



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Presentation:

Kenya Field Trip – March 6 to 28, 2010

Presentation by Mount Boucherie Secondary School Students

The students from Mount Boucherie Secondary who traveled to Kenya to engage in a variety of projects in partnership with Free the Children presented a video of their experiences. Teacher Irene Maier and Director of Instruction Lisa McCullough were recognized for their leadership with the group.

Superintendent's Report:

The Superintendent acknowledged:

- Craig Thomson, teacher at Mount Boucherie Secondary, for his role as Festival Coordinator for the BC Interior Jazz Festival, as well as the Mount Boucherie Secondary Senior Jazz Combo who were the top scoring band in the Festival. Kelowna Secondary, Dr. Knox Middle and KLO Middle Schools were also recognized for the successes of their various performing groups.
- The \$100,000+ that was raised by School District No. 23 students and teachers in local projects following their involvement in the Me to We Day in Vancouver.
- The approximately \$60,000 that was raised for the BC Children's Hospital by the students and staff of Dr. Knox Middle School in their Bald Falcon event.
- The Foundation Heroes & Rescue award presented to the School District by the Justice Institute of B.C. "For Protecting BC Communities from Forest and Interface Fires".

Action Items:

1. School Act Class Size/Class Composition Update Report

The Board of Education approved the School Act Class Size/Class Composition Update Report for the month of April, 2010.

2. CommunityLink Report 2009/2010

- a. The Board of Education approved forwarding a letter to both the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Children and Family Development, emphasizing the importance of continuing CommunityLink funding in order to meet the needs of the District's most vulnerable students.
- b. The Board of Education also requested that the Secretary-Treasurer provide a report to the Board clarifying how the Bankhead Community School is managed and what support, financial or otherwise, is provided by the City of Kelowna. The report is to include alternative options for the school, should the "Community School" designation be removed, i.e. rental costs and custodial costs.

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3. New Policy 167 – Board Participation in Collective Bargaining Process

The Board of Education approved new Policy 167 – Board Participation in Collective Bargaining Process. This Policy outlines the role of Trustee Representatives in the Bargaining process.

4. Amendments to Policy 420 – Admission of International Education Students

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 420 – Admission of International Education Students. The changes that were made were largely ‘housekeeping’ in nature, to reflect the management of the International Education Program by the School District rather than by the business company.

5. Amendments to Policy 470R – Transportation Services Management (*Regulations*)

The Board of Education approved amendments to Policy 470R – Transportation Services Management (*Regulations*). The amendments included changing the minimum number of students required for the establishment of a bus route from 7 to 14, and placing a cap on transportation assistance payments to families of a maximum of \$530 per year. This assistance is offered to families who live beyond the transportation eligibility distance, but are not serviced by school bus transportation.

6. Health Promoting Schools Program Review

The Board of Education approved the recently completed Health Promoting Schools Program Review.

Information Items:

1. School District No. 23 Student Readiness Annual Report

The Board reviewed the recently completed Student Readiness Report which gave valuable information about the work that is being done to enhance the graduation rate of students in the Central Okanagan.

2. School Site Acquisition Charge – Eligible School Sites Proposal

This charge is required by the Ministry of Education before approval for land acquisitions are supported. A consultation process is underway with local governments about this charge.

Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Date:

Wednesday, May 26, 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, May 19, 2010

1:00 p.m. Finance and Legal Committee

4:30 p.m. Planning and Facilities Committee

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