



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23  
(Central Okanagan)

# BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: Wednesday, May 25, 2011

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## Recognition:

### 1. 36<sup>th</sup> Annual City of Kelowna Civic & Community Award Recipients

The Board of Education recognized the following students who were award recipients at the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual City of Kelowna Civic & Community Awards celebration held on April 27, 2011:

#### Young Female Citizen of the Year

Danielle Heinzelman Rutland Senior Secondary School

#### Young Male Citizen of the Year

Peter Davidson Kelowna Secondary School

#### Augie Ciancone Memorial Award - Female

Jonel Boileau Kelowna Secondary School

#### Augie Ciancone Memorial Award - Male

Devin Spence Okanagan Mission Secondary School

### 2. BCPVPA Partnership Award Recipient – Constable Cheryl McKinnon, RCMP School Liaison Officer

The Board of Education recognized Constable Cheryl McKinnon, RCMP School Liaison Officer, who was the recipient of the British Columbia Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association (BCPVPA) Partnership Award.

## Presentation:

### 1. SOAR Program

Presenters: Kathy Weninger, Principal, Quigley Elementary School and Constable Cheryl McKinnon, RCMP School Liaison Officer

The SOAR program (**S**ubstance abuse prevention, **O**ptions for making better choices, **A**wareness of what substance use can do to you and your family, **R**esist any temptations) has been developed to replace the D.A.R.E. program. The ten hour grade 5 D.A.R.E. program, completely taught by RCMP personnel, has been replaced with a 7-8 hour program, whereby RCMP members participate as lead instructors for 3 different 1 hour sessions and classroom teachers facilitate the remaining 4 – 5 lessons. This program provides a vital link between our students and our community police officers, to reduce 'at-risk' behaviours.

Clips of the video, "The Gateway – from small beginnings to addiction", was shown to the Board of Education to highlight testimonials from young adults involved with drugs. Parent evenings will be planned in the Fall to provide parents with the opportunity to learn more about the SOAR program and preview the resources.

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## **Superintendent's Report:**

The Superintendent reported on the following:

- On June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 track and field stars from our elementary schools will participate in a District-wide Track Day at the Apple Bowl.
- This week is Cancer Week at KSS, and the school community has planned a variety of activities, including the Connor Cochrane and Angela Allen drive-through breakfast fundraiser on May 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Next year's Education Week will be held between March 5<sup>th</sup> – March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

## **Action Items:**

### **1. Election of Vice-Chairperson**

At the May 11, 2011 Public Board Meeting, Trustee Scanlan advised that she was unable to act as Vice-Chairperson for the second half of the 2011 year. Trustee Horning was appointed as Vice-Chairperson for the second half of the 2011 year.

### **2. Raising the Bar – The *Three-year Rule* (Level 3 Review)**

The Board of Education approved the revised *Three-year Rule* Program Review, and also approved the recommendation that the *Three-year Rule* remain as District practice.

### **3. Amendments to Policy 480 “Raising the Bar: The Three-year Rule”**

The Board of Education approved the amended Policy 480 and new 480A – “Raising the Bar” - The Three-year Rule”.

### **4. Quality Assessment Initiative: Area of Focus**

The Board of Education approved the Quality Assessment Program Review.

### **5. Aboriginal Education Program Review**

The Board of Education accepted the Aboriginal Education Program Review.

### **6. Ministry Early Learning Agreement Approval**

The Board of Education approved the new Early Learning Agreement with the Ministry of Education.

### **7. Amendments to Policies: Policies 135 and 725**

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 135 – School Board Operation, and Policy 725 – Inviting Speakers to Schools.

### **8. Deletion of Policy 180 – District Scholarship Committee**

The Board of Education agreed to the deletion of Policy 180 – District Scholarship Committee, as the Ministry of Education has changed the process for identifying scholarship recipients.

### **9. Amendments to Policy 215 – Superintendent of Schools Evaluation**

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 215 – Superintendent of Schools Evaluation.

### **10. Amendments to Policies and Procedures: Section 3 – Staff (Policy 325 to Policy 370)**

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 325 – Self-Funded Leave Plan, Regulation 345R – Violence in the Workplace (*Regulations*), Policy 355 – Employee Recognition and Policy 370 – Expenses: Auto and Travel.

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**11. Letter regarding the Carbon Footprint and Pacific Carbon Trust**

The Board of Education agreed to write a letter to the Ministry of Education requesting the provincial government amend the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets Act so that funds paid by the Board of Education to Pacific Carbon Trust for offset credits for greenhouse gas emission levels be used solely for projects aimed at reducing those emission levels within school districts.

**12. Review of Policy 735 – Corporate Advertising and Sponsorship**

The Board of Education moved:

THAT: The Board of Education schedule a General Affairs Committee meeting on June 1, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. to review Policy 735 – Corporate Advertising and Sponsorship. The specific purpose of this review will be to consider how Policy 735 should be applied to Service Clubs.

**13. COPAC Clarifying Motion**

The Board of Education moved:

THAT: While the Board recognizes the right of COPAC, under Section 8.5 of the British Columbia School Act, to “advise the Board on any matter relating to education in the School District”, the Board will consult directly with PAC’s and School Planning Councils while the participation in COPAC by Parent Advisory Councils remains below 50%. The Board is guided by the School Act, Section 67 (5.1) stating that “a Board may establish procedures respecting the provision of advice by a District Parents’ Advisory Council to the Board”;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Board is committed to providing support to COPAC during their rebuilding process.

**Information Items:**

**1. 2011/2012 Student Fees**

The approved student fees for 2011/2012 were reviewed by the Board of Education.

**Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Date:**

Wednesday, June 8, 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 1, 2011 at the School Board Office

4:30 General Affairs Committee

6:30 Education and Student Services Committee

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