



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2010

Recognition/Presentations/Delegations

Recognition:

The Board of Education recognized Bob Dickeson, Vice-Principal, Rutland Senior Secondary School, for creating enrichment opportunities for students in Science, Technology and Mathematics by securing a three-year \$75,000 Mitchell Odyssey Foundation Grant in 2007, and coordinating a multitude of learning experiences for middle school students over the past three years.

Superintendent's Report:

The Superintendent recognized Kelowna's Project Literacy "Raise a Reader" Campaign for raising \$17,700.00 to support local literacy initiatives in the community. The District has also received news that 106 students in our District have been awarded District Dogwood Authority Awards.

The universal implementation of Full Day Kindergarten (FDK) in 2010-2011 has caused an ongoing review of available facility and classroom space in certain regions of the District. In particular, a review is taking place in the Mission and Lake Country areas and consultation meetings have been scheduled to discuss future options for the grade seven students in these areas. Parents, staff and members of the community are invited to attend these consultation sessions. (The timeline is attached to this Bulletin.)

Action Items:

- 1. September 30, 2010 Class Size, Class Composition and District Class Size Averages Report**
The Board of Education received and approved the September 30, 2010 Class Size, Class Composition and District Class Size Averages Report. Average class sizes are as follows:

Kindergarten	18.7
Grades 1 – 3	20.3
Grades 4 – 7	27.8
Grades 8 – 12	26.7

The District's Class Size Averages meets the mandated requirements of the *School Act*.
- 2. Amendments to Policy 540 "Schools of Choice" and 540A "Proposal for Substantive Change"**
The Board of Education approved the name change for Policy 540 and Appendix 540A to "Proposals for Substantive Change (Distinct Schools, Unique Programs and Specialty Academies)". The Board of Education further approved amendments to Policy 540 and Appendix 540A "Proposals for Substantive Change (Distinct Schools, Unique Programs and Specialty Academies)".

The Board Meeting Highlights are published after each Public Board Meeting.

Board Meetings are held the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, except July, August and the fourth Wednesday in December, at the School Board Office.

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3. **Draft New Policy 541 “Board Authorized Courses (BAC)”**
The Board of Education approved new Policy 541 “Board Authorized Courses (BAC)”.
4. **Amendments to Policy 425 and 425R “Student Fees”**
The Board of Education approved amendments to Policy 425 and 425R “Student Fees”.
5. **Trustee Attendance at Remembrance Day Ceremonies**

Kelowna	Trustee Given and Trustee Scanlan
Lake Country	Trustee Hunt-Binkley
Rutland	Trustee Cacchioni and Trustee Horning
West Kelowna	Trustee Watson
Peachland	Trustee Baxter or Alternate Trustee Scanlan
6. **Safe Drinking Water in BC Schools**
The Board of Education agreed to write a letter to the Provincial Health Officer requesting that the Interior Health Authority apply the current water guidelines similarly to the interpretation in other BC Health Authorities. In the meantime, the Board is requesting that the Provincial Health Officer ensure that school children have safe drinking water available to them at no additional cost to School District No. 23.
7. **French Immersion Program Supplemental Review 2010 – Review of Mandate and Guiding Principles**
The Board of Education discussed the current guiding principles for the French Immersion Program. While the Board is committed to providing a French Immersion Program, they agreed to set aside the guiding principles that were formerly established in 2007 to allow for consideration of all options relative to providing French Immersion in School District No. 23 in the future.

Information Item:

1. **Budget Timeline**
The School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Budget Timeline was presented.

Items Requiring Special Mention

French Immersion Public Consultation Meeting
Monday, October 18, 2010
6:30 p.m.
Hollywood Road Education Services

Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Date:

Wednesday, October 27, 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:

October 20, 2010	
4:30	Planning and Facilities Committee
6:30	Finance and Legal Committee



GRADE 7'S FUTURE IN MISSION AND LAKE COUNTRY SCHOOLS

WORKPLAN/TIMELINE

September 24, 2010	Meeting of staff to review current demographic situation, future challenges and potential options
October/November	Staff preparation of relevant information
October 1, 2010	Staff to meet with administration team from George Elliot Secondary School re: projections and potential for accommodating Grade 7's
October 4, 2010	Staff to meet with administration team from Okanagan Mission Secondary School re: projections and potential for accommodating Grade 7's
October 5, 2010	Staff to meet with Principals of Elementary Schools in the Mission area
October 6, 2010	Staff to meet with Principals of Elementary Schools in the Lake Country area
October 13, 2010	Briefing of Board of Education and community at Board Meeting re: challenges, proposed Workplan/Timeline for review and recommendations
October 20, 2010	Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting 4:30 p.m. School Board Office Review of preliminary information and consultation plan
November 8, 2010	Public Consultation Meeting – Lake Country Area George Elliot Secondary School – Library 6:30 p.m.
November 9, 2010	Public Consultation Meeting – Mission Area Okanagan Mission Secondary School – Multi-purpose room 7:00 p.m.
November 17, 2010	Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting 4:30 p.m. School Board Office - Review of input from consultation meetings - Preliminary Educational and Facility Options 2011/2012
December 1, 2010	General Affairs Committee 4:00 p.m. School Board Office - Staff recommendations - Final debate and recommendations by the General Affairs Committee
December 8, 2010	Public Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. School Board Office - Board deliberations and final decision

*Other meetings with interested school staffs and parent groups will be scheduled independently of the public consultation meetings to best meet the needs of individual groups.