



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23  
(Central Okanagan)

# BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2009

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## Recognition/Presentation/Delegation

**1. The Board recognized the following:**

Renée Burgess and Karen Kranabetter, Kelowna Art Gallery

For the positive partnership between the Kelowna Art Gallery and School District No. 23. Over 8,000 students participate in the Kelowna Art Gallery Tour Program each school year as well as several other special projects and art shows.

Susan Sanger, Teacher for the Hearing Impaired

For receiving recognition from the Canadian Association of Educators of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing for her services as President of the Association.

**2. The following new administrators/District staff were introduced:**

Kevin Kaiser, Vice-Principal, Ecole George Pringle Elementary School

Janet Williams, Principal, Bankhead Elementary School

Karri Hannigan, Executive Assistant to the Secretary-Treasurer

**3. The Chairperson declared October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 as World Teachers' Day in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan).**

**4. Presentation:**

**Mount Boucherie Secondary School**

**Field Trip to Nairobi, Kenya – March 6, 2010 to March 28, 2010**

Lisa McCullough and Irene Maier from Mount Boucherie Secondary School provided a presentation on an upcoming Field Trip to Nairobi, Kenya for March 6, 2010 to March 28, 2010.

This trip is being organized by staff members of Mount Boucherie Secondary School and the "Free the Children" organization.

## Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent acknowledged that September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 was "Canwest Raise-a-Reader Day". This organization has raised over \$13 million dollars across Canada to support literacy initiatives in local communities since its inception in 2002.

## School Opening Report

The District has once again been provided with accurate projections. The total enrolment for the 2009/2010 school year was predicted to be 21,821 as of last April. By September 15, 2009, schools were declaring a total of 21,818 students on their attendance lists. By the end of September, it is anticipated that overall enrolment will be up by 49 students from last year.

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**Action Items: The Central Okanagan Board of Education passed the following:**

**1. Chute Lake Elementary School**

To provide a formal request to the Minister of Education to open the new Chute Lake Elementary School at 5240 Lark Street, Kelowna, B.C.

To support the application from the Chute Lake Elementary School parents for the establishment of a Parent Advisory Council.

**2. 2008/2009 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements**

To receive and accept the 2008/2009 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements as presented at the September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 Public Board Meeting.

**3. Setting of Additional Finance and Legal Committee Budget Review Sessions**

To set additional Finance and Legal Committee Budget Review Sessions.

These meetings will be held at the School Board Office on the following dates:

Wednesday, October 7, 2009	2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 4, 2009	1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 2, 2009	1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**4. Annual Facility Grant Funding**

To send a letter to the Honourable Dr. Margaret MacDiarmid, Minister of Education, Premier Gordon Campbell and the local MLAs requesting reinstatement of the Annual Facility Grant for the 2009/2010 school year.

**5. BCSTA Provincial Council**

To recommend to the BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Provincial Council that they lobby the Provincial Government and Ministry of Education to fund the cost of H1N1 prevention, employee MSP premiums, restore grants cancelled or reduced for the 2009/2010 school year, and grant 100% Harmonized Sales Tax rebates to School Districts.

**6. Kindergarten Busing**

To issue parents of Kindergarten students a 50% rebate for those students who are registered on a bus route and not provided with a mid-day ride.

**7. Gravel Pits**

To request a meeting with the Co-chairs of the new Central Okanagan pilot project on the mining of aggregate, and request that a Board Member of School District No. 23 sit on the Committee.

**8. BC School Sports**

To send a letter to every school regarding the request of BC School Sports for supplemental funding of \$3,000.00 and explain why the Board of Education has declined to provide this funding. To write a letter to the Provincial Government outlining displeasure of their cuts to BC School Sports and advising them of the implications to staff, volunteers and students.

**Next Board of Education Public Meeting Date:**

Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

School Board Office

1940 Underhill Street

Kelowna, B.C.

The public is welcome to attend.

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