



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23  
(Central Okanagan)

# BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: **Wednesday, March 9, 2011**

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## Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent reported on the following:

The first phase of the District's registration period will close on Friday, March 11, 2011. Registration numbers will be reviewed in order to begin preparing preliminary budgets and staffing for the 2011/2012 school year. The priorities for registration, as stated in Policy 405 and Regulation 405R, continue until the end of August 2011. This process ensures that first priority is given to those students living in the school's catchment area.

Secondary Principals and Vice-Principals recently met to align all five of the District's secondary school bell schedules and block rotations for the 2011/2012 school year. At the beginning of the upcoming school year, all secondary school timetables will share the same start/end times, along with the same lunch break, enabling students to access specialty courses and academies across the District. Sharing a common timetable will also provide opportunities for secondary students to enrol in synchronized on-line learning.

KSS students, Madalyn Light and Emma Walker, were also recognized for placing fourth at the International Science Fair recently held in Taiwan.

## Recognition

### **Harmony Day Video – Rose Valley Elementary School Grade 6 Students**

Students: Morgan Brodie, Amelia Mudge, Sem Kampman, Mikayla Martens and Coral Israel

Teacher: Jim Bradshaw

All were recognized for producing a video to highlight Harmony Day in our District.

## Presentation

### **Irvin Taylor regarding the Dorothea Walker Elementary School Soccer Fields**

Mr. Taylor presented concerns regarding community use of the Dorothea Walker Elementary School grounds for soccer and the infringement on his family's privacy and safety.

## Action Items

### **1. Allocation of Additional Funding Received**

The Board of Education approved the allocation of \$95,000 from the funds received from the Ministry of Education's Recalculation process, for additional professional staff to address learning situations at designated elementary schools.

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**2. 2011/2012 School Calendar**

The Board of Education passed the following Motions with regard to the School Calendar for the 2011/2012 school year:

THAT: The Board of Education adopt a Local School Calendar for the 2011/2012 school year that recognizes a 2 week spring break and October 7, 2011 Implementation Day as identified in the calendar proposal;

AND FURTHER THAT: Upon accepting the local school calendar with a two week spring break, the Board of Education also agreed to continue to offer one week of meaningful work during the 2011/2012 two week spring break to 10 month clerical and 10 month custodial employees;

AND FURTHER THAT:

1. The Superintendent direct school Principals, in consultation with staff and parents, to establish a site-based calendar for the 2011/2012 school year and to make the calendar available to all parents by May 31, 2011; and
2. In establishing such calendars, principals must:
  - a. Conform to the School Act and Regulations, applicable Collective Agreements, and School District No. 23 Board Policy;
  - b. Schedule school parent/teacher conference times;
  - c. Schedule their school's calendar as follows:

Days in session	193 (3 summer Pro Days Aug. 30 – Sept. 1)
Number of days of instruction	186*
Number of non-instructional days	3
Schools open	Tuesday, September 6
Administrative Implementation Day	Friday, October 7
Thanksgiving Day (schools closed)	Monday, October 10
Teacher Professional Day	Friday, October 21
Remembrance Day (schools closed)	Friday, November 11
Schools close for Winter vacation	Friday, December 16
Winter vacation period (schools closed)	Monday, December 19 – Monday, January 2
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Tuesday, January 3
Teacher Professional Day (Support Staff In-Service Day)	Friday, February 17
Schools close for Spring vacation	Friday, March 9
Spring vacation period (schools closed)	Monday, March 12 – Friday, March 16 + Monday, March 19 – Friday, March 23
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Monday, March 26
Good Friday (schools closed)	Friday, April 6
Easter Monday (schools closed)	Monday, April 9
Victoria Day (schools closed)	Monday, May 21
Administrative Day (students do not attend)	Thursday, June 29
Schools close	Thursday, June 29

- d. Maintain the Ministry prescribed minimum number of minutes of student instruction per day (Kindergarten to Grade 7 – 4.75 hours per day, middle/secondary grades 7 to 12 – 5.15 hours per day). \*By withdrawing three non-instructional days from the standard school calendar to the summer and adding a small number of minutes per school day (3 minutes for Elementary and 4 minutes for Middle/Secondary), we would be maintaining the same total hours of instruction for students and meet the minutes required for 186 days of instruction (as in the B.C. Standard School Calendar).

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### **3. School Board Office Relocation**

The Board of Education directed School District staff to proceed to develop a Request for Proposal for the disposal of the current Administration Building and site and bring it to the April 13, 2011 Board meeting, and that an estimated timeline for completion of the transition of a replacement building be provided to the Board of Education.

#### **Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Date**

Wednesday, April 13, 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, April 6, 2011

1:00 pm	Finance and Legal Committee
4:30 pm	Human Resources and Staff Services Committee
6:30 pm	Education and Student Services Committee