



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: Wednesday, June 8, 2011

Recognition:

1. **36th Annual City of Kelowna Civic & Community Award Recipient**
The Board of Education recognized the following student who was an award recipient at the 36th Annual City of Kelowna Civic & Community Awards celebration held on April 27, 2011:

Augie Ciancone Memorial Award – Male
Devin Spence – Okanagan Mission Secondary School

2. **The Young Entrepreneur Dragons' Den 2011 Award Winners**
The Board of Education recognized the following schools and students who were award recipients at the recent Dragons' Den 2011 Awards Luncheon:

Secondary Schools:

1st Place - Dragons' Den Award (\$1,800)

"TWINN Designs" - Okanagan Mission Secondary
(Andrew Dibiase, Jonah Janko, Curyn Procter, Cory Janko)

1st Place - Trade Show Award \$250

"TWINN Designs" - Okanagan Mission Secondary
(Andrew Dibiase, Jonah Janko, Curyn Procter, Cory Janko)

1st Place - Innovation Award \$500

"Triple R' Tramp Bikes" - Okanagan Mission Secondary
(Trevor Tuck, Dylan Decker, Colton Cheney, Shelby Miller, Marcel Nystrom)

Middle Schools:

1st Place - Dragons' Den Award (\$750)

"Delight in Every Bite" - Constable Neil Bruce Middle School
(Baylie Beselt, Emma Tucker, Kennedy Fletcher)

1st Place - Trade Show Award \$250

"Dogs N Treats" - Constable Neil Bruce Middle School
(Cheyenne Nelson and Alexis Botbijn)

1st Place - Innovation Award \$250

"Emrad" - Constable Neil Bruce Middle School
(Rachael Dunlop, Rachel Dunn, Emma Andreen)

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.

3. Recognition of Paul Hipsey, School Bus Driver

The Board of Education recognized bus driver, Paul Hipsey, for his quick actions responding to the school bus fire which occurred near Oyama on Tuesday, May 17, 2011.

Superintendent's Report:

The Superintendent reported on the following:

- Public recognition was given to the City of Kelowna, West Kelowna, Westbank First Nation, and the Regional District of the Central Okanagan for sponsoring the recent Bike-to-Work Week.
- Recognition was also provided to the administrators, teachers, and parent volunteers who organized and supported the recent District-wide Apple Bowl Track and Field event for elementary students.
- Twenty-one out of thirty of the District's elementary schools provided a Full Day Kindergarten (FDK) Program this year. Next year, Full Day Kindergarten will be fully implemented at all 30 elementary school sites. In preparation for FDK, the District is involved in the installation of 15 modular classrooms on 11 school sites.
- The Ministry has recently produced new school completion rate data. For several years, the Ministry has provided six-year completion rate data. Recently they have begun producing information pertaining to the five and seven-year completion rate for students. Data demonstrates that the District's graduation rate continues to show steady improvement (currently at 85%) while the provincial graduation rate has stalled at or near 80% for the past five years.

Action Items:

1. School Act Class Size/Class Composition Update Report – May 2011

The Board of Education approved the School Act Class Size/Class Composition Update Report for the month of May, 2011, and that the Declaration of Appropriate Learning Situation by the Superintendent be approved for submission to the Minister of Education.

2. 2011 Central Okanagan Community and School District No. 23 Literacy Plan

The Board of Education acknowledged and received the 2011 Central Okanagan Community and School District No. 23 Literacy Plan, and that the 2011 Literacy Plan be submitted to the Ministry of Education on or before July 15, 2011.

3. Draft 2011/2012 Achievement Contract

The Superintendent provided a brief presentation on the Achievement Contract, highlighting the progress made towards reaching the District's three goals and focus areas. After a review and discussion, the Board of Education approved the 2011/2012 Achievement Contract, and agreed to submit it to the Ministry of Education on or before July 15, 2011.

4. Review of Policy 735 – Corporate Advertising and Sponsorship – Recognition of Service Clubs

The Board of Education approved the suspension of section 4.6 of Policy 735 – Corporate Advertising and Sponsorship, for this incident only, to allow the Rotary Club of Kelowna to place a permanent sponsorship plaque on the KSS Young Parent Program building.

The Board also approved the establishment of a committee comprised of all partner groups to review Policy 735 – Corporate Advertising and Sponsorship, for the purpose of determining how Service Clubs may receive recognition for sponsorship funding provided to the School District, as well as any other issues that may arise.

5. Recalculation Funds

The Board of Education agreed to write a letter to the Minister of Education expressing appreciation for the recent one-time increase in funding through recalculation funds, and requesting that in the future the Ministry consider announcing the additional funds prior to the budget setting process in order to achieve maximum efficiencies in school districts.

Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Date:

Wednesday, June 22, 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, June 15, 2011 at the School Board Office
3:00 Human Resources and Staff Services Committee
4:30 Planning and Facilities Committee
6:30 Finance and Legal Committee