



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23  
(Central Okanagan)

# BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2011

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## Recognition:

- 1. Canadian Association of Speech Language Pathologists and Audiologists (CASLPA) 2011 Award of Excellence for Inter-Professional Collaboration**  
The Board of Education recognized Clara Sulz, Director of Instruction K-12, Pat Smith, Speech Language Pathologist – Early Learning Coordinator, and Donna Kozak, Early Learning Coordinator for receiving this award.
- 2. Catherine Haldane Teacher of the Year Award 2011**  
The Board of Education recognized Peter McCall, teacher at Rutland Senior Secondary School, for receiving the Catherine Haldane Teacher of the Year Award 2011.
- 3. British Columbia School Trustees' Association (BCSTA) Award 2011**  
The Board of Education recognized Brishen Holmes-Slattery, a grade 12 student at Kelowna Secondary School, for receiving the Jean Ciriani Student Citizenship Award from the BCSTA.

## Presentation:

### Deborah Hughes – Rutland Community School

Deborah Hughes, Executive Director from Rutland Community School, presented on the key components of the program that is offered within Rutland Elementary School. A request was made for funding to support the future operation of community school programs.

## Superintendent's Report:

The Superintendent provided an overview of the 2010/2011 school year identifying achievements, special events, challenges, and business involving the Board of Education.

The Superintendent identified many achievements to be proud of including:

- implementing Full Day Kindergarten in 21 out of 30 elementary schools;
- expanding StrongStart Centres to eight (including a new Centre opening in Peachland next Fall);
- adding two more Board Authorized Courses and one new Academy;
- adoption of aspects of a common secondary school timetable;
- growth in the International Education Program; and,
- signing an unprecedented five year Local Education Agreement with the Westbank First Nation.

Noteworthy gains were recognized in student achievement. In particular:

- the District's Six Year Graduation Rate is at 85% compared to the provincial average of 80%;
- the District's Aboriginal Graduation Rate is at 60% compared to the provincial average of 49%; and
- English as a Second Language (ESL) students are graduating at a rate of 87.5% compared to the provincial average of 81.4%.

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Student involvement in We Day, Harmony Day, National Aboriginal Day, Family Literacy Day and several other recognition days have led to positive school cultures as well as local and global citizenship.

In 2010/2011 highlights from the Business of the Board included;

- conducting a comprehensive public consultation process regarding the future of the French Immersion program;
- engaging the community in an examination of the future of the grade seven students in the Mission and Lake Country schools;
- approving a Districtwide Threat Assessment Protocol;
- completing multiple reports for the Ministry and participating in three Provincial Audits;
- conducting 42 on-site School Planning Council meetings;
- attending countless school and community-based events;
- developing a Request for Proposal for the potential disposal of the current School District Administrative building; and,
- sending 63 letters and 3 resolutions advocating on behalf of public education.

The Superintendent thanked the Board of Education, all staff members, partner groups, and the community for their efforts to support student achievement this year.

#### **Action Items:**

**1. School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Bylaw No. 14 – Election 2011**

The Board of Education gave first, second and third reading and adopted School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Bylaw No. 14 – Election 2011.

**2. 2011/2012 School Planning Council Goals**

The Board of Education approved the 2011/2012 School Planning Council reports and goals for all 42 schools in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan).

**3. Amendment to Policy 140 – School Board Committees**

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 140 – School Board Committees.

**4. Proposal for Hiring Exemption**

The Board of Education approved the application for a B.C. Human Rights Tribunal Special Program hiring exemption.

**5. Amendments to Policies and Procedures: Section 3 – Staff (Policy 305 to Policy 325)**

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 360 – Criticism About School or District Employees, Policy 390 – Conflict of Interest, and Policy 640 – District Tobacco-Free Environment – Effective September 1, 2007.

**6. Human Rights and Respectful Workplace Policies**

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 350 – Discrimination Toward and By Employees and Regulations 350R – Discrimination Toward and By Employees (Regulations). The Board of Education further approved new Policy 351 – Respectful Workplace and Regulations 351R – Respectful Workplace (Regulations).

**7. Enhancement Project – Playground Equipment Anne McClymont Primary**

The Board of Education agreed to enter into a School Enhancement Project Funding Agreement with the Anne McClymont Elementary School PAC for installation of a small adventure playground.

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**8. 2011/2012 CommunityLink Allocations**

The Board of Education approved the recommended CommunityLink Allocations for 2011/2012.

**9. School District No. 23 Annual Budget Fiscal Year 2011/2012**

The Board of Education approved the School District No. 23 Annual Budget Fiscal Year 2011/2012.

**Information Items:**

**1. Community Rental Rate Structure**

During the last three years, community use of school facilities through the rental program has averaged over 7,000 hours annually. In 2010/2011, 32 childcare programs (Preschool, StrongStart, and daycare) were in place in 17 schools. Some summer camps offered in our schools are considered a hybrid between non-profit and commercial ventures. An alternate rate (equal to twice the non-profit rate) will be charged for summer activities that have student fees in excess of \$150.00 per participant.

**2. Whistleblower Service**

The annual report indicated that no complaints were put forth from June 1, 2010 to date.

**Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Date:**

Wednesday, September 14, 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, September 21, 2011 at the School Board Office

1:00 Finance and Legal Committee

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