



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23  
(Central Okanagan)

# BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: **Wednesday, May 11, 2011**

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## Recognition:

### 1. **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Rotary Club/School District No. 23 Public Speaking Contest Finalists**

The Board of Education recognized the following students as finalists in the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Rotary Club/School District No. 23 Public Speaking Contest.

Organizers: Peter Maryschuk, Vice-Principal, Glenmore Elementary School  
Dennis Campbell, Rotary Club representative

#### **Grade 6:**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Jenna Findlay	Hudson Road Elementary
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Molly Davidson	Davidson Road Elementary
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Lucas Cullen	North Glenmore Elementary
Finalist	Alyssa Dech	Helen Gorman Elementary
Finalist	Cate Hanlon	Anne McClymont Elementary

#### **Grade 7:**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Eden Lamb	Dorothea Walker Elementary
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Emily Miller	KLO Middle School
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Connor Knapp	Dorothea Walker Elementary
Finalist	Branden Jewsbury	Constable Neil Bruce Middle School
Finalist	Alexandra Ireland	Davidson Road Elementary
Finalist	Waseem Daniel-Hakroo	Davidson Road Elementary

### 2. **BCSTA – Trustees Long Service Recognition**

The Secretary-Treasurer, on behalf of the BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA), presented the Long Service Recognition to the following trustees:

Rolli Cacchioni	6 years
Wayne Horning	9 years
Anna Hunt-Binkley	9 years
Gail Scanlan	9 years
Moyra Baxter	15 years

## Presentation:

1. Ferdinand Vinke, Managing Director for Winkler Prins School (a grade 8-12 school in Veendam, Netherlands - Kelowna's Sister City), highlighted the positive aspects of the student exchange between Kelowna and Veendam and spoke of the value of the upcoming sister-school connection with KLO Middle School.

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## **2. Kelowna Art Gallery – School Tour Program for School Year 2010-11 Year-end Report**

Renee Burgess, Head of Public Programming, and Nataley Nagy, Executive Director, of the Kelowna Art Gallery, presented their Year-end Report of the School Tour Program for 2010-11.

### **Superintendent's Report:**

The Superintendent reported on the following:

- The School District is receiving an additional StrongStart BC Centre at Peachland Elementary School. This new centre will provide early learning resources and activities to support families with young children. This will be the eighth StrongStart Centre in our District, providing each region with quality early learning opportunities.
- The Retired Teachers' Association will be presenting a "Shining Golden Star Award" to Mr. Vorotinskis and his grade 3 students at Springvalley Elementary School in recognition of their caring work with seniors at the Springvalley Centre located near the School.
- Mr. Alan Smith, Teacher Librarian from Kelowna Secondary School, recently received the British Columbia Teacher Librarian Association (BCTLA) President's Award for exemplary service and contributions to the profession.
- Ms. Nancy Bourdon, teacher at Okanagan Mission Secondary School, recently received the British Columbia School Sports (BCSS) Merit Award for her contributions to secondary sports throughout her career.
- We are entering the graduation season – a time of celebration as well as a serious time for students to prepare for final exams. As per Board Policy 430, there are three Board authorized graduation events: the graduation exercise ceremonies, the graduation banquet and the graduation dance. Non-sanctioned grad events (including bush parties and kidnapping events) give us great concern as these activities carry a high level of risk to student safety. Parents are encouraged to not support these non-sanctioned grad events.
- We are now seeing an increase in tour companies promoting grad celebration trips. These trips are NOT sanctioned by the Board of Education and multiple reports have indicated that they are not appropriately supervised. The District is not supporting nor condoning these trips. Parents are strongly encouraged to investigate the tour companies and the travel itineraries to determine the level of risk associated with these types of trips.

### **Action Items:**

#### **1. School Act Class Size/Class Composition Update Report – April 2011**

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

#### **2. COPAC Representation**

The Board of Education approved that until such time as COPAC has regular committee meetings with a minimum of one half of School District No. 23 schools represented by a COPAC representative in attendance, that the Board communicate directly with School PAC's and SPC's for the purpose of providing information and soliciting feedback.

#### **3. Student Transportation Charge**

The Board of Education approved the Student Transportation Charge as described in Policy 470 – Transportation Services Management for all students using the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) transportation system, and the fee for the 2011/2012 school year be set as follows:

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Family Ridership	Registration and 50% Payment by June 30	Registration and Payment after June 30
One Child	\$200	\$225
Two Children	\$400	\$450
Three Children	\$500	\$575
Four or more Children	\$600	\$700

**4. Letter to the Minister of Education – Student Transportation Charge**

The Board of Education agreed to write a letter to the Minister of Education expressing its reluctance in having to charge a transportation fee, and that the Minister of Education be informed of the environmental and social effects of the implementation of this fee.

**5. Fascieux Creek – Urban Creek Restoration Proposal – KLO Middle School**

The Board of Education directed staff to work with the City of Kelowna to develop a Statutory Right of Way for the redeveloped creek bed.

**6. Update of Joint Use Agreements with City of Kelowna (South Kelowna Elementary School, Bankhead Elementary School, and Watson Road Elementary School)**

The Board of Education approved the Joint Use Agreements for South Kelowna Elementary School, Bankhead Elementary School, and Watson Road Elementary School.

**7. Mount Boucherie Secondary School “Science of Fun and Amusement Park Physics – Playland”**

The Board of Education agreed to suspend Policy 525A – Field Trip Activities (*Appendix*) prohibited activity “rollercoasters”, and approve the students in the Physics 11 and 12 classes at Mount Boucherie Secondary School to participate in the “Science of Fun and Amusement Park Physics” program offered by Playland in Vancouver, which includes the riding on rollercoasters.

**8. Fines for Passing a School Bus – Request from the Central Okanagan Committee for Safe Schools**

The Board of Education agreed to write a letter to the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General as well as the Office of the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles requesting that traffic fines be increased for passing a school bus.

**9. Response to Request from COTA**

The Board of Education passed a Motion to write a letter in response to the Central Okanagan Teachers’ Association request for action in response to the recent Supreme Court Decision on Bills 27 and 28. The letter will acknowledge the decision and inform the COTA that the Board will take action once the Government has completed consultation with the BCTF and the Government or BCPSEA has instructed School Districts on any further action to be taken.

**Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Date:**

Wednesday, May 25, 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, May 18, 2011

1:00 pm Finance and Legal Committee

4:30 pm Planning and Facilities Committee (cancelled)

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