



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Recognition/Presentations/Delegations

- 1. The following new Administrator was introduced:**
Peter Gallo, Vice-Principal, George Pringle Elementary School

Superintendent's Report

1. School District No. 23 is noticing a higher level of absenteeism of students due to illness. Upon schools reaching 10% absenteeism due to illness, the School Board Office and Health Nurse are notified. On Monday, October 26, 2009, twelve schools broke the 10% threshold with one school reaching a high of 14% absenteeism.
2. The H1N1 vaccination program will commence in November with the regular School District No. 23 staff flu vaccination program starting no later than January of 2010.
3. Westside Implementation Day – September 18, 2009
A video was shown of the Westside schools which got together at Glenrosa Middle School to work on instruction, assessment and student engagement activities. This was used as an example of the work that teachers and administrators do on professional development days.

Action Items:

- 1. Proposed School District No. 23 School Catchment Area Review**
The Board agreed to establish a School Catchment Area Review Committee and report back to the Board by March of 2010.
- 2. BC Liquor Distribution Branch (BCLDB) Dry Grad Fundraising Campaign 2010**
The Board of Education agreed to act as a conduit for funds generated by the BCLDB Dry Grad Fundraising campaign. Funds will be distributed to Secondary Schools based on grade 12 student enrolment. Dry Grad Committees will also be encouraged to organize student education programs related to alcohol abuse.
- 3. 2015 Canada Winter Games Bid Committee**
The Board of Education voted to support the request from the Canada Winter Games Bid Committee to move the spring break in 2015 to align with the dates of the Games (between February 12, 2015 and March 8, 2015).
- 4. Board Commends Students and Staff**
The Board of Education agreed to commend the efforts of students and staff in their support and involvement in Me to We, Free the Children and other global citizenship initiatives.

5. Proposal for Year One of Full Day Kindergarten Implementation

The Ministry has announced that Full Day Kindergarten will be universally implemented over the next two years. The Ministry's mandate for year one is that 50% of all students in the Province have access to Full Day Kindergarten. There is a requirement by the Ministry that all School Districts prepare a report recommending schools for year one implementation of the Full Day Kindergarten program.

Twenty-three of the thirty elementary schools in the Central Okanagan have available space to potentially accommodate Full Day Kindergarten in year one (2010/2011). The Board approved the following schools, listed in priority order, for submission to the Early Learning Branch. School Districts will be informed by the end of 2009, which of their schools are being supported for Full Day Kindergarten in the first year.

1. George Pringle Elementary School	13. Bankhead Elementary School
2. A.S. Matheson Elementary School	14. Black Mountain Elementary School
3. Raymer Elementary School	15. Ellison Elementary School
4. Springvalley Elementary School	16. North Glenmore Elementary School
5. Chief Tomat Elementary School	17. Glenrosa Elementary School
6. Pearson Road Elementary School	18. South Kelowna Elementary School
7. South Rutland Elementary School	19. Glenmore Elementary School
8. Hudson Road Elementary School	20. Watson Road Elementary School
9. Peachland Elementary School	21. Helen Gorman Elementary School
10. Belgo Elementary School	22. Anne McClymont Elementary School
11. Quigley Elementary School	23. Dorothea Walker Elementary School
12. Oyama Traditional School	

The Board requested that the report to the Early Learning Branch include a note that Peter Greer Elementary School has the 5th highest ranking in terms of vulnerability in the District. However, because no space is available at the school, it would cost the District \$30,000 to provide a portable in 2010/2011. As there are no AFG funds available to cover this, the District is asking for special consideration from the Ministry for this school.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.
The public is welcome to attend.