



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Recognition/Presentations/Delegations

Declarations

International Walk to School Week – October 4 – 8, 2010

The Board of Education declared October 4 – 8, 2010 as "International Walk to School Week" in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan).

World Teachers' Day – October 5, 2010

The Board of Education declared October 5, 2010 as "World Teachers' Day" in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan).

Recognition

The following new Vice-Principal was introduced:

Thomas Gruenenwald, Vice-Principal, Rutland Senior Secondary School

Superintendent's Report:

School Opening Report – Part 2

The Superintendent reported the following:

This year, school opening processes have been challenged by the poor performance of the British Columbia enterprise Student Information System (BCeSIS). The efforts of staff to work through these challenges are recognized and appreciated.

The District has once again been provided with accurate projections. The total enrolment for the 2010/2011 school year was projected to be 21,777. By September 17, 2010, schools declared a total of 21,879 students, which represents an increase of 102 over projection. Of note is the fact that the number of students in our 30 elementary schools (10,692) is very close to the number of students in our 6 middle and 6 secondary schools (11,187). As a result of the accuracy of our projections, we were able to support the staffing levels that had been previously assigned to all schools in our District and no staff were declared surplus.

For a copy of the full School Opening Report, including school-by-school enrolment information, please refer to the School District website: www.sd23.bc.ca

Full Day Kindergarten

A significant challenge for the 2010/2011 school year is the preparation that is required to add Full Day Kindergarten (FDK) in all 30 of our elementary schools for next September. This will result in the addition of approximately 300 more Full Time Equivalent (FTE) students to our District. In preparation for next year, we will be adding 13 modular classrooms at designated sites to support FDK, as well as building an 8 classroom addition at Shannon Lake Elementary, and opening the Anne McClymont Primary building for the 2011/2012 school year.

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Action Items:

1. Proposed Changes to the Federal Census Data Collection

The Board of Education agreed to forward the following Motion to the BCSTA Provincial Council:

THAT: The BCSTA advise the Minister of Industry of the importance to School Boards of the data provided by the mandatory long form census, in their planning and operation, and request that it be reinstated.

2. Addendum to the Master Joint Use Agreement with the District of West Kelowna

The recommendation put forth to support the Site Specific Joint Use Agreement for Constable Neil Bruce Middle School and Mount Boucherie Community Centre, as presented at the September 22, 2010 Public Board Meeting, was tabled until further information is available.

3. 2009/2010 Audited Financial Statements

The Board of Education received and approved the 2009/2010 Audited Financial Statements as presented at the September 22, 2010 Public Board Meeting.

4. Letter to the District of West Kelowna regarding the School Site Acquisition Charge

The Board of Education agreed to write a letter to the District of West Kelowna requesting they reconsider their motion delaying the decision regarding the School Site Acquisition Charge.

5. Shannon Lake Addition

The Board of Education authorized the award of contract to Sawchuk Developments Co. Ltd. in the amount of \$2,195,551.00 plus HST for the completion of Project No. 126139: Construction of an Eight Classroom Addition at Shannon Lake Elementary School.

6. British Columbia enterprise Student Information System (BCeSIS)

The Board of Education requested that the BCSTA write a letter regarding the issues of continued poor performance of the BCeSIS system, especially at school opening time, and request immediate action to remedy the situation along with reimbursement to all School Districts for the ongoing additional costs associated with the malfunctioning of BCeSIS.

Information Item:

French Immersion Review Timeline

The Superintendent provided an overview of the review timeline including notice of a Public Consultation Meeting regarding the French Immersion Program on October 18, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at Hollywood Road Education Services (Room 1). It is anticipated that any changes to the French Immersion Program for the 2011/2012 school year will be finalized at the December 8, 2010 Public Board Meeting.

Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Date:

Wednesday, October 13, 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, October 6, 2010
4:30 pm General Affairs Committee

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