual Board Meetings.

3. **Breakfast Clubs of Canada – Breakfast Program**

The Board of Education approved School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) entering into an agreement with the Breakfast Clubs of Canada to offer a pilot breakfast program at George Pringle Elementary School.

4. **Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA)**

The Board supported the process that has been put in place regarding the administration of the Grade 4 and Grade 7 Foundation Skills Assessment. Parents who choose to withdraw their students from participating in the FSA will be expected to assume responsibility for the supervision of their children while testing is being administered.

5. The Board declared **February 2010** as **Employee Wellness Month**.

Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Date:

Wednesday, February 10, 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 3, 2010

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

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



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ADDENDUM ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF CHANGES

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The Board of Education acknowledged the following upcoming Principal and Vice-Principal retirements:

Susannah Brown – Principal, Kelowna Secondary School
Doug Evans – Principal, Dorothea Walker Elementary School
Daryl Graf – Principal, Dr. Knox Middle School
Brenda Leimert – Principal, Anne McClymont Elementary School
Carol MacWilliams – Principal, KLO Middle School
Jean Makosz – Principal, George Pringle Elementary School
Rob Melle – Vice-Principal, Kelowna Secondary School

The following administrator assignments and appointments were also approved by the Board of Education on January 27, 2010:

Rod Baruta – Assigned to: Principal of Dr. Knox Middle School (July 1, 2010)
(Presently Vice-Principal at Rutland Middle School)

Russ Bischoff – Assigned to: Principal of Dorothea Walker Elementary School (July 1, 2010)
(Presently Principal at Muriel Clayton Middle School, Rocky View Schools, Alberta)

Veronica Dumontet – Assigned to: Principal of Belgo Elementary School (July 1, 2010)
(Presently Vice-Principal at Watson Road Elementary School)

Brenda English – Assigned to: Principal of Kelowna Secondary School (July 1, 2010)
(Presently Principal at Louise Dean High School, Calgary, Alberta)

Gurprit Hayher – Assigned to: Principal of Raymer Elementary School (May 1, 2010)
(Presently Vice-Principal at Casorso Elementary School)

*Nadia Piasentin, the current Principal at Raymer Elementary School, will be commencing a one year pregnancy/parental leave of absence effective May 1, 2010.

Donna Stathers – Assigned to: Principal of Glenrosa Elementary School (March 1, 2010)
(Presently Vice-Principal at Anne McClymont Elementary School)

Raquel Steen – Assigned to: Principal of KLO Middle School (July 1, 2010)
(Presently Vice-Principal at KLO Middle School)

Sylvain Guignard – Assigned to: Principal at a school to be recommended by the Superintendent prior to June 30, 2011
(Presently Vice-Principal at Dr. Knox Middle School)

Scott Parker – Assigned to: Principal at a school to be recommended by the Superintendent prior to June 30, 2011
(Presently Vice-Principal at Kelowna Secondary School)

Rhonda Ovelson – Assigned to Principal of George Pringle Elementary School (March 1, 2010)
(Presently on a part-time leave of absence)

Leanne Zorn – Assigned to Principal of Anne McClymont Elementary School (July 1, 2010)
(Presently Principal at Belgo Elementary School)