



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: **Wednesday, June 9, 2010**

Recognition/Presentations/Delegations

Recognition:

The Board recognized the following:

1. Rotary Club/School District No. 23 Public Speaking Contest Finalists:

Grade 6 Students	Finalist	Sarah Zoobkoff	Peter Greer
	Finalist	Shayli Speirs	Quigley
	4 th	Austin White	Peter Greer
	3 rd	Megan Sawatsky	Hudson Road
	2 nd	Brenna Gillmann	Helen Gorman
	1 st	Connor Knapp	Dorothea Walker
Grade 7 Students	Finalist	Angel Yu	KLO
	Finalist	Taylor McRae	Peter Greer
	4 th	Hannah Neilson	Chute Lake
	3 rd	Jeff Kates	Chute Lake
	2 nd	Trevor Pearson	Davidson Road
	1 st	Siara Less	Constable Neil Bruce

Organizers Peter Maryschuk, Dennis Campbell, Denise Campbell and the Rotary Club of Kelowna, were also recognized for their contributions to coordinating the public speaking contest.

2. Grad Safety Radio Star Contest Winners

The following were recognized for their creativity in the production of a radio advertisement promoting safety during the graduation season:

Patrick Kelly	Student, Rutland Senior Secondary School
Lonny Eagleton	Student, Kelowna Secondary School
Ryan Donn	CEA and Professional Musician, Kelowna Secondary School

3. Erika van Oyen, Teacher, 2010 Amgen Award for Science Teaching Excellence in Canada

Madame van Oyen was recognized for accomplishments in Science education and received \$5,000.00 for professional development and \$5,000.00 for Ecole Glenmore Elementary School to support further educational initiatives in her school.

Presentations:

1. Dylan Schumacher and Justin Rule expressed appreciation to the Board of Education for the opportunity to participate in the 2010-2011 Veendam Sister City Exchange Program to Holland.
2. Veendam Exchange student, Eline Bruins, presented on her year in Kelowna, remarking on the many opportunities presented to her by her host family and Kelowna Secondary School.

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3. Trustee Horning shared the value of the Veendam Exchange Program for students from Veendam and our District. He discussed highlights from his trip to Veendam, Holland in May of 2010. Trustee Horning recognized the significance of our historical relationship with Holland and suggested that this relationship be highlighted through the development of a customized lesson within the Social Studies 11 curriculum. He also discussed the possibility of establishing a sister school relationship between our two cities.
4. District Student Council Co-Presidents, Jessica Lenoble and Andrea Das-Wieczorek, provided an overview of the highlights of the District Student Council's work this year, including policy changes, facilitating a Student Summit, attending Board and Committee meetings and taking a lead role in several District events.

Superintendent's Report:

The Superintendent recognized that the community suffered a tragic loss of one of our students this past week. The Superintendent recognized the District's Critical Response Team and support from the community in dealing with this horrendous situation.

Rutland Senior Secondary, Kelowna Secondary, and Dr. Knox Middle School were commended for their outstanding efforts to support cancer research.

To date, eighty-four of our employees have indicated their intent to retire at the end of this month, including 56 teachers, 20 support staff, and 8 Principals/Vice-Principals and Excluded Staff members. The Superintendent recognized these employees for their contributions to public education.

We are currently in the middle of the graduation season. The Superintendent encouraged everyone to have a **safe** and happy graduation.

The media were recognized for their efforts in keeping the public informed of current trends in education. In particular, the Kelowna Daily Courier was acknowledged for providing the District with the Just for Kids and the Newspapers in Education pages. These programs provide each school and the District with opportunities to profile educational achievements.

Action Items:

1. Annual Review of Trustee Indemnity

The Board of Education approved the trustee indemnity be set using the weighted average of all employee groups for the period effective July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. The Board of Education further approved amendments to Policy 115 – Inaugural and Annual Board Meetings and Policy 160 – Finance and Legal Committee to reflect the changes that were being made to past practice.

2. Catchment Area Review

The Board of Education approved the following for the **2011/2012 school year**:

- that the east elementary (*Constable Neil Bruce Middle School*) catchment area of West Kelowna be split into two catchments using Highway 97 as a divider with the exception of any anomalies;
- that the Saddleback neighbourhood be included into the Shannon Lake/Rose Valley catchment area;
- that the Gellatly Bay area be included in the west elementary (*Glenrosa Middle School*) catchment area of West Kelowna;
- that a further catchment study be undertaken once the affect of Full Day Kindergarten and Pre-kindergarten on the School District's operations and configuration is better known; and,
- that catchment areas be established around individual elementary schools, which take into consideration the principles set out in Policy 405.

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3. Central Okanagan Community and School District No. 23 Literacy Plan

The Board of Education approved the 2010 Central Okanagan Community and School District No. 23 Literacy Plan, and that the Literacy Plan be submitted to the Ministry of Education before July 15, 2010. Clara Sulz, Director of Instruction (K-12), was recognized for taking a lead role in developing the Community Literacy Plan along with Anima Anand, the Regional Coordinator of The Bridge Youth and Family Services, and Michele Hucul, the Literacy Outreach Coordinator from The Bridge.

4. French Immersion Program Review

The Board of Education approved the French Immersion Program Review, and approved conducting a further review with respect to the viability/advisability of other French Immersion options, including single track, dual track, early and late entry, and expansion of the program.

5. Local Education Agreement Renewal Between Westbank First Nation and School District No. 23

The Board of Education approved the Local Education Agreement Renewal for the time period of 2010-2015. Denise Clough, Raf DeGuevara, and Margaret Eli from Westbank First Nation, Larry Paul - Secretary-Treasurer, Lisa McCullough - Director of Instruction K-12, and Jason Seright – Principal, Aboriginal Education Program, were commended for working together to develop the Local Education Agreement.

6. Clerical Support for the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC)

The Board of Education approved clerical support for COPAC for up to a one year trial period. The Secretary-Treasurer will investigate COPAC's current needs and the availability of staff to provide this support.

Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Date:

Wednesday, June 23, 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, June 16, 2010
3:00 p.m. Planning and Facilities Committee
6:30 p.m. Finance and Legal Committee